

17th September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

It's been another busy and eventful week at school. I've spent the week experiencing some excellent lessons and seeing our students working incredibly hard. It's so encouraging to see so many classes focussed on working hard and taking risks. Last week I talked about our school values – known as the Thrybergh Way. I've added a visual reminder of it in this letter, so that you are aware of what it is and what our students and staff are demonstrating on a daily basis.



This picture is everywhere in our school, reminding our students about why we are doing what we're doing. These are the values we uphold in school and our students are rewarded for demonstrating them. In and out of lessons, we give 'Cause for Praise (CFP)' points to students who show us one or more of our values. So far this term, we have given out 3170 (CFPs) to our students. This is an absolutely fantastic achievement. I also want to celebrate the individual students who have received the most CFPs so far this term. Huge congratulations from me go to – Ava Hartshorn (Y7), Maizy Medlock (Y8), Rebekah Gray (Y9), Harley Dunstan (Y10) and Cole Roddis (Y11). These students are leading 'The Way' in school and should be incredibly proud of themselves.

Throughout the course of the year, we will reward students with spot prizes, certificates and in school privileges if we see them actively living our values. It's our mission to send all students into the ever-changing world able and qualified to play their part in it. The Thrybergh Way is how we are doing that.

This week has seen the return of our school football fixtures and we played two matches against Oakwood High School. The Y8s unfortunately succumbed to a 4-0 loss and the Y10s were victorious in a magnificent 7-4 victory. Congratulations to everyone who represented the school. The students, even those who were defeated, were a credit to us and the whole community.

I said last week that attendance and punctuality are a key focus for us this year and I'm delighted to say that we have seen an increase in the number of students coming to school every day and on time. 314 students have an attendance of 100% so far this term –something to be really proud of. We have also seen a big reduction in the number of students being late to school and I want to thank you for your support in this.

We have managed to secure a large amount of ties in school which can be bought directly from us at £6. If, for whatever reason, your child does not have a school tie this is a very quick way of getting a replacement.

Finally, on October 7th, our Y11 students will spend a full day immersed in a Careers Day, part of our careers advice and guidance package. We have a range of Post 16 providers in school delivering workshops to the students, including 6th forms and Colleges from Rotherham and the wider area. Look out for more information on our website. It will be a very informative and productive day, definitely one to look forward to.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Burnham
Headteacher