

Headteacher News



Term : Autumn 1 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

So, we come to the end of the first term of the 2021-2022 academic year. Where has the time gone? It seems only yesterday that it was August and we are now seeing leaves falling, pumpkins being carved and the sound of fireworks and bonfires filling the air. How time flies!

Although some things have gone back to normal, it has still been a strange time in schools and ours is no exception. However, our skilled staff have ensured that the students have had a positive educational experience with lots of buzzing learning going on all the time throughout the whole school. We do still have some additional protective measures in school, such as zones and face masks for staff, but this appears to have had little negative impact on the students' learning. This is testament to the hard work of the Class Teams, the World of Work Team and our Specialist Teachers as well as the enormous resilience that our students have.

I would also like to pay tribute to other crucial staff who support the Class Teams to help make life that little bit easier. *The site team* who ensure that the school is safe for everyone; *the office team* who ensure that all the calls are answered swiftly, all our money is spent carefully and in the right places and that the schools runs as it should; *the technical team* who ensure that reprographics are completed on time and our computer systems work as they should; *the catering team*, who ensure everyone who wants one can have a hot meals each day; *The lunchtime assistants team* who ensure everyone gets their food and is supported where needed; and last, but by no means least, our *Pastoral Team* and

Some photos of our learning



Learning to carve a Pumpkin



Sharing a story with friends



Cooking in Blaise



Riding with RDA

ELSAs, who help support those who need a bit of extra care.

Every one of them is amazing and I am very thankful to them for all that they do.

Thank you.

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I wish all our pupils, staff and parents a lovely half term break. Please note that the last day of term is **Friday 22nd October 2021** and pupils return to school on **Monday 1st November 2021**

Many thanks, Jon Hewitt (Headteacher)