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## The Courtyard Weekly Newsletter—Thursday 19 December

### Dates for the Diary

- 6.1.20—back to school—8:40am start as usual
- 9.1.20—Educational Visit to the Microsoft Store
- 15.1.20—Parent Workshop—Courtyard English
- 29.1.20—Parent Workshop—Family Action—how best to support your child at home
- 12.2.20—Parent Workshop—Gillian Nash—SEN Islington—College Preparation

### This week in picture:

Maths Day—the pupils worked together in teams to design, purchase materials, construct and set water bottle rockets. A very enjoyable day was had by all.



**This week a group of our pupils attended the Islington Carol Concert at Islington Town Hall. The pupils entertained an audience of 200 local resident. Their performance was very well received.**

### **This week the Courtyard hosted Anna Kennedy OBE.**

Anna Kennedy is an educator who has worked to provide an improved education and other facilities for children with autism spectrum disorders. In pursuing support for these children, she has established two schools, a college and a respite home. Her charity AnnaKennedyOnline sponsored the Autism Heroes Awards earlier this year whether the Courtyard participated in the Special Education Award.

We are looking forward to working with Anna in the new year.



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### Learning taking place next week

Listed below are the areas which will be taught in different subjects next week. Please take the opportunity to discuss with your child throughout the week.

- **iGCSE English**— embedding quotes and exploring links between writers' ideas and perspectives
- **FS Level 1 English**— identifying relevant information and lines of argument in explanations and presentations
- **Entry Level English**— plural nouns—rules and examples
- **GCSE Maths**— Algebra. Expanding brackets and factorising algebraic equations
- **GCSE Statistics**— measures of dispersion—focusing on standard deviation
- **AS—Level Maths**—Algebra—adding algebraic equations
- **FS Level 1 Maths**— fractions, decimals and percentages
- **Entry Level Maths**— linear sequencing—learning that sequencing = patterns
- **EDCL L3 ICT**— preparation for upcoming exams—understanding and answering exam style questions
- **FS L2 ICT**— Produce an advert which is fit for purpose and appropriately formatted
- **FS L1 ICT**— How to write business letters
- **Infomatics**— Presentation Project
- **Science**— describing problems associated with the use of radioactive isotopes
- **Social Express L1**— communication - learning how to have appropriate conversations in different situations.
- **Social Express L2**—critical thinking, drawing smart conclusions and making predictions based on what they can sense in different environments.
- **Workskills**— Self-management Skills—understand why self-management in the workplace is important and how effective self-management skills can build confidence, reduce stress and benefit them in their career
- **Home Cooking**— introduction to healthy eating
- **Hospitality**— looking in depth at different food groups
- **Creative Expression**—investigating improvisation in drama
- **Art**—visual communication through posters
- **Literacy** - IDLS programme—'y' to 'ies'; soft and hard 'c' and 'g' sounds
- **RSE**— looking into and discussing ways of keeping ourselves safe online
- **World Studies**—Health and welfare—comparing UK life to life in parts of Africa
- **PE**— monitoring cardio activities at the gym; Outside—basketball
- **Independence**— using kitchen appliances to prepare food of personal choice

### Independent Learning Task—due in on Friday 10 January

**Maths homework booklets**—The booklets have been uploaded onto Google Classroom. The pupils can access this using their username and password.