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Headteacher's Blog Week Commencing 25th January 2021

I would like to start off this week's blog by saying well done to all of our students and staff at CODA. We are now 2 weeks into our full timetable of live, interactive lessons and the quality of learning is, quite frankly, amazing. I am proud of everything we are achieving. Keep it up.

My blog is a testimony to that and is jammed pack with success stories and excellence. In addition, the amount of ClassCharts points being awarded is the best ever scored and we have a new weekly record holder. Mohammed M in Year 8 scored 711 points. Absolutely fantastic! Well done to all, keep up the great work!

As a reminder, the school timetable is as it was, just completed remotely. Your teachers will be teaching every lesson via Microsoft Teams, including registration.

As another reminder, any student who gets a mention in my blog, gets awarded 20 additional Classcharts points and there are also 50 points available for attending each 'live' lesson.

PE Success

Miss Bulloch wants to say a big well done her Year 10 Dance group. Miss Bulloch said 'I am really impressed with the work being produced by Olivia A, Ruby K and Abigail S and showing their knowledge of the different roles in the world of performing arts.' Well done girls, keep up the great work!

Miss Smith wants to say well done to Chris B, who completed the 'toilet roll keepy uppies challenge' as part of his PE lesson. Well done Chris!

Mr Cholerton wants to say well done to a number of students. He said 'Well done to all of the pupils that have kept themselves active this week.

There has been a lot of amazing work including: Lucie, Bilal, Muhammed, Tyler (Year 7), Edward, Seher, Ishkaran and Jasleen (Year 8) achieving great scores in the Clap Catch and Wall Catch Challenges.

Jasleen (Year 8) and Amber (Year 9) produced very good work in their observation task.

Vinjeru, Anmolpreet, Gurjot, Jessica and Jay (Year 11) completed the Sally Up Squat Challenge.

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Excellent answers by Mehardeep (Year 8), Paramveer, Sallimata, Yara (Year 10) and Emma (Year 11) in the class discussions.

Great effort by Blake, Eddie, Yara, Kian, Paige and Jasmin (Year 10) in the exercise task.

Mrs KoHut wants to say well done to Kayla C and her year 7s. She said 'My year 7's today were working on creating their own set of 5 strength balances and having a go at doing and holding them. Kayla C planned hers using some clever drawings. Thought you could maybe put this in the blog.'

Sport Science Success

Mr Bult wants to congratulate the following students for the excellent performance in their latest Sports Science examination. Congratulations to Alex DM, Klaudia G, Nekeesha G, Jacob GW, Mandeep K, Amina P, Talia P, Ali R. This is amazing, well done all.

Well done all, we are really proud of you!

Food Technology Success

Mr Smithson wants to say well done to Jenson R and Paris B. He said 'Could you mention Jenson R for joining and cooking along in my virtual practical lesson and Paris B for completing the practical work in her own time. They made ravioli - including making the pasta and their own filling.' Great work, we are all proud of you.

Vocational Success

Ms Gallagher wants to praise and reward a number of students for the brilliance!. Here is her report.

Please can I nominate the following students for a mention in your blog this week please:

Child Development

Simran H, Parneet K, Zenab I, Yaicika K, Rashmeet K

These students have engaged excellently with remote learning this week in Child Development, they have been contributing to the sessions, completing great work and continuing to make me proud! Well done girls.

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Hospitality and Catering

Paris B has continued with her excellent work ethic throughout lockdown so far, practising practical cooking skills and producing detailed explanations in her theory work. Well done Paris, keep it up.

Construction

Year 11 Construction have been working on Gantt charts, area and volume - well done to Ali H, Karin B and Nathan S who have been engaging fantastically with remote learning sessions. Ali's Gantt chart can be seen below.



Well done all, we are very proud of you.

Technology Success

Mr Green wants to say well done and congratulations to a number of students with their recent examination. He said 'huge congratulations to the following students who either blew their target out of the water, or met it. Well done to Amit K, Seyed S, Amaan H, Kartok R, Jake B, Muhammad C, Pyush J, Kai M, Vinay P, Mohammad DM, Mohammed A, Faiqa A, Dusan C, Subhan M, Inder P, Muskan S, Amritpal S, Gurjot S.'

Well done all, we are proud of you.

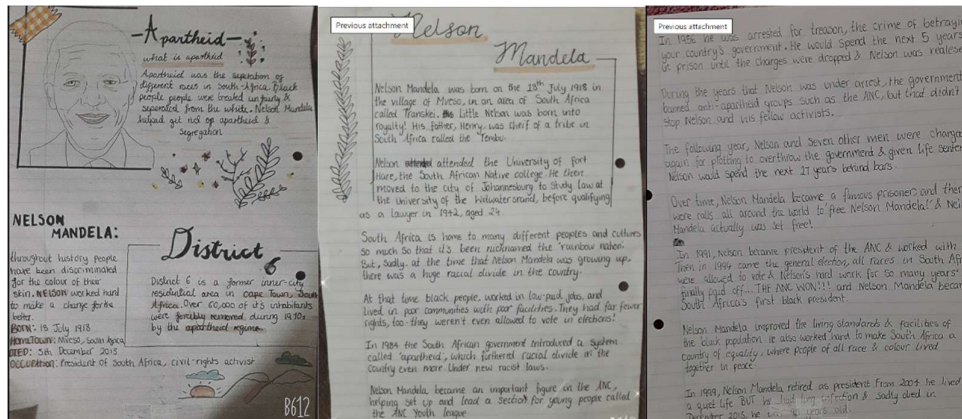
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English Success

Ms Wheatley wants to say well done to Annie T. Ms Wheatley said 'could you mention Annie T Yr 8 as she is working so hard in English and is producing very high standards of work. I am very proud of her positive attitude and work ethic.'. Well done Annie we are so proud of you and your project on Nelson Mandela.



Also, Ms Wheatley wants to say well done to Letisha D. Ms Wheatley said 'he is working really hard and has attended every online lesson. I have attached a piece of work that she has just sent to me.' Well done Letisha!

C-Contents What is the poem about?	The poem is about a very good relationship between a granddad and a grandson, and the grandson is being adventurous and is climbing up his grandfather like he is a mountain.
A-Attitudes And feelings What feelings are shown in the poem?	In the poem the feelings that have been shared are love between the grandson and the granddad and the evidence to show this is "to stare into his brown eyes".
T-Techniques And effects What techniques are used and what effect do they have?	The techniques that have been used in this poem is Similes- the evidence for this is when the writer compares the grandfather's skin to ice, but this is "warm ice" so this is known as a paradox. Also, an assonance- The line describes markings on the grandfather's hand, this is evidence of some aspect at how he lived his life (perhaps gardening) the evidence is on line 9 "the skin of fingers is smooth and thick." also the next one is an extended metaphor- the evidence to show this is when he compares the grandfather to a mountain.
S-Structure How is the poem set out?	The poem is set with stanzas the reason for this is it shows continuous single stanzas of 27 lines this single unit suggests the size and magnitude of his grandfather which shows that he is climbing a mountain

Mrs Cunningham wants to say well done to a number of students. She said 'Could I request that the following students are added to next week's blog please?

Year 8 ignite - Riley G and Leyland SS (also my star of the week) have been brilliant this week. They have really engaged with online learning.

The following students have attended every lesson this term and have also completed all the work set. I am very pleased with the progress they are making:

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Year 10 - Prince B, Kamalpreet K and Manprit B

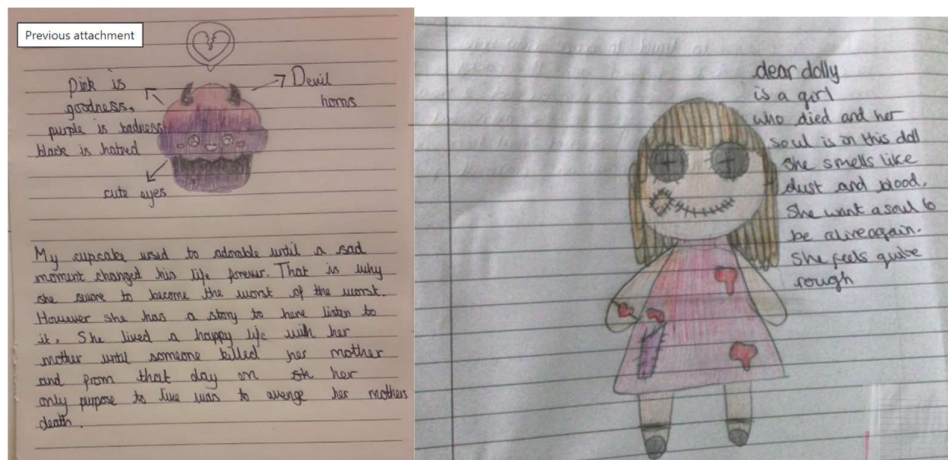
Year 11 - Jamie B, Muneeb H, Madison M, Keira H, Skye S, Annesa I, Talia P, Lewis M, Milly S, Nicole G and Georgia G. Well done all, you are amazing!

In addition, Miss Mitchell wants to say well done to the following students. She said 'Mrs Cunningham and I wanted to nominate all of 9A-En2 and 7B-En1 for their continuous effort and great work that they have handed in this past week. The classes have both completely engaged with every lesson but most notably:

Imogen G (9A-En2), Mary-LB (9A-En2), Archie M (9A-En2), Jashandeep S (9A-En2), Mia T (9A-En2). Hadia Q (7B-En1), Kayla C (7B-En1), Mateusz O (7B-En1), Leo CS (7B-En1), Alfie M (7B-En1), Muneeb A (7B-En1), Azaan D (7B-En1), Nikita L (7B-En1)

I've attached some of the work that 7B-En1 did last lesson as it is exceptional for saying they are doing this completely remote, and I wanted to praise them for it. They needed to create a villain or monster for a short horror story they created later in the lesson. All of which were spooky and good!

Well done everyone, we are proud of you!



Miss Duke wants to praise and reward the following students too. She said 'I am just wondering if you could mention some students in your next head teacher's blog please? 8B3 have worked so hard on all of our live interactions this week. I have been so impressed with the following students who have been brave enough to put their mics on and read stories out they have written.

Kevin K, Nikolas G, Esteban D, Daniel F, Ruby D, Emilio S

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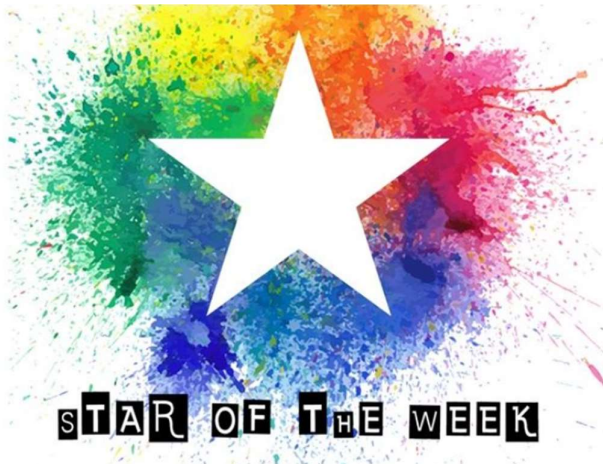


I have awarded Nikolas G with my star of the week award. He wrote a brilliant diary entry based on a poem we've studied this week. I am really proud of him!' Well done all, we are proud of you!

Mrs Goodman wants to say well done to Konika B, Lovejot S and Ranveer S for their beautiful poetry. Well done all.

Health and Social Care Success

Mrs Dacus wants to say well done to her stars of the week. She said...



Year 10 H&SC Stars of the Week - Michela Buaku

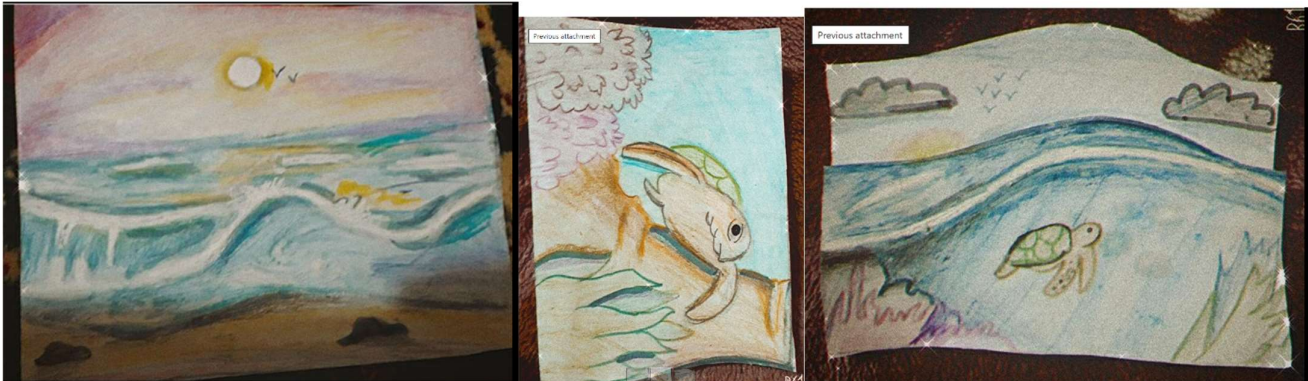
Year 11 H&SC Stars of the Week - Mandeep Kaur, Buthaina Zubayr, Amina Prcic & Karina Shanker

Music Success

Mrs Willatt wants to say well done to Annie T. She said 'I just thought I would forward you some of the beautiful work Annie in my tutor group but also a music group I teach has created from her lesson yesterday. The context of the task was film music where students were asked to listen to a piece of music (Earth by Hans Zimmer) and then create their own story or storyboard about what they believed the music was about, as you can see Annie has completed both. Please, can she be included in the blog next time.'. Well done Annie your work is amazing!

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In addition, Miss Bell said 'Years 8 and 9 have been looking at how music is used for film and video games. Students were asked to create a story based on a piece of music by Hans Zimmer entitled 'Earth.' This piece was written for the BBC Ten Pieces Trailblazers and during an interview about the music describes how he was compelled to write this know what damage his generation have done to planet earth. We had so many creative stories and storyboards and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all students who took part in this task.' Miss Bell wants to praise Charnayo HR for her amazing work.

Below is a story by Charnayo HR (8HD) entitled 'Earth'

This is the story of pollution and a very heartwarming quest that a few people have made in one choice of their own. Pollution has got worse over the years and has become very threatening. Not a lot of people seem to care except for one person who truly cares. Her name is Veronica. Veronica is a very loving child and has grown up with her only parent. Her father has taken care of her for over fifteen years where they have bonded and made a very great relationship with each other where they trust one and other with anything and everything.

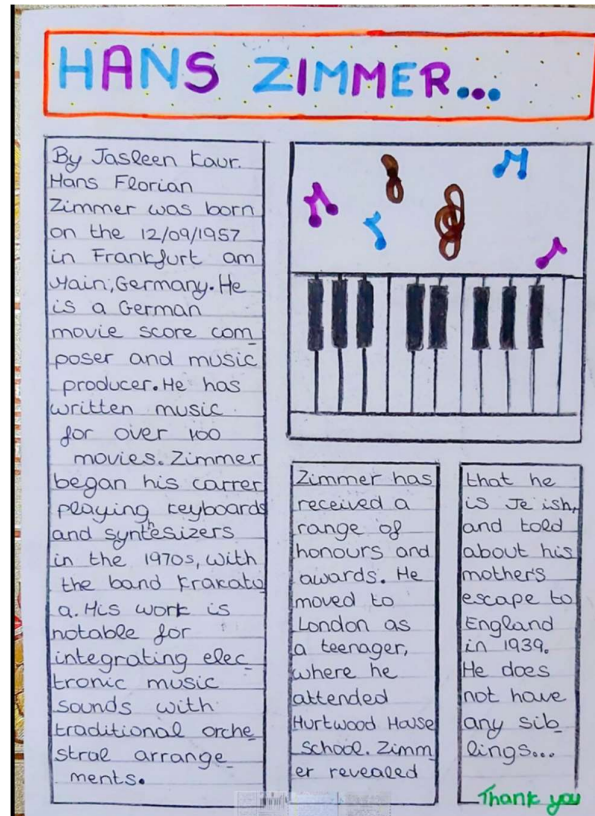
However, when Veronica turned seventeen her father past away, she was very heartbroken because he was the only family member that she loved truly because he didn't leave her like her mum did. Veronica decided she was going to do something that would change the world to make her father proud and she finished her goal in a heroic way.

The next week Veronica woke up and got herself ready to start her change, after she knew she was ready to start and she started with the one thing she knew would make a change. Collecting litter, she knew this would make a first change to be ready to make a bigger one. She picked litter for five years and eventually millions of people were on her side. People stopped littering and started binning. People helped animals from land and sea. Veronica looked up at the sky and said that she wouldn't have done any of this without her dads help, even though he was away in the sky he was still always by her side.

Miss bell also wants to say well done to Jasleen K for her music work.

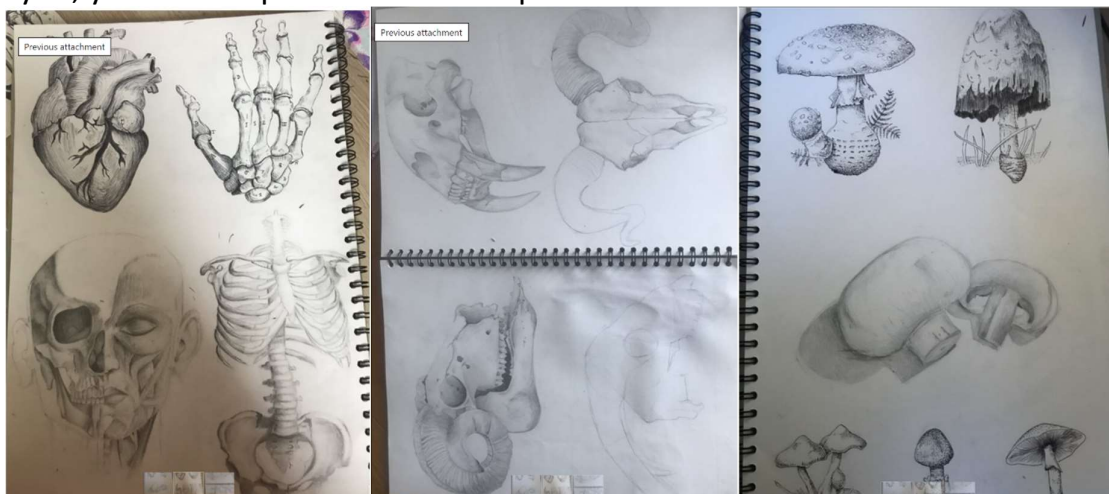
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Art Success

Miss Wilshaw wants to say well done Ella D in year 10. Miss Wilshaw said 'Ella D in Year 10 has produced some outstanding pieces. Her effort and commitment to the subject is amazing and I cannot wait to see her continue to develop her skills further.' Well done Ella we are so proud of you, your techniques and skills are phenomenal!



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Mrs Richardson wants to say well done to Keira Y for her excellent art work. Well done.



Keeping Up Good Spirits Success.

Mr Tedaldi wants to praise Mateusz O 7B1 for entertaining his form, but 'donning' the full school uniform. Well done Mateusz.



Business Success

Mr Hughes wants to say well done to Amaan Z in Year 11. He said 'in 'live' lessons has been engaged, asking pertinent questions, and helping fill those dreaded silences when you ask students for feedback. Keep it up!!'. Well done Amaan.

Mr Hughes, also wants to say well done to Amber A. He said 'Amber A, has grasped the Business course in year 9 with both hands. Great attitude. Each lesson in a new subject to her (and the rest of year 9) she has been enthusiastic with lots of questions and completing work as follows almost before I have 'closed down' the lesson'. Well done Amber we are proud of you.

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Academy Council Success

Mr Cholerton said 'I held the Year Council meeting in Character Development with the Year 7 and 11 Reps. I've got to say I was amazed with their contributions; they were a real credit to their tutor group. I was particularly impressed with: Lerayah, Romeo, Jasmine, Hermione, Kartik, Eesa, Juwairiyah.'

Well done everyone, it is pleasing to see so that the students are so expertly represented.

Geography Success

Mr Barker's weekly Geography rewards - Mr Barker says "I would like to congratulate and thank the hard work and effort of staff and students involved in geography lessons over the last week. Learning a whole new way of working and teaching it all to a full-time timetable has been a massive challenge to everyone, but the phenomenal attendance and participation in on-line lessons has given us something to celebrate. We have come a long way in a very short space of time and I am sure we will see the rewards from that in our learning".

Mr Barker says that the following students deserve a special mention for their helpfulness and enthusiastic participation in lessons over the last week: Gurditt S and Basil A (10XB-Go1); Bahoz B and Tanpuneet S (7A-Go4); Lily B, Bilal K, Muhammad Tr and Lerayah W(7A-Go2); Manraj H and Kobe E (8A-Go3); Harman K, Ramandeep K and Noor S (9A-Go1); Agyapal S, Dean W, Jayden W, Paramraj S and Holly G (9B-Go1)

Mrs McKerron would like to congratulate Emilio S for his excellent IT skills and the way that he has been extremely helpful to other students. He has been truly amazing.

Mrs Redding says "I have been so impressed with the way in which my lovely ones have just whizzed into their learning 'new style' this week...they have all been fantastic! ClassCharts points have been awarded and parents called to share the joy! Mrs Redding wished to congratulate the following:

Jasleen K 8A Gg1: For the most amazing work submitted in both Geography and Religious Studies. The attention to detail and accuracy of the work Jasleen presents every lesson is most certainly deserving of another week as a top star!

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Kevin S 8A Gg1: I have been so impressed with the high-quality answers Kevin has delivered in all his Geography sessions. Every piece of work contains subject specific detail and the quality of his written answers is excellent.

Emma W 11X Gg: Consistently working at a very high standard...no change in the effort/work produced even in this new style of learning. A truly independent super Geographer!

Geography Success 2

Mr Barker would like to offer praise to the following students for their enthusiastic participation in lessons over the last week. Some pupils are appearing here two weeks in a row and that is down to their incredible consistency: **Olivia A** and **Malika S** (10XB-Go1); **Manraj H** (again – consistently brilliant answers) (8A-Go3); **Faizaan A, Andrew G, Harman K, Noor S** (9A-Go1); **Dean W, Jayden W, Paramraj S** and **Sarah-Amina Z** (9B-Go1); **Tyler D** and **Dylan S** (9B-Go3)

Mrs Redding has been delighted with the consistent hard work and amazing achievements of her pupils this week. All students mentioned have delivered such wonderful results, just like they do when they are in school...

Jasleen K 8A Gg1: For always sending in the most amazing Geography work! Her effort is outstanding, which is in addition to her excellent class work!

Mirela V 8B Gg1: Every lesson she is keen to share ideas, and always delivers great results.

Gurleen K 11X Gg: For her amazing ability to absorb new learning and always deliver in record breaking time following the Live session on Teams.

Harleen K 11X Gg: For her excellent work every session, and for brightening **Mrs Redding's** day with her lovely work!

Mrs Redding has a final word: "Oh goodness they all appear to be girls this week...come on the boys!"

Mrs Redding has also contacted parents to share the joy of her pupils' achievements.

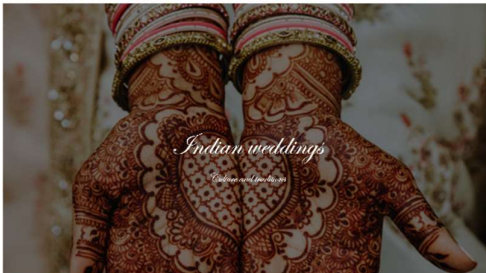
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Religious Studies Success

Mrs Dacus, wants to say well done to Jaya N in Year 8. Mrs D said 'Can you please add Jaya N in Year 8 to your blog? She has created a wonderful PowerPoint on Punjabi weddings for her RS work on 'Belonging & Identity'. The pictures are lovely, and she has described each part of the celebration so beautifully.' Well done Jaya!



maiyan

- This ceremony is where the bride and groom sit on stools as family members apply a paste made from turmeric on the couple's body and oil in their hair. A cloth is held over their heads and the family sing traditional wedding songs.



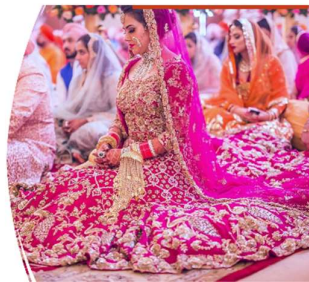
jaggo

- This is a Punjabi pre wedding ceremony the night before the main ceremony where members of the family and the bride and groom dance to traditional music whilst balancing a clay pot with candles on their heads.



Anad karaj

- This is the main ceremony which you may have seen photos of. The bride dresses in red to bring prosperity to her family. The big day takes place in the gurdwara and is usually several hours long. The anad karaj is usually followed by a vegetarian meal provided by the gurdwara.



Mrs Beeson wants to say well done a number of students as well. She said 'Could you please commend the following students in your blog?

Huge well done to J Kaur in Year 8 for her fantastic, detailed, and thoughtful work in Religious Studies, keep it coming! -Mrs Beeson and Mrs Redding.

Well done to all of Mrs Beeson's year 9's who are engaging well on our new capital punishment module. You have some very mature and well supported points of view!

Well done to A Daud in Year 7, who impressed Mrs Beeson with an analogy, comparing the notoriety of Jesus with rappers. Very clever!

Great work everyone! Keep it up.

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MFL Success

Mr Milner and his team want to praise the following excellent students.

MFL news and successes

MFL staff have really enjoyed their online classes over the last two weeks. Pupils in all online classes have tried really hard and some pupils are still emailing really great work into us. Keep it up.

The following list of pupils are this fortnight's MFL Working from home heroes...

Mrs. Nielsen says 'gut gemacht' (well done) to Taranvir S, Mehardeep S and Riya S. in year 8, both for their spoken and written work.

Hanna B and Abel Boadu (Y7) for effort and hard work in German
Year 10 French for excellent effort and hard work in online lesson

Mr. Day says 'excellent' to Amber A (Y9) for her brilliant online engagement and Harman K and Jaswinder K (Y9) for their written work.

Mrs. Sagoo says 'fantastique' to Aishat M, Konika B, Ishkaran S and Soraya for their excellent online contributions to the Y8 topic of Paris.

Mr. Milner would like to say 'Das ist fantastisch' to Jasleen K, Leyla R, Mirela V and Charnayo HR (Y8) for their online written and spoken contributions, Arshmeet S. (Y9) for great online work and Amit K, Muskaan S. & Karina S. (Y11) for helping the

MFL department.

Mathematics Success

Miss Bone wants to say well done to Amber A in Year 9. She said 'I want to mention Amber Alcock, she never stops surprising me, she has been working so well on her maths online lessons, she was struggling the first week but never gave up. I'm so proud of her and think she deserves a mention in the head blog. I will award class chart points'

Well done Amber 😊

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Snow Success

I want to share and reward Letisha D for her efforts in the snow. The best thing about her snowman is the face covering, just to remind us of the coronavirus. Well done Letisha!



Class Charts Top Scorers

Last week's top scoring class charts students, who will be awarded 20 extra points are: -

Year 11 – Reanna A (539), Emma W (510), Gurleen K (441)

Year 10 – Ethan R (520), Abigail S (485), Lewis S (481)

Year 9 – Amber A (513), Jasmine D (474), Miya M (443)

Year 8 – Jasleen K (659), Ishkaran S (612), Tornie S (599)

Year 7 – Jasmine S (511), Harkeet B (481), Connor L (464)

Overall

First - Jasleen K (659)
Second - Ishkaran S (612)
Third - Tornie S (599)

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This week's top scoring class charts students, who will be awarded 20 extra points are: -

Year 11 – Emma W (449), Mitchell FC (421), Amit K (380)

Year 10 – Ella D (412), Michael W (399), Lewis S (386)

Year 9 – Arshmeet S (457), Muhammad S (451), Harman K (450)

Year 8 – Mohammed M (711) NEW RECORD!, Jagveer G (690), Hayden F and Millen W (687)

Year 7 – Yuvraj S (489), Tanpuneet S (462), Gurpeet S (452)

Overall

First - Mohammed M (711) – NEW RECORD!!!!

Second - Jagveer G (690)

Third - Hayden F and Millen W (687)