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The Courtyard Fortnightly Newsletter - Friday 26 May 2023

Celebrating Courtyard Students



This time of year is always one of great pleasure for me. A time to reflect and recognise the significant progress that our students have made in all aspects of their development. I have spent much time these past few weeks, whilst at Macaroni Wood and during the normal school day, to stand back and observe the interactions of our students—friendships solidifying, tolerance and respect becoming the norm, inviting others to join in with activities, a lot of laughter.

Many of you will have participated in Annual Review meetings for your children. These meetings are so valuable for all parties involved, but particular for the students who get to hear how proud we all are of them.

This term students have been completing exams and assessments which is an opportunity to formally gauge the academic progress they have made and also to boost student's self-confidence. We have already been informed of success in our BTEC and Functional Skills subjects and will have to wait a little while longer for the GCSE results. Whilst academic success isn't the main priority of the school, it is a factor that we value due to the potential all of our students have to transition to further education and into the world of employment. We also see the increased self-worth our students have when they achieve things they have worked so hard for.

Exams and assessments will continue after half term for a few more weeks.

Please support your children by encouraging them to get a good night's sleep and come into school every day in order to access the fantastic teaching the Courtyard has to offer!

TOP REVISION TIPS

Don't let the stress of revision overwhelm you. Stay in control with these top tips.



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- 1 **START AS EARLY AS YOU CAN**
Cramming at the last minute is stressful and has limited success.
- 2 **MAKE A PLAN**
Work out how much time you have and how long you can spend on each subject.
- 3 **CREATE A STUDY SPACE**
Find a quiet spot away from distractions and keep your things all in one place.
- 4 **MIX IT UP**
Use a mixture of revision for best results. See our metacognition pods for more info.
- 5 **TAKE REGULAR BREAKS**
It is possible to work too hard, make sure to take regular breaks.
- 6 **REVISE WITH A FRIEND**
Talking through what you've learned can help information stick.
- 7 **USE PAST PAPERS**
These are a great way to get used to exam format and testing what you have learnt.
- 8 **EAT HEALTHY**
Certain foods boost your brainpower and will help you remember more.

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FSM vouchers during the Half Term break

All families who are eligible for Free School Meals during term time are also eligible for food vouchers during the school break.

Vouchers have been issued and have been emailed to parents via a company called EdenRed.

Please check your emails, including your junk mail folders, to redeem your vouchers. If you have any problems, please email first.contact@smmathecourtyard.org and you will be supported to locate them.

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**Free school meal
VOUCHERS**

Attendance

We have seen a good improvement in attendance of all students this term. I am confident that this improvement in attendance has contributed to the academic progress that the students have achieved.

A huge thank you to parents for your support in encouraging your children to attend school on time every day.

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....

SPRING TERM FORTNIGHTLY SUBJECT FOCUS

Week Beginning	Monday 5th June 2023	Monday 12th June 2023
Maths Entry Level	Time	Time
Maths FSL1	Transformations	Transformations
Maths GCSE	Topics Revision	Topics Revision
Maths Statistics	Ways to collect data Recap	Ways to collect data Recap
English Entry Level	Poetry, Prose and Performance	Poetry, Prose and Performance
English FSL1	Shakespeare, Poetry and Performance	Shakespeare, Poetry and Performance
English GCSE Lang	20th Century Non-Fiction	20th Century Non-Fiction
English GCSE Lit Group 1	Macbeth	Macbeth
ICT Informatics	2 x coding tasks	2 x coding tasks
ICT FSL1 & 2	Revision FSL1/2	Revision FSL1/2
ICT BCS/ICDL L3 PPT	Revision PPT L3	Revision PPT L3
ICT Entry 1-3	Revision Entry 3	Revision Entry 4
Science BTEC Principles	Learning about the effects of bacteria and viruses on the body, vaccines and antibiotics	Superbugs, disease from the environment/ life-style, physical activity
Science BTEC	Recapping covalent bonds, metallic bonding	Ionic bonding, what are ions?
French	To introduce directions and how to ask for directions in French	To learn about the summer season and how to say something about summer
Home Cooking	Eggs and nutrition	Practical lesson
Hospitality	Tools and equipment used to prepare food	Practical lesson
PSD	Be able to take part in team activities	Be able to evaluate teambuilding activities and a group and individually.
WorkSkills BTEC	Recapping pre-half term New Spec: Personal appearance in Interview, Key elements to consider before interview Old Spec: Work positively as a member of a team, auditing positive skills and behaviours	Practical Lesson New Spec: Practice interview Old Spec: practice activities working as a team member
P.E.	Olympic Sports Athletics	Olympic Sports Boccia
Performing Arts	Exploring Shakespeare: A Midsummer Night's dream	Exploring Shakespeare: A Midsummer Night's dream
World Studies	Summer project: The rights and responsibilities of citizenship	Summer project: The rights and responsibilities of citizenship
Art	Unit 1: two-point perspective drawings Unit 2: Artist research and observations of landscapes Unit 6: Artist research + creating artwork based on artist work AQA: Creating modroc sculpture of a natural form	Unit 1: two-point perspective drawings Unit 2: Artist research and observations of landscapes Unit 6: Artist research + creating artwork based on artist work AQA: Creating modroc sculpture of a natural form
Independence Group 1 & 2	Social communication: making conversations, science: how the body works, PSHE: relationships and setting boundaries Safety in the community: taking the train,	Social communication: making conversations, science: how the body works, PSHE: relationships and setting boundaries Safety in the community: taking the train,

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COURTYARD CELEBRATIONS



KS4 Star of the week

Naomi, Yigit and Ian for doing great at understanding Group 1 metals

Amira for being a superstar in Maths

Adam, Luke JM and Charlie for excellent focus and effort in their Maths exam

Eden and Yasin for great work in French

Emma for a great start in her new French class

Elliott for working hard on his English exam even though he was not in green zone

Ian and Yasin for working incredibly hard on 'time' in Maths

KS4 Star of the week

Amira for showing huge improvements in ICT and the ability to remain focused throughout the lesson

Jesiah and Naomi for asking a safe stranger help while travelling on the tube

Kodee for great effort and participation in drama and music

Peter for showing so much enthusiasm and doing his science work

Ian for creating a brilliant piece of music on soundtrapp

Jack for excellent work in drama

Daniel T for following his timetable, improvement in his communication and respecting other people's boundaries

KS4 SCERI Stars of the week

Jesiah and Queenie for their understanding of the LO, their comprehension skills as well as debating skills

Luke W for being welcoming to new students

Amira for being really nice and taking the time to try to understand her emotions and other people's emotions in a positive way

Asher for understanding his own emotions

Joshua for setting boundaries very clearly and effectively

Students with the most
Dojos:
YASIN



SPORTS STAR:

JAMES for outstanding contribution to PE this year!

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COURTYARD CELEBRATIONS



KS5 Star of the week

Elshaday for calmly setting boundaries with other students

Will for doing great at understanding Group 1 metals

Queenie, Emma, Naomi and Yigit for excellent work on measuring lengths and capacity

John and Will for excellent focus and effort in their Maths exam

KS5 Star of the week

Tyrese for always concentrating really well on his artwork

Elshaday for great written focus in English

Elshaday for asking a safe stranger help while travelling on the tube

All of the Drama club team for their great teamwork, focus and effort

Elshaday for great work in French

KS5 SCERI Stars of the week

Alia for prioritising her academic goals and pushing herself to come into school for additional subjects.



Keyworker with the most dojos:

MR ZAGOZDA

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SPORTS NEWS

PE SPECIALISM DAY—TUESDAY 23 MAY 2023

Mr Eardley hosted a PE specialism day to promote physical learning through play and movement for our students and staff. We were all able to learn and understand the importance of health and physical fitness.

Here is a snippet of how the day went down....



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A SNAPSHOT OF THE LAST TWO WEEKS



HAVE AN AMAZING HALF TERM BREAK