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## **The Courtyard Fortnightly Newsletter - Friday 1st April 2022**

### **Spring Term Reports**

Student Spring Term reports have been sent via email to parents this week. Reports are a very important way of providing parents with a snapshot of how their child is progressing in school.

The Spring Term assessments are often the most informative data that we collect as it indicates whether initial progress has been maintained, if interventions that we implemented have been effective or if students require additional guidance to access a challenging curriculum.

#### **Data summary:**

- **91% of students have achieved their Maths aspirational progress targets**
- **86.4% of students have achieved their English aspirational progress targets**

**A huge thank you to the students for their enthusiasm and focus and to all of the Courtyard staff team.**

### **Dates for your diary:**

- **Tuesday 19th April - Return to school for the start of the Summer Term**
- **Monday 2nd May - May Day Bank Holiday - NO SCHOOL**
- **Thursday 12th May - Sunday 15th May - Courtyard residential trip to Macaroni Woods**
- **Tuesday 17th May - GCSE/BTEC exams commence**
- **Friday 27th May - NO SCHOOL - Queen's Diamond Jubilee**
- **Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June - Half Term**
- **Wednesday 29th June - Curriculum celebration Day**
- **Friday 1st July – INSET day – No school for students**
- **Wednesday 6th July - Leavers assembly/celebration**
- **Thursday 7th July - Sports Day**
- **Monday 11th July - Friday 15th July - Activities Week**
- **Wednesday 13th July - School Production - Lord of the Flies**
- **Friday 15 July - Last Day of Term (12:30pm finish)**

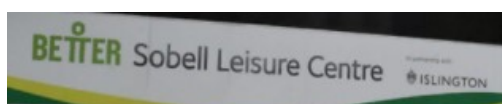


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## 6th Form Update



New work experience placements are going to start after Easter with Inklusivity Films, GLL Sobell Leisure Centre and Housing Property Services Islington Council. Students are very excited about getting started. We are having a very positive impact on our students (i.e. self-esteem, confidence, attendance, motivation towards learning) and also on the employers, as they are realising that autism is really a competitive advantage. Having more Autism Friendly employers benefits both the employer and the young person.



We had a fantastic Careers Event. Students made the most of the day and asked many interested questions.

All members of staff were very impressed with students' behaviour and participation.

Please click on the link below to see the information that the representatives from the organizations that attended the event delivered.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1wzROHlxjDcuHphjSYquK3cfrZAMuHtE>

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## 6th Form Update



We were looking forward to our second Alumni event. It was great to see how well our former students are and what they are currently doing!

Please see below some information that the three organizations that came, ENNA, Ambitious about Autism and LIFT delivered regarding job opportunities.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/19mb3k4Gu0C9ldmjlyR8mZ2sLPkq3ykp?usp=sharing>



**Ambitious  
about Autism**



**Leading Inclusive Futures  
through Technology**

## SPRING TERM FORTNIGHTLY SUBJECT FOCUS

Week Beginning	Mon 18th April	Mon 25th April
<b>Maths Entry Level</b>	Measures - length, weight and capacity	Data - tables, tally charts, bar charts
<b>Maths FSL1</b>	Measures - length, weight and capacity	Data - tables, bar charts, mean, range, frequency tables
<b>Maths GCSE</b>	Factorising Expressions	Factorising Expressions
<b>English Entry</b>	Speaking and Listening for Entry Level qualifications	Introduction to Poetry/analysing poetry
<b>English FSL1</b>	Speaking and Listening for FS1 qualifications	Introduction to Poetry/analysing poetry
<b>English GCSE Lang</b>	SECTION 1: Reading, comparison and analysis	Introduction to Poetry/analysing poetry
<b>English GCSE Lit</b>	Revision: Inspector Calls and Christmas Carol - Quote Recall and Essay practice	Revision: Techniques and Themes
<b>Literacy</b>	Grammar revision: verb tenses and modes	Complex sentence structure and paragraphs
<b>ICT Informatics</b>	x 2 coding tasks	x 2 coding tasks
<b>ICT FSL1</b>	Social Media & Hacking	Social Media & Hacking
<b>ICT FSL2</b>	Understanding various ways a user can be scammed	Peer assessing Social Media
<b>ICT ECDL L3 PPT</b>	3 Graphical Objects 3.1 Formatting Drawn Objects 3.1.5 Change the default formatting for new drawn objects.	Formatting pictures 3.2.1 Adjust picture, image brightness and contrast.
<b>Science BTEC Principles</b>	Finishing up Radiation	Batteries and Electricity
<b>Home Cooking</b>	Finishing of theory assessments write up	Students to finalise their ingredients and place order
<b>Hospitality</b>	Practical	Unit 3 continued: food safety hazards
<b>PSD</b>	Diversity and prejudice	Discrimination past to present
<b>WorkSkills BTEC</b>	Communication Styles	Passive, Assertive and Aggressive Communication Style
<b>P.E.</b>	Boccia Understand attack and defence strategies.	Boccia To practice the 3 different types of throw used primarily in Boccia (roll, under arm and over arm throw).
<b>Creative Expression</b>	Lord of the Flies production preparation.	Lord of the Flies production preparation.
<b>World Studies</b>	Diversity	Diversity and Multiculturalism
<b>Art</b>	Introduction to Cubism	Introduction to Cubism
<b>RSE 6th Form</b>	Autonomy and Advocacy - Sleep	Autonomy and Advocacy - Exam stress
<b>RSE 6th Form-Independence</b>	Sleep	Stress
<b>Independence group 1</b>	Relationships and behaviours.	Spatial awareness.
<b>Independence group 2</b>	Road safety and positive communication	Road safety and Low volume

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## Courtyard Celebrations



### KS4 Star of the week

Charlie, Ian, Luke, Martin, and John for excellent teamwork and working extremely hard in HC

Shane for his hard work in Maths lessons. Ian for his excellent effort in Maths

Chloe for sharing ideas in PSD

Daniel for editing and correcting his paragraphs independently in English

### KS4 Star of the week

David for his persistence in maths completing expanding double brackets

Elshaday for excellent effort in English and Independence this week

Jack N for focussing and completing his set tasks in ICT

Shane for working incredibly hard in Maths

Yigit for showing great determination at the gym

### KS4 SCERI Stars of the Week

Nevan in ICT for asking and also answering challenging questions

Charlie for asking questions to clarify problems in Maths

Dorian for using complex vocabulary specific to the lesson without any prompt.

Dorian for developing his skills in asking for help.

Luke for engaging and asking questions in keyworker.

Students with the most  
Dojos:

Dorian



Sports Stars:  
Queenie  
&  
Chloe





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### KS5 Star of the week

**Alexia** for producing a beautiful, reflective and personal piece of writing for the Student Voice newsletter.

**Aymene** for showing great progress and understanding in Maths

**Azariah** for always being polite and friendly.

### KS5 Star of the week

**Dev** for his amazing attitude with his fellow students

**Elsharief** for really grasping the concept of budgeting well and staying more alert in class this week. Well done

Science stars of the week are **Keira** and **Amy** for always presenting their work to an excellent standard.

### KS5 SCERI Stars of the Week

**Henry** for communicating very articulately and initiating conversation/ asking Miss Lucas lots of questions. Well done.

**Azariah** for voluntarily using his words to ask staff members to tie his shoe laces.

**Azariah** for good reflection in Key Worker

**Students with the most  
Dojos:**

**Aymene**

**Keyworker with the  
most Dojos:**

**Ms Nahar**

**Outstanding star of  
the week:**

**Elsharief**