



St Francis of Assisi Catholic College

Newsletter - 14/05/2021

Headteacher update

Well done to all students who are working hard in school and at home every day, especially Year 11 and Y13 students who are in the midst of their assessments in school. The collective spirit of doing your very best is impressive and evident every day in corridors and classrooms.

Face coverings

The Government have said that face coverings may be removed as of Monday 17th May however at SFA we are going to stick with the current practice for 10 more school days.

We have had two cases in school recently, we still have over 1000 people on site every day who are not vaccinated (staff and students) and I would rather air on the side of caution in the lead up to the Whitsun half term. If by wearing masks for 10 more days means that no one has to self isolate for another holiday, then I think it is 100% the right and sensible approach for everyone.

Covid Tests

In light of the above and the press reports about increasing numbers of a particular variant, I continue to urge everyone to be testing twice weekly at home. This is another way we can work together to stop the spread of the virus.

Extra curricular

I am very excited to announce that extra curricular activities are opening up for schools again. This is a very positive sign that things are moving in the right direction and only last night Year 7 played their first football matches, representing SFA. We won one and lost one but what a joy it is to see students representing us all in such a positive way.

Golden Ticket Rewards

We march on with our drive to reward at every opportunity.

Statistically in school we award 5 achievement points for every 1 behaviour point which is absolutely superb.

Over the last 5 weeks, in addition to achievement points, 6,126 Golden tickets have been awarded across every year group in the school. It is lovely to see 11 year olds right through to young adults at 19 being celebrated and rewarded for everything they do.

Here is a list of our most recent Golden Ticket winners

Niamh Ferguson

Oliver Edwards

Harry Bradbury

Joseph Taylor

Amelia Rennie

Alina Muthuparakunnel

Reece Hale

Malgorzata Ciesla

Matthew Banks

Exciting projects

I shared recently the exciting building work that was happening in school and why we believe it is so important to offer an excellent learning environment.

I am pleased to announce that there is still more to come though. We are working with our catering company to deliver two first rate canteen service areas. We are working with the Woodland Trust to introduce a tree planting scheme and Phase 2 of the windows project, replacing all of the windows at the back of the school is now in for implementation planning.

After Half term the student council will reconvene so that they also have input into the direction the school moves and it is all very exciting indeed.

Literacy Words of the week

Priority

Definition:

A thing that is regarded as more important than others.

In a sentence:

I need to improve my spelling as a priority

Maintain

Definition:

To cause or enable (a condition or situation) to continue.

In a sentence:

I need to maintain good behaviour.

Calendar and Up coming events...

- Monday 24th May– Deputy Headteacher interviews
- Friday 28th May– Year 11 and Year 13 leavers celebrations
- Friday 28th May– Break for half term 15:30
- Monday 7th June– Return after half term
- Week beginning 21st June– Year 11 Transition to Sixth Form
- Tuesday 22nd June– Year 9 Parents Evening (Remote)
- Tuesday 6th July– New Staff induction day (ready for September)
- Friday 16th July– Break for the Summer holidays