



Head's Blog – May 2019

Here we are again at the end of another half term. I'm sure the older one gets the faster time flies by!

It's the time of year where the Y11s are sitting their final examinations after 5 years of being part of our community and are no doubt looking forward to the next week of no examinations as we move into the half-term break. A reminder to the parents of Y11 pupils to return the reply slip from the letter regarding finishing school, before the official leaving day to main reception or to Mrs Welch-Moore . A copy of the letter is on the school website.

The Year 10 pupils have stepped up and I am pleased to announce the new prefect team have quickly settled into their pupil leadership roles in school. Here are the new team and their roles and responsibilities for the next 12 months. My congratulations goes to each and everyone of the team for their commitment already to their new responsibilities.

2019-2020 Senior Prefect Team



**HEAD GIRL-
MAISIE**



**HEAD BOY-
DOUGIE**



**DEPUTY HEAD GIRL-DEPUTY HEAD BOY-
IZZY**



CONNOR

2019-2020 Senior Prefect Team



**TRANSITION LEAD-
CHARLOTTE**



**TRANSITION LEAD-
BEN**



**YEAR 8 LEAD-
HARVEY**



**ACTIVITY LEAD-
CALLUM**



**ACTIVITY LEAD-
NATHAN**



**COMMUNITY LEAD-
GREG**

2019-2020 Senior Prefect Team



**STUDENT SUPPORT
LEAD-
REECE**



**CHARITY LEAD-
WILL**

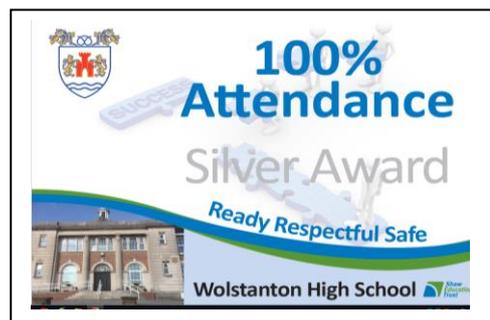
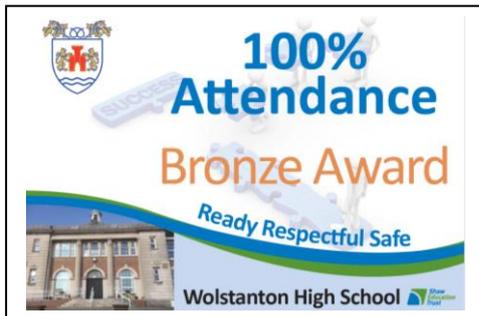


**DEPUTY STUDENT
SUPPORT-
PERSIA**

The Year 9 pupils are continuing to work towards Graduation and have had the challenge given to them for a higher percentage of the year group to Graduate than their predecessors in the current year 10.

The Year 7 and 8 pupils have now completed their internal exams and are, at the time of writing this blog, having feedback and instruction how they can improve on their areas of weakness as they move in to the later part of the summer term.

Attendance has continued to be a focus this term with hundreds of pupils been awarded with their Bronze and/or Silver attendance certificates for their excellent attendance so far this year. They have now been challenged to go for the Gold Award for this term!



One of the highlights this month has been the final chapter of the Do you Speak Culture Erasmus+ project led by Mr Lakin. Pupils and staff had the opportunity to visit Velenje in Slovenia which is a similar sized town to Newcastle. Slovenia used to be a part of Yugoslavia, gaining independence in 1991, due to its coal mining industry. Many people came to Velenje from Bosnia Herzegovina, Croatia and Kosovo to find work making it a fascinating place to examine cultural integration. The visit concluded with a speedboat ride through Venice!



Forthcoming events for the Summer term are:

Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May: Half term holiday

Monday 17th June to Friday 28th June: Year 10 internal examinations

Monday 17th June to Friday 28th June: Year 9 Maths, English and Science internal examinations

28th June: Year 11 Prom

30th June: 6pm - 7pm: Parents' Forum: where there will be a presentation to all parents on Drug Awareness

4th July: Move up day for our new Year 7 pupils

5th July : Year 9 Graduation Ceremony 2pm start

9th July: Sports day

11th July: Year 7 parents' evening 4pm to 7pm

16th July: Awards Evening

Regards

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(Head of School)