



## Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



"You can't use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have", Maya Angelou. There is something so true in its simplicity, and I interpret it as advice to us all to take every opportunity to be creative. On Wednesday, our students did just that throughout the five House competitions that ran across the school. As I walked down the corridors, I heard innovative solutions to complex problems; collaborative work on brilliant costumes and choral rehearsals of original songs! I love seeing our pupils work on something that is not a part of our everyday curriculum. While knowledge of their core subjects

is important, I believe that it matters just as much that we give our students opportunities to explore their creative sides with open-ended activities and challenges. A big thanks to our ever-energetic Heads of House, who did a wonderful job organising the day. The competition between our four Houses remains hotly contested - be sure to attend rowing on Tuesday, the competition on Wednesday and basketball on Thursday to keep the points rolling in.



## Franklin Scholars

On Monday afternoon, our fantastic Year 10 Franklin Scholars participated in a Booster Training Session to improve the support they are providing to their Year 7 mentees. The training session included a throwing and catching game designed to improve communication and concentration



(although the Year 10s would be the first to admit that they weren't hugely successful in this activity!). Much more successful was the descriptive game, where our Franklin Scholars each successfully described an image in detail and worked out the tricky sequence in record time. All the skills gained and practised in the session will be put to good use in their mentioning sessions which hugely benefit the Year 7 students. Well done Franklin Scholars for your continued hard work and enthusiasm!



## Mr Wilson's Commendations

As well as putting in an excellent performance during Drop-Down Day, our pupils also continued to work hard both in lessons and at home. Congratulations this week go to the following pupils, who made it to the top of our maths, science and Spanish leader boards:

Top of the leader board for Hegarty Maths this week are:

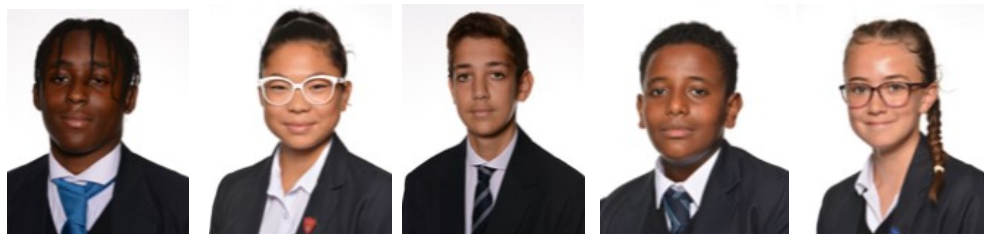
Year 11 - Kairo

Year 10 - Anna

Year 9 - Adem

Year 8 - Haroun

Year 7 - Megan



Top of the leader board for Educake Science this week are:

Year 11 - Nam and Jannat

Year 10 - Farah

Year 9 - Lara and Arya

Year 8 - Ethan

Year 7 - Kezia



Top of the leader board for Memrise this week are:

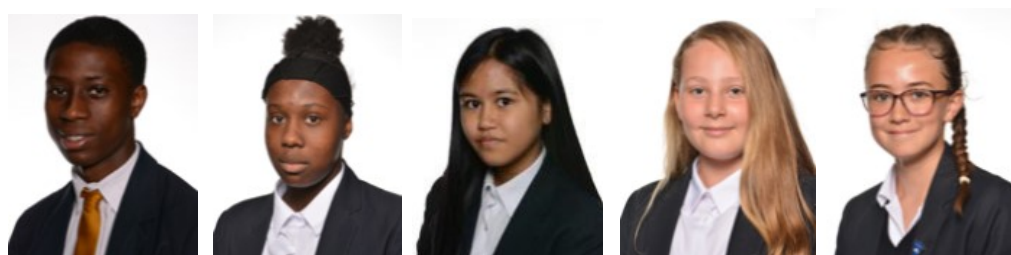
Year 11 - Rio

Year 10 - Keiara

Year 9 - Danna

Year 8 - Myla

Year 7 - Megan



## Key dates for week beginning February 10<sup>th</sup> - Week 1

Description	Date	Time
Whole School Assembly	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	08:25 - 9:00
Year 10 Barcelona Trip	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> —Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	All day

