



# News

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**Message from Miss Kennedy:** Many items of news are shared on our Facebook page and on Instagram. Please follow us.

## GCSE Results #Learning

We are very pleased that our **GCSE 2019** headline figures in English and Maths have risen again for the third year in a row.

The number of students gaining 7+ in English and Maths has risen from 6% in 2018 to 8.3% in 2019 and the number of students gaining 5+ in English and Maths has risen from 38% in 2018 to 41.7% in 2019. Whilst these are small gains, staff and students have worked very hard to keep our momentum of improvements.

### Progress 8 Measure in the Performance Tables

Many of our GCSE subjects are higher than the national results but our Progress 8 figure is incorrect on the first edition in the Performance Tables published this month. It does not include 40 grades of our requested remarked papers which came back higher than the August results.

Well done to the class of 2019 and thank you to their parents for their continued support.

## Year 7 Settling-In Evening Thursday 7th November 5-5.30pm and 5.30- 6.00pm

This is a 30-minute session in which we will share information about how to support your students in Year 7. It is not a compulsory evening, but an opportunity to learn about the Year 7 curriculum for those who wish to know more. There will be presentations from our Heads of English and Maths and our Head of Year 7.

We will repeat the session again at 5.30pm for those who cannot attend the first session.

## Reading: Congratulations to our Year 8 Reading Champions

Zoe Stewart, Amelia Thompson, Lauren Scott, Daniel Cuthell, Daniel Fletcher, Rebekah Falcon

William Norman, William Light, Isabella Potter, Gwen Blackwell, Millie Walker, Aimee Moroney

The group will be working on promoting reading across the school. We have a whole school reading focus on Friday mornings and this group will be promoting some good choices of books for students.

## Key Dates for Half Term 2

Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 11 Assembly by Gen 2
Friday 1 November	All Saints Mass 10.00
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 8 Retreat Castlerigg
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Gen2 Apprenticeship Workshop
	Year 7 Settling in Evening
	Maths Inspiration Trip to Manchester

## Living, Loving and Learning through Christ

	Cinema Trip: Spider Man Year 7 and Student Leaders
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 11 Assembly by St Benedict's Sixth Form
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 10 University Visits- Cumbria, Lancaster, Newton Rigg
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	GCSE Certificates Evening for Last Year's Year 11.
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Enterprise Week
	Year 11 Assembly by Cockermouth School
Thursday 21 November	Year 11 Food Mock Exam
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 7 Advent Service
	Year 11 GCSE Food Trip
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Pensioners' Christmas Party
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Quiz and Primary Advent Service
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Concert – more information to follow
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Women in Engineering Talk for Year 10 and Year 11
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime Trip to Carlisle
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service 7&9, and then 8 & 10
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Early Finish 12.00

## Homework # Learning

Years 7, 8 and 9 have been using their Knowledge Organisers this term. Students are expected to write in their homework books the homework they have been set. Homework timetables are on the website. Next half term, we will be promoting the following revision techniques within lessons and in special tutor sessions:

- self-quizzing – regularly testing against specific topics
- cover, say and write
- chunking revision – spending a maximum of 10 minutes on any topic or subject
- using members of the family to test key knowledge
- brain dump – revision technique where students list everything they know about a topic

Please encourage your son/daughter to use as many techniques as possible in their learning.

## Achievement Points

There have been 21,735 achievement points awarded this half-term across the school with Year 7 gaining the most – 6,084. The balance for this term is 90% achievement. Well done to all year groups.

## Top Achievement Points for Half Term 1 (September – 16<sup>th</sup> October)

Place	Name	Year	Pts	Place	Name	Year	Pts
1	Logan Mc D	8	82	8	Kayla B R	7	64
2	Mason A S	8	72	8	Max Mc A	7	64
3	Parker W	7	71	10	Liam A	8	61
3	Daniel C	8	71	10	Andrew P	8	61
5	Morgan Pr	7	70	11	Matt L	8	60
6	Olivia W	7	67	11	Kelsey S	7	60
7	John M R	7	64	11	Lucy B	8	60

**Other news:** Many items of news are shared on our Facebook page and on Instagram. Please follow us.

### This week: Talent Show Winner 2019

Congratulations to all the students who took part in our 2019 Talent Show.

Well done to our winner, Torie O’Leary. The competition standard was so high and the voting very difficult. Well done to all who took part. It was a very enjoyable evening.



Our Year 11 Rugby Team won third Place in the Rugby Tournament

