



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



Good afternoon everyone and well done to all our staff and students on finishing a very long term! So much has been achieved and experienced and lots to be proud of! I look forward to seeing all students on Tuesday 9th January at 8.25am. Please ensure you have another read of our uniform and appearance policy in the parent handbook so that all students are ready for learning. I also want to remind Y11 that when they return it is just a matter of weeks until their GCSEs start and so they must be completing all independent work over Christmas. Please also encourage reading in your homes for all children - this is crucial to their academic performance as well as to their well being and general enrichment. Thank you for all your support this term and I do wish you and your families a very merry Christmas and a happy new year!

January assessments

Assessments for Year 7-10 begin on January 15th. We are looking forward to seeing the results of our students' hard work and determining what gaps still need to be closed. Please find below the timetable for the first week of exams. All students have been given exam manifests this week so they know exactly what to expect in each exam and what they should be revising over the break. Whilst we want you all to have a well-earned rest over the holidays, we also want to ensure the best outcomes for our students so please encourage them to find some time to revise well alongside the rest days. Balance is key!

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	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
1	Y8 RE 45	Y7 MFL 90		Y10 English Lang 105	
2		Y7 MFL 90		Y10 English Lang 105	Y7 Maths 60
3	Y9 RE 45				Y7 Maths 60
4	Y9 Geography 60	Y9 MFL 90	Y10 Science 1 45	Y8 English Reading 45	Y9 History 60
5	Y9 Geography 60	Y9 MFL 90	Y10 Science 1 45		Y9 History 60
6	Y7 RE 45	Y8 Maths 60	Y8 Science 60	Y9 English 45	Y8 History 55
7		Y8 Maths 60	Y8 Science 60	Y9 Music 35	Y8 History 55



Subject in the Spotlight– Food Tech

Year 7 started the year with an introduction to food safety and health and safety in the kitchen. They have been learning about how to keep themselves and their food safe by identifying hazards and the 4C's. They have been developing their knife skills and practicing their bridge hold and claw cut. Year 7 will spend the year exploring the Eatwell guide through theory and practical lessons. Our first few practical lessons focused on the fruit and vegetable section of the Eatwell guide and seasonality. They have completed a knife skills assessment as well as making fruit salad, apple crumble, carrot, herb and cheese scones and fruit muffins.



Year 8 started the year with their food safety module, learning about nonpathogenic 'friendly' bacteria such as yeast and mould in blue cheese and pathogenic 'unfriendly' bacteria, campylobacter, e-coli, listeria and salmonella. They then looked at different farming methods and the future of farming using technology such as pest-eliminating drones and high-tech greenhouses. Year 8 will spend the year developing their cooking skills and understanding the function of ingredients through theory and cooking of cultural foods. Year 8 conducted a food science investigation, looking at the gluten content of different flours. They have been further developing their knowledge of gluten and how it behaves in bread and pastry. They have completed a knife skills assessment as well as making focaccia, flatbreads, caramelised onion and cheese tarts and mince pies.



The year 9 cooking club have been busy making, Dutch apple cakes, chicken curry, sweet potato tacos and mince pies!



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Mr Wilson's commendations

It has been another impressive week here at the academy, with pupils once more working hard on their studies both in the classroom and at home. Congratulations go to all the following pupils who made it to the top of our leader boards this week. Photos of 1st places below

SENECA leaderboard:

1. (Yr10)

Malak Aissaoui



2. (Yr8)

Ava Johnson



3. (Yr7)

Grayson Cook



SPARX Maths leaderboard:

1. (Yr7)

Tamiya Johnson



2. (Yr7)

Riley Walter-Salmon



3. (Yr7)

Chloe Walker



SPARX Reader leaderboard:

1. (Yr7)

Ibrahim Ayad



2. (Yr8)

Wayland Barker



3. (Yr9)

Rodrigo Martins



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This week in the Library!

This week in the library... the Student Librarians held a Secret Santa for the first time! We also decorated the library for the Christmas feeling



Key dates

Description	Date	Time
Start of Spring Term	Mon 09/01/2024	08:25
Y9 Teenage Booster Immunisations	Thu 11/01/2024	AM
Y11 Parents Evening	Thu 11/01/2024	16:30 - 19:00
Student Council	Mon 15/01/2024	11:30 - 13:00
Y8 boys and Y7/Y8 Girls Football Fixture	Thu 18/01/2024	16:00 - 19:00



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