



News

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Message from Miss Kennedy

In this newsletter, I want to highlight the different holiday arrangements Cumbria has adopted this term. The Easter weekend sits outside the two-week break, so we return from two weeks off into a four-day week. It might be a little confusing to parents, but it is essential that we have full attendance in Holy Week and in the following week after Easter Monday. Our current attendance is much higher than last year and I want to thank parents for their support. It is important for all students to attend every day, even when the weeks are shorter.

Back to school	Monday 15 th April 2019
Good Friday	Friday 19 th April
Easter Monday	Monday 22 April
Bank Holiday Monday	Monday 6 th May
Half Term	Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 May

Changes to Homework in Years 7 and 8

I recently met with a group of Year 7 parents who had concerns about homework. They made a number of clear points about homework timetables not being kept to and also told me that they would like to know more information about what their children are studying in class. We have listened to their views and have made some changes to homework in Years 7 and 8.

From Monday 15th April, Years 7 and 8 will be given a **Knowledge Organiser**. This is a document with curriculum content pages for each subject that can be studied in the evening. The KO contains a summary of each subject's topics for the summer, as well as the homework schedule for each evening. We will be teaching students how to use the Knowledge Organisers and how to use a variety of study skills to help them learn the key facts on each page.

On Monday 15th April in two special assemblies, we will talk the students through what is expected, and over the weeks we will monitor closely how well the students are responding. Some subjects like Maths will still set homework in the traditional way. We hope that with the KO, homework is always set, and students have no excuse not to be studying their work at home each evening. More information will follow once the Knowledge Organisers have been given to students.

Equipment

Students are usually very good with equipment in the Autumn Term, but things do slip later in the year. All students must return on 15th April with a black pen, pencils and ruler as the minimum, in a pencil case.

Events from Half Term 4

UKMT

The Maths department would like to congratulate Year 9 and 10 on their superb entries in the UK Maths Challenge. Overall, the students were awarded 3 Gold, 6 Silver and 9 Bronze awards. Naomi Gray, Mitchell Ward, Olivia Hornakova and Leah Callaghan deserve a special mention for such spectacular performances in the UK Maths Challenge, they qualified for the follow on round. Well done to all who competed!

Maths Feast

On 20th March, St. Joseph's hosted the annual Maths Feast Competition. 2 teams of Year 10 students competed against local schools (UTC, Workington Academy, Caldew, Nelson Thomlinson and Solway) to solve challenging Maths problems given to us by our colleagues at Lancaster University and the AMSP. Our students were fantastic. One team won the overall competition and the second team were awarded the most consistent team across the competition. A huge "congratulations" to all students who participated in this tough competition.

Top Achievement Points for Half Term 4 (February – March 27th)

Place	Name	Year	Pts	Place	Name	Year	Pts
1	Anezka F	8	51		Harry N	8	37
2	Kacper W	8	45		Charlie H	8	36
3	Gwen B	7	45		Faith A	8	35
4	Sophie B	8	43		Kieran S	8	35
5	Chloe S	8	38		Emilie H	8	35
6	Megan L	9	38		Daniel C	7	35

Rotary International Bae Systems Technology Tournament

Twelve students recently represented the School at the Rotary International BAE Systems Technology Tournament held at the UTC Lillyhall.

The Teams from years 8, 9 and 10 competed against schools from throughout the county to build a device to lift, carry and deposit an object.

All teams represented the School very successfully with the Year 10 team of Harvey Norman, Olivia Hornakova, James Irving and Eva Mason winning the 'Best Portfolio' competition and gaining a trophy and £20 worth of Amazon vouchers each.

Well done to all that competed.

Practical Subject Awards this half term

PE Mr Redhead

Year 7	Owen Johnson, Jessica Pietersen and Lyla Chandler
Year 8	Sam Bates, James Graham and Kyle Ellis
Year 9	Georgia Gilmore, Lauren Moore and Esme Ashbrook
Year 10	Rachel McKeating, Finley Smith and Bradley Smith
Year 11	Cameron Watson, Jaden Scott and Joshua Hoggarth

Food Mrs Fowler

Year 7	Faith Shepherd, Libby Cross
Year 8	Anezka Feckova, Declan Winthrop
Year 9	Bailey Thompson, Toby Patton
Year 10	Aimee Conway, Bethany Cross
Year 11	Ellis Nicholson

Mrs Davis ART

Year 7 Aaron Duncan
Year 8 Caitlin Burrige
Year 9 Brodie Smith
Year 10 Anna Walsh
Year 11 Kimberley Kendal

Mr Andrews DT

Year 7 Amelia Thompson
Year 8 Denni-Jo Naylor
Year 9 Cassi Hunter, Will Christian, Ellie Marsden, Matthew Hallam
Year 10 Tom Wilson
Year 11 Nathan Rae

Important Events: Please refer to our website for regular updates.

Junior Maths Challenge	Tuesday 30th April 2019
Half Term Holiday	Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 May
Year 10 Work Experience week	Monday 10th June 2019
Induction Evening	Thursday 20th June 2019
Year 11 Prom	Friday 28 th June 2019
Prize Evening Years 7 -10	Thursday 4th July 2019
Walk in the Lakes Years 7-11	Monday 15 th July
Sports Day	Wednesday 17 th July
End of Term	Friday 19 th July lunchtime

Progress Evenings

Year 9 Thursday 9th May 2019
Year 7 Thursday 11th July 2019