14 June 2024



Dear Parents/Carers

## **Weekly Round-Up**

Yesterday, we had our annual summer Governors' Day although 'summer' didn't seem to feature. There may have been grey skies above but there was a lot of colour and a hive of activity on display. Governors were impressed with all the pupils they met in lessons, clubs, pupil panels, Senate meetings and out and about at break and lunch. Pupils made excellent hosts and it was a delight to see the stunning DT Y11 coursework, the Refresh Garden in its final stages, impressive digital photos on the theme of disguise, focused maths and science lessons and so much more besides. The pupils should be rightfully proud of the way they conducted themselves. Equally enjoyable was the presentation of so many certificates to those pupils involved in the paired reading programme this year who were celebrated during mentor time today. We say goodbye to our German exchange visitors this weekend and wish them a safe return - auf wiedersehen; many thanks to our host families and pupil buddies. Next week, we can look forward to even more opportunities with Activities Week and Y10 Work Experience. The sun may not be shining but the wheels keep turning. Whatever pupils may be doing next week, we all hope they have a great time.

## **NEW Activities Week 17th - 21st June**

In addition to the residential trips heading to Northern France, Ardeche and Barcelona and the non residential trip to Grafham Water, we are looking forward to Activities Week in school. Y7 will be learning about the outdoors and taking part in either a residential Bushcraft trip or a day trip to Milton Country Park. Y8 will be getting creative, producing a Shakespeare 'play in a week' and going to London to visit the Globe Theatre and Tate Modern. Y9 will be taking part in challenges and hands-on activities relating to STEM. Their trips are to the Science Museum and Thorpe Park. We hope that all pupils have a fun and inspiring week. Please find here the arrival instructions for pupils on Monday.

## **NEW Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme**

Earlier this week we held the Welcome Session for our new cohort of 100 pupils from Y9 who are enrolling on the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. We wish them all well as they work towards completion of the volunteering, physical, skills and expedition sections of their Bronze Award. In addition, we are pleased to report that over the past year our current participants on the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme from Y10 and Y11 have contributed 845 hours of volunteering activity, assessed as a social value to the local community of £4461. This represents a notable increase on our previous record of 767 hours and we continue to be immensely proud of the contribution of our young people to the local community.















## **COMMUNITY** Stapleford Fun Run

The Stapleford Community Primary School PTA Fun Run will take place on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July. For further details, including how to enter, please click <u>here</u>.

Wishing you a lovely weekend, Jonathan Russell