

Dear parents and carers,

As we reach the May half term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been an enjoyable and focused few weeks across the school.

Our Year 11 pupils have now firmly begun their GCSE examination period. I am delighted with the calm, focused and mature way they have approached this important milestone. The atmosphere around school has been purposeful, with pupils arriving prepared, supporting one another and demonstrating resilience in the face of a demanding schedule. Staff have commented on how well Year 11 pupils are conducting themselves both in and out of examination venues. Their commitment to revision, attendance at intervention sessions, and willingness to seek support is genuinely commendable. We are very proud of the way they are representing our school, and we will continue to support them fully throughout the remainder of the exam season.

Similarly, our Year 10 pupils have recently received their summer mock exam grades. We look forward to seeing them having even more success over last half term of the year as the oldest pupils in the school.

We have now received our recent Ofsted monitoring report. Importantly, this report provides us with clear and valuable direction for our next steps as a school. It highlights the areas where continued focus is needed and gives us a structured framework to guide our ongoing improvement journey. Crucially, the report also recognises the significant progress the school has made. It reflects the dedication of our staff, the positive attitudes of our pupils, and the support from parents and carers. While we acknowledge there is still more work to do, it is encouraging to see that the improvements we have been working hard to implement are being recognised externally.

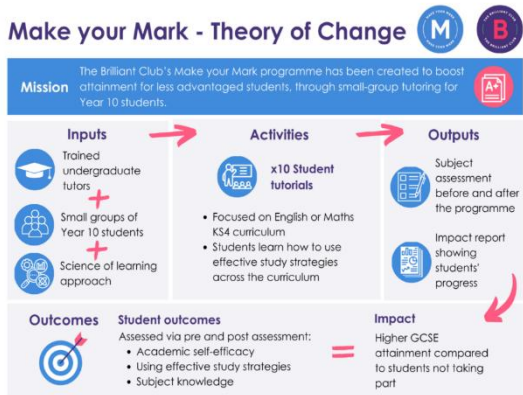
As we move into the half term break, I encourage all pupils to take time to rest, recharge and keep safe.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable half term.

Regards
Mr D Moroney
Headteacher

Make Your Mark

Make your Mark is a programme led by The Brilliant Club, which aims to boost the attainment of 10 pupils via 10 hours of small group tutoring delivered by undergraduate students from partner Universities. A group of our Year 10 pupils have been involved in the programme and were invited to Arden University on 6th May where they were acknowledged for their hard work and learnt more about University life.



Cricket Trip

On 12th May, 11 of our KS3 SEND pupils visited The Heaton School, where they took part in a cricket session alongside pupils from two other schools. All of our pupils were impeccably behaved and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to mix with peers from other settings. It was particularly encouraging to see some of our quieter pupils grow in confidence, coming out of their shells to talk and interact with others. Overall, it was a very positive and enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

School Library Books

We recently gathered some pupil voice about what books we should have in the library. Following this, we have started to stock the library with the pupil's recommendations and a selection of brand-new books are available and ready to be checked out!



Stock Market Challenge

On Wednesday 13th May, a group of Year 10 pupils visited the University of Manchester to participate in the Stock Market Challenge, where they put their numeracy, communication, problem-solving, self-management and teamwork skills to the test in a live stock market trading activity.

Rainbow Run

We are co-hosting a Reddish Vale Rainbow Run with our Parent Partnership Group on 19th June to raise money for additional seating on the yard. For just £5, Y7-10 pupils can register to take part via Parent Pay. This fee also includes a T-shirt, glasses and medal! Families can sponsor the pupils in what will be an exciting, fun filled and colourful event!



Year 10 Form Time Reading

Our Year 10's started their new form time reading book last week, 1984 by George Orwell. The story is set in a bleak, perpetual-war state called Oceania (formerly Great Britain) which is ruled by 'The Party' under the surveillance of a dictatorial leader named Big Brother.

Freeze Pop Friday

Pupils with excellent attendance have been rewarded with freeze pops this half term. We have lots of ongoing attendance reward drives such as the weekly Friday prize draws and mornings in the common room for form groups with the highest attendance each week. If your child is finding attendance challenging, please reach out to us, we are here to work together and support.



**HAVE FUN & STAY SAFE
THIS HALF TERM**