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## **Headteacher's Blog Week Commencing 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

As I write my blog, we are only one day away from welcoming students back to CODA. A day we have all been looking forward to.

My blog is a testimony to our ongoing excellence and is full of just some of the successes. Absolutely fantastic! Well done to all, keep up the great work!

Yet again the ClassCharts points being achieved during remote learning is the best ever. I am delighted and proud of the volume of points achieved, well done everyone.

As a reminder, I am recommending that all students receive a Lateral Flow Device test before you come back to school. Well done to those who have already signed up, this will help keep us all safe. In addition, you will receive an additional 50 ClassCharts points as a thank you.

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.

### **Mathematics Success**

Despite Lockdown, 20 of our mathematicians took part in the UK Mathematics Challenge. This is a national test/Challenge that from personal experience is really tough.

Well done to Tyler G, Eryk L, Jovan M, Giya S, Yara S and Gurditt S who all achieved a certificate. I will not disclose the colour of the certificate yet as Mr Birkinshaw is keen to do that.

Well done everyone, we are proud of you all.

### **English Success**

Mrs Goodman wants to say a huge well done to the following students. She said 'Please can you add Alija P and Safah M from 7SE to your blog? Both have performed exceptionally well in their Bedrock Learning: Alija has made the most progress and Safah has scored the most points in the entire school.'

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Mrs Goodman also said 'Courtney B in 8bEn2 for a breathtakingly beautiful piece of Gothic descriptive writing 😊' and 'Please can I have a special mention for 9aEn1 who have produced some beautiful poetry analysis and are starting to develop their answers even further. I would especially like to thank Marshall, Harman, Sadiyah, Marti and Safeela for their contributions.'

Well done we are proud of you.

### Geography Success

**Mr Barker** would like to offer praise to the following students for their enthusiastic participation in lessons:

**Nicola S, Bilal K, Banipreet R, Lerayah W and Muhammad T (7A-Go2); David M (7B-Go4); Manraj H (8A-Go3); Courteney B (8B-Go2); Sadiyah P, Safeela H, Martinus B, Andrew Gand Harman K (9A-Go1); Dean W, Agyapal S, Paramraj S, Tanya D, Charlotte D, Jayden W and Abdurahman (9B-Go1); Tyler D, Dylan S and Keegan J (9B-Go3); Olivia A and Gurditt S (10XB-Go1)**

**Mrs Redding** would like to offer many thanks to the following 'Geography superstars' this week:

**Mirela V 8B Gg1:** Congratulations on her enthusiasm for learning especially during Live sessions, where she is always keen to ask and answer questions. Her work is produced to the highest standards and is such a pleasure to mark after each session...Mirela is always so prompt in submitting her work!

**Tornie S 8B Gg1:** Awarded for her continued enthusiasm and for her conscientious approach to learning and eagerness to submit the very best work.

**Hayden F 8B Gg1:** Hayden continues to be a fantastic Geographer, even amidst our new style of remote learning. He must be congratulated on his quick thinking and accurate contributions towards his Live sessions.

**Katie G 9AGg4:** Katie should be congratulated on her eagerness to participate in all Live sessions. She is always amongst the first to add her quiz answers to the chat box!

**Joshveer SB 11X Gg:** For his conscientious approach to learning and his attention to details in his submission of his class work.

### **Star Student of the Spring 1 half-term!**

**Jasleen K 8AGg1:** It is impossible for me not to congratulate this young lady for her amazing work and effort again this week. Jasleen has already sent through additional bonus work to me, in advance of her Live session which has not yet taken place. Her work is amazing, so

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detailed with a choice of hand-written beautiful notes together with her own ppt presentation!

Jasleen has continued to amaze me with the high quality of work, submitted to me every week, together with additional work sent through as a bonus! Most certainly a Geography Superstar!!

**Mrs McKerron** would like to highlight excellent commitment from the following pupils this week:

**Lewis S, Gurleen K, Rashmeet K, Micheal W, Konika B, Lovejot S, Matilda B, Simran B, Quratulain T (Annie), Bethany T, Ruby D, Emilio S, Daniel F and Lily A.**

## PHSE Success

Mrs Dacus had a special visitor to a number of Year 10 lessons she taught before half term. PC McGeachie, from Leicestershire Police, ran a detailed Q&A session about the Police force. She said 'This is the recording Mrs Beeson and I made of our Teams meeting with PC McGeachie. It's very long (50mins+) as in both sessions we ran over time, but thought you might like to see our superstars in action! 😊

I watched the whole video and well done all, your questions were fab!

Mrs Beeson also wants to praise and recognise the following students. She said 'Well done to Jasleen K in year 8 with yet another wonderful piece of Religious Studies work (see below!). Her attention to detail is excellent. Well done to Aishat M and Ishkaran S for their wonderful work on the Amrit Ceremony also!



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In year 9 well done to Harman K, Noor S, Isabel W, Imogen G and Keira Y for always being willing and confident when sharing their opinions on some very difficult moral questions! This week looking at the arguments for and against capital punishment!

In year 9 PSHE well done to Katie G for always contributing to class discussion and being involved, and to Sara B for being reflective when thinking about her personal development plan! Keep it up!

Well done everyone, keep up the great work.

### **Music Success**

Mrs Willatt wants to praise and say well done to the following students. She said 'I hope you are well, please could you mention Amber A and Paige D in your next blog for fantastic contributions during online learning and always putting in maximum effort.'. Well done girls, we are proud of you.

### **MFL Success**

Mr. Milner, Mrs. Nielsen and Mr. Day would like to say a massive 'well done' to our year 11 language learners, who made the languages mocks day (Mocktag) a pleasurable experience. All of the pupils in both the French and German groups submitted their forms on time, asked really sensible questions and worked with staff to produce their best, even in times of technological adversity. Jessica R and Amit K even sat four separate languages exams, so a special commendation to them.

Year 11, we are delighted with the evidence you have provided so far, please continue to do your best to provide even more. We are there for you and will always try to help you to do your best.

Fantastique/ Fantastisch!!!!!!

### **Technology Success**

Mrs Holden has a number of students that she would like to reward and praise. She said 'Here are my nominations for this week's blog (some are from before half term). Sorry it's so long! The following year 8 students have been consistently working hard and participating in lessons – keep up the good work! Manraj H , Emilio S, Parleen K. Lily A (also year 8) for fabulous practical work at home – pizza and burgers. I hope they taste as delicious as they look!



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Lots of positives in year 10 food – so many students are working well. Harkeeret H deserves a special mention for always submitting good quality work and sending me lots of food photos! Harkeeret's brownies are below:



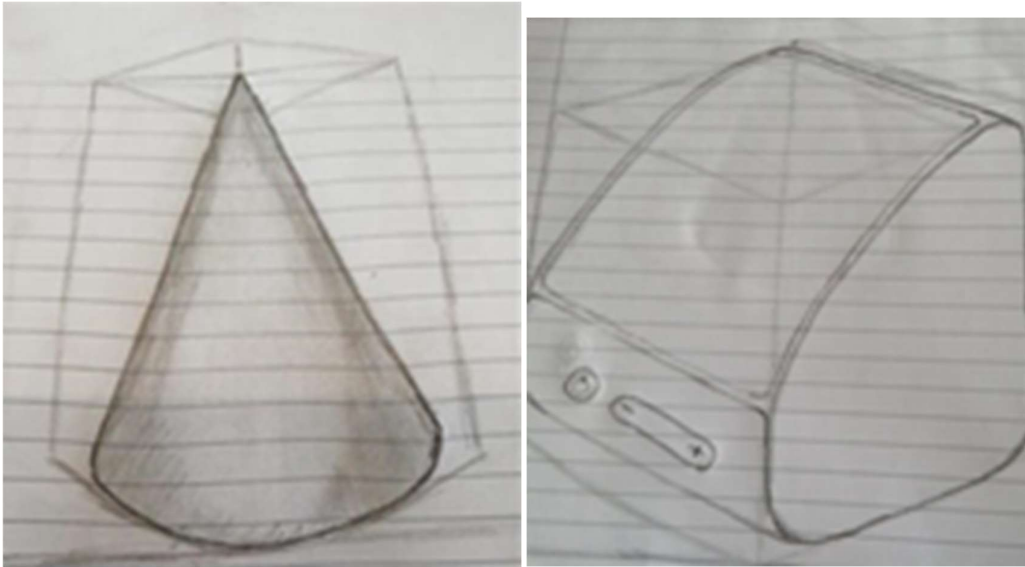
Also in year 10, Ethan R is working well and producing stunning plates of food - everything including the white sauce made from scratch here!

In year 11, Paris B deserves a special mention for consistently working hard and participating in lessons, as well as sending regular photos of all the dishes she's been making in the kitchen. Also, Ervin M for quietly completing tasks and sending me photos of his practical and Craig H for always producing top quality work.

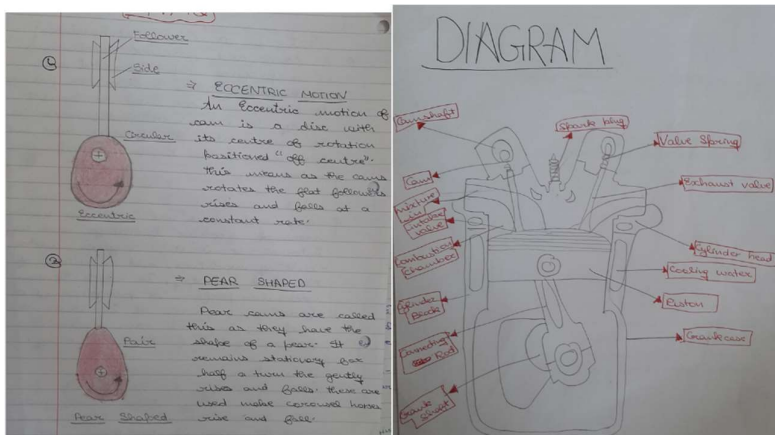
For Engineering, my year 10 group have all been attending and working hard. As an example, Jack F has been consistently producing work to a high standard:

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Mr Margett also wants to say 'I want to say a huge well done to Arshpreet K in 7EN as she has been producing some fantastic work for Technology: Forces & Mechanisms. The level of detail and effort she puts into her work is amazing and she continues to impress me with every assignment. Keep up the hard work!'



Well done everyone, we are so proud of you!

## Year 11 and Year 7 Success

Mr Cholerton wants to congratulate a large number of students in his year group. He said 'Well done to over 100 pupils in both Years 7 and 11 for attending this week's assemblies on Revision Tips (Year 11) and Kindness (Year 7) - Year 7 Tutors are looking forward to hearing about pupils acts of kindness over the half-term break.'

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- Well done to the following pupils from Year 7 and 11 for achieving over 1,800 positive points this half-term: Year 7 - Harkeet B, Leah B, Kayla C, Connor L, Mateusz O, Hadia Q, Jasmine S, Tanpuneet S, Yuvraj S, Muhammad T, Lerayah W. Year 11 - Emma W, Amit K, Ervin M, Gurleen K, Arashpreet S, Gurleen K, Harleen K, Muskan S, Mitchel F-C, Anmolpreet S, Jessica R, Paris B, Amina P, Raeanna A, Prabhjeet K, Lewis M, Vinjeru M.
- Excellent attendance this term by the following Year 11 and 7 pupils: Year 7 - Kayla C, Tanpuneet S, Yuvraj S, Connor M, Abel B, Leah B, Connor L, Sana H, Gurpreet S, Hanna B, Yuvraj Sh, Dylan H, Christopher D, Sandijs M, Abdul R, Simran B, Megina P, Harkeet B, Muhammad H, Bahoz B, Neve B, Allana C, Mohammed H, Muhammad A, Rhiannon M, Muhammad T, Azaan D, Tiffany-Leigh H, Hadia O, Alija P, Soleen A, Douaa K, Maheer S, Summer S, Lerayah W, Harry M, Isabelle W-C, Leo Stevenson, Emmad R, Sienna S, Ishveer B, Banipreet R. Year 11 - Arashpreet S, Alexandra D, Muskan S, Ervin M, Muneeb H, Amritpal S, Amit K, Buthaina Z, Vinjeru M, Nekeesha G, Alima H, Harmandeep K, Lewis M, Seyed S, Gurjap S, Prabhjeet K, James C, Georgia H, Mohsin I, Jamie R, Karina S, Inder P, Emma W, Alex D-M, Joshveer B, Ali H, Lucy F, Mitchel F-C, Steven S, Huzaifa K, Rameen Z, Jake B, Nikola M, Sukhmanpreet M, Neena P, Gurjap S, Faiqa A, Amina P, Paris B, Craig H, Alyssa M, Ali R, Milly S, Jessica R, Bailey W, Balraj N.
- Well done to Nathan S, Juraj S, Vanesa G, Marianna K and Gurjap S for taking part in the role plays as part of their Vocational Studies.

Absolutely fabulous everyone, well done!

## Class Charts Top Scorers

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

**Year 11** – Ervin M (315), Joshveer B, Klaudia G, Nekeesha G, Jacob GW, Mandeep K, Waseem M, Balraj N, Amina P, Talia P, Ali R, Anmolpreet S, Khushi S, Gurjap S, Skye S, Alex DM (250)

**Year 10** – Ella D (507), Blake W (476), Luke NL (448)

**Year 9** – Jaswinder K (455), Arshmeet S (395), Jasmine D (390)

**Year 8** – Manraj H (402), Edward E (399), Jasleen K (399)

**Year 7** – Aydan SH (386), Deanna S (371), Lerayah W (363)

## Overall

**First** - Ella D (507)  
**Second** - Blake W (476)  
**Third** - Luke NL (448)

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

**Year 11** – Gurleen K (603), Harleen K (533), Anmolpreet S (510)

**Year 10** – Prince OB (685), Tyler G (600), Surpreet K (580)

**Year 9** – Amber A (782), Arshmeet S (692), Harman K (638)

**Year 8** – Jasleen K (963), Edward E (683), Aishat M (680)

**Year 7** – Muhammed T (524), Leyrayah W (519), Deanna S (481)

## Overall

**First** - Jasleen K (963)  
**Second** - Amber A (782)  
**Third** - Arshmeet S (692)