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Headteacher's Blog Week Commencing 29th March 2021

Where has Easter 2021 come from? The time has flown since students returned and we all know that time flies when we are all having fun! My last blog of the term, again, showcases and recognises some of our students' wonderful achievements. Our students have been absolutely fantastic, following social distancing guidelines, engaging in learning and being happy and smiley as well.

This week, students have been finding out if they have qualified for the next activities day as we have released the ClassCharts scores. I am absolutely delighted that over 97% of our wonderful students have achieved their 95%. This is a CODA record, well done everyone.

My blog is a testimony to our ongoing excellence and is full of just some of the successes. Well done to all, keep up the great work! I am delighted and proud of the volume of points achieved, well done everyone.

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.

Community Success

I want to say well done and congratulate Ella B in Year 10 for basically being a wonderful human being! I was informed by a member of the local about Ella's respectful behaviour during this pandemic. I was told 'I would like nominate one of your pupils, Ella B for a special award if at all possible. Ella lives in my street and recently an elderly neighbour Jack, who lived in the street for over 50 years took ill and passed away. As a sign of respect the whole street collected for flowers and stood by on the day of his funeral to watch the procession.

I then received a letter through my door from Ella. She said as we clap for the NHS and heroes, would I be able to arrange for all the neighbours to stand in the street and clap for our hero Jack to remember him.

I thought this was such a thoughtful and caring gesture from a young teenager. For this reason, is there any way that school could recognise this act of kindness in any way?'

I completely agree. Mentioning Ella in my blog is the least I can do. Well done Ella, we are all so proud of you.

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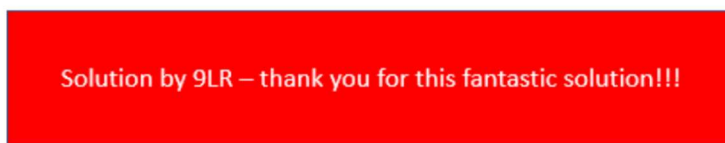


Red Nose Day

Ms Kohut ran the events for Red Nose Day last week. I am delighted to announce that CODA raised nearly £800 for charity. In addition Ms Kohut said 'Thank you to everyone who got involved in Red Nose day on Friday. I feel like it went well. I handed out a fair few smile postcards to tutors and some were placed in staff pigeon holes so please check yours if you haven't already. Students had the option of completing miles in PE on Friday and a good number took on the challenge with some even running (Alfie P and Craig H, year 11 managed the most across all classes, 16 laps which is roughly 4 miles, please congratulate when you see them). At the minute just from PE lessons we managed to walk/jog/run 470 miles. Not quite the 603 aim, so if you have any of your own to log just email me and I will add onto the total.'

Well done everyone, a fantastic achievement.

In addition, well done to 9LR who won the Red Nose Day/Pi Day maths challenge organised by Mr Birkinshaw. The solution is



Covering the distance of 603 miles from Land's End to John O'Groats by bicycle with wheels of 1 metre diameter.....



find the number of times each wheel revolves on journey

Remember
1 mile = 1.6 km (approx.)
Circumference = $\pi \times$ Diameter
Use a calculator and show your working!



603 miles from Land's End to John O'Groats by bicycle with wheels of 1 metre diameter.....

find the number of times each wheel revolves on journey

You need to find out the circumference of the wheel to discover how far one revolution of the wheel goes...

$$\text{Circumference} = \pi \times 1\text{m} = 3.1415926\text{m}$$

So...find out how many times it needs to spin to cover 1 mile.

$$1600\text{m} \div \text{circumference of wheel } [3.1415926\text{m}]$$

$$509.295827 \text{ spins...}$$

$$509.295827 \times 603 \text{ miles} = 307105 \text{ revolutions}$$

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Dance Success

Miss Bulloch wants to say well done to the following students. She said 'I just wondered if you can add the Y11 Dancers in your blog please. Their determination and effort they are putting into their Unit 3 Dance is outstanding. There isn't enough positives on classcharts for me to put on for them. Every lesson they are a dream and work so hard to achieve the best they can for their TAG. I'm so very proud of each of them! Mia C, Iveta N, Kiya R, Madison M, Ruzena B, Vinjeru M and Sukhmanpreet M.'

Well done girls we are very proud of you.

Running Success

I would like to say well done and good luck to Talia P. She has let me know that she is in training for a half marathon (13 miles). This shows some serious dedication and I look forward to finding out how Talia gets on.

Year 10 Mock Interview Success

Last week, Year 10 had the wonderful experience of having some remote mock interviews. The feedback for students and the employers was of the highest quality. Miss Matthews, who organised the event, said '

I have attached a couple of photos from yesterday's events. The day went well, and our students were brilliant, polite, and well mannered. A true credit to us.' One employer said that one of our Year 10s was the best student they had EVER interviewed.

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Mr Cholerton's Success Stories

Both the Year 10 and 11 Football teams were amazing in an after-school football match played on Thursday. The skill, effort and teamwork displayed by all the of pupils was brilliant.

I have been so impressed with 11BPE3, 10APE4, and 8APE1 playing Tag Rugby this week and 7APE1 showed so much effort in their PE lesson playing Capture The Flag.

So many Year 11 students have been working hard to try and achieve the best possible TAGs but this week I have been so impressed with Julietta G with the positive attitude in her French lessons and assessment.

I am looking forward to awarding Year 7 and 11 pupils in their Rewards Assemblies on Tuesday.

PSHE Success

Mrs Dacus, wants to say a huge well done to the follwoig students. She said 'Mrs Beeson and I took our Year 11 PSHE classes outside to do an activity about privilege on Thursday. Students had to consider 20 different statements related to themselves & the various privileges different groups have in society.

Students took part in this activity really maturely and sensitively and engaged in some lovely discussion.'

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Geography Success

Friday was an important for Year 11, as all Geography students sat their second round of TAG assessments. Both classes participated in the assessment itself with an excellent level of application. It will be essential to repeat this for the remaining two assessments in Geography. The target for all Geography GCSE students in the remaining two assessments is to revise thoroughly. Listen to the advice of Mr Harding, Mrs McKerron and Mrs Redding. They all want you to do well and will move heaven and earth to help you to achieve your target grades, but you must also do your bit. Please join in with the extra online sessions during the Easter holidays. There is not too long to go to cross the finish line. You can do it!

There has also been some very positive work completed by students in lessons this week. Mr Barker would like to offer praise to the following pupils for their hard work and positive approaches to lessons:

Anastasia H, Tyreece C, Connor A, Kobe E, Kevin N, Manraj H **(8A-Go3)**

Fatima BU, Marshall S, Harjot P, Aminah B, Harman K, Corey G, Sadiyah P, Safeela H **(9A-Go1)**

Aseel D, Holly G, Jograj S, **(9B-Go1)**

Lizzie P, Ahad A, Steareen A **(9B-Go3)**

Mrs Redding would like to congratulate the following pupils for their excellent efforts over the last week:

Jashandeep S 9AGg2: I would like to award Jashandeep my star of the week for his outstanding work and concentration in class today, and for taking the time and care to produce excellent results. He is always such a pleasure to teach...Happy Friday!

Michael W 10Z Gg: Michael is so deserving of my Star of the week, following another great week in Geography! He is a fantastic role model and his passion for learning must be congratulated. I was so impressed by the speed and accuracy that he completed the set task and how he fully embraced the revision exercise...always such a pleasure to teach!! Happy Friday!

Lewis S 10Z Gg: Lewis is so deserving of my Star of the week, following another great week in Geography! His passion for learning is much to be admired and I would like to congratulate him on his great work today, together with his enthusiasm to complete the additional revision task. Such a wonderful Geographer...well done Lewis.

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Mrs Redding adds “The boys have smashed it this week!! As always, I will also make a 'Happy Friday' call to parents to pass on my congratulations”.

Business Studies Success

Mr Hughes wants to say congratulations and well done to the following students. He said ‘Special mention to my year 11 Business Studies students who have stuck doggedly to the TAG assessment tasks, despite finding a lot of the concepts and terminology difficult - shout out especially to *Adam M, Jay K, Harkaran S, Lovepreet S, Rahees U, Sara H, Priya J, Lina P, Rohan K and Nicola M*. Sometimes learning business is like learning a whole new language but the tenacity and of these students has been great.’

Well done everyone, we are very proud of you.

MFL Success

Mr Milner, Mrs Nielsen, Mr Day, Mrs Sagoo and Mr. Gamboli are all really impressed with the way, in which all KS3 classes have completed their fact quizzes.

A massive 'well done' to year 10 MFL pupils for setting up thislanguage.com accounts, using your revision guides and working in class.

Year 11, we are really pleased with the way in which you have persistently handed in evidence especially Millie H, Julietta G, Riya R, Alima H, Kiya R, Kai M, Kyan P and Avneet K.

Year 10 Success

Mr Day wants to say well done to the following Year 10 students. Although he is exceptionally proud of everyone, he said ‘Year 10 had their 'assembly' today.

The following students received voucher(s) **and** an Easter egg. Ella D, Prince OB, Tyler G, Sian G, Gurleen K, Jack F, Jack DW, Letisha D, Alishba S, Surpreet K, Jaskiran K, Harkeeret H, Luke NL, Leah E, Sallimata N.

Yaicika K, Jaskiran S, Vivian O, Nika A and Jovan M an Easter egg.
And the following received subject recognition prizes.

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English – Jaskiran S/ Prince B/ Ella D

Maths – Oliwia M/ Faith K

Science – Jai D/ Prince B

Business Studies – Eva M/ Ella D

Art – Isabell D/Ella D

Geography – Olivia A / Lewis S

French – Leah E / Rashmeet K

German – Harkeeret H / Gurleen K

P.E. – Mohammed I / Alicia WL

Music – Michael W/ Leah E

Child Development – Simran H/ Rashmeet K Creative i-Media – Yara S Prince B/ Edgars U

Health and Social Care – Honah I/ Sian G

Design and Innovation – Yara S/ Mohammed I

Design and Technology – Kamal P/ Jai D

Dance – Abi S/ Olivia A

ESOL – Laiba Z / Gurmeen S

Food Technology – Morgan OS/ Yaicika K

Hospitality and Catering – Korey J/ Sallimata N

Well done everyone we are so proud of you all 😊

Wellbeing Success

Sixteen members of staff have given up their own time to complete a Mental Health First Aid Youth course over the last 4 weeks. This will be used to further support our students. This shows great commitment to our students' wellbeing. Well done everyone.

Music Success

A big well done from Mrs Bell to all year 7's who have taken part in the singing workshops. We have had an amazing take-up and look forward to continuing this good work after Easter!

Also, a special mention to our year 8 and 9 choir students - Miss Hayward said "the sound they are producing is amazing!"

GCSE success

Year 10 - Well done to Leah E, Faith K, Michael W, Oliver G, Rahat Z and Manmol S for their hard work and effort in their compositions. Your hard work is paying off.

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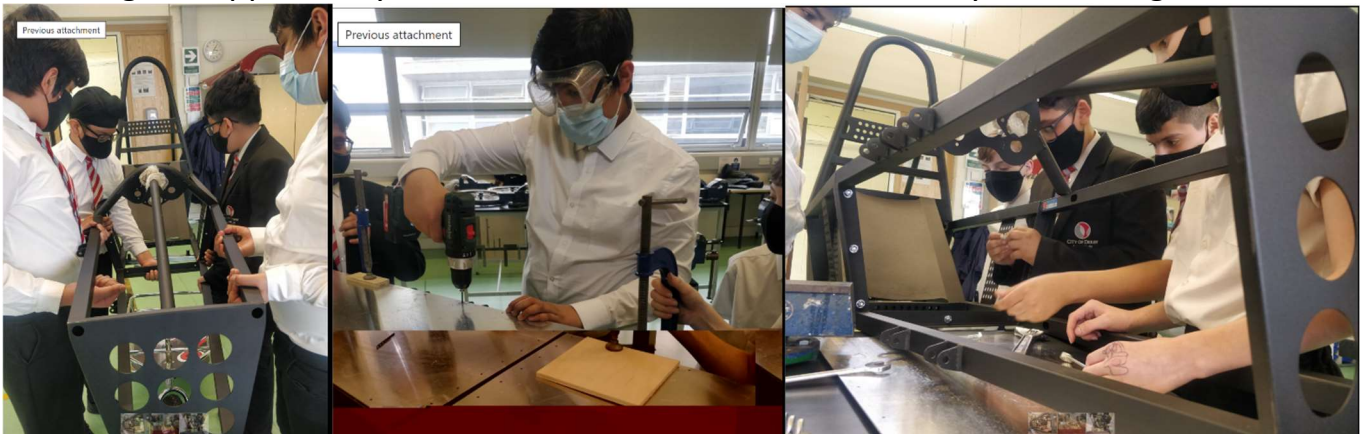


Year 11 - Mrs Willatt would like to say a big well done to Jamie R, Marianna K, Nela P and Iveta who have worked hard and shown commitment and determination. Also a big well done to Sameel A for reading his exam question answer to the class and trying really hard in exam questions.

Design and Innovation Success

Mr Green wants had his first Green Power session this week. He said "I am delighted that we have started work our entry in the Greenpower series to build a battery powered endurance racer. Our team of students will build, setup and then race the car at tracks around the UK for years to come. It is a wonderful introduction into the world of Engineering that I hope will act as a real focal point for STEM at CODA. "

What a great opportunity and I wish them all the best when they start racing the cars.



English Success

Miss Duke, wants to say well done to the following students. She said 'I wondered if you could mention my Y10 English group -10EN1. They have done amazing in a Language Mock exam we have done this half term and have been worked so hard throughout lockdown too. I am really proud of them! Ella D, Giya S, Michael W, Jovan M mock exams were exceptional (Ella achieved a Grade 9).

Please could you also mention my Y11 English Group. They are 11EN3. They have been trying so hard in all English lessons since returning to school and have been producing some brilliant assessment responses. Muskan S has continued to produce amazing work. She is such a hard-working student and is a credit to the school. '

Great work everyone.

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Class Charts Top Scorers

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

This was only three days this week as well!!

Year 11 – Aronis F (281), Dylan K (187), Ervin M (181)

Year 10 – Michela B (255), Lewis S (205), Paige R (188)

Year 9 – Gurleen K 9LR (179), Paige D (174), Jashandeep S (159)

Year 8 – Layla RB (205), Riya S (193), Jasmeet S (184)

Year 7 – Mohammed H (145), Abel B (143), Jasmine S (139)

Overall

First - Chater K and Ranadeep K (394)

Second - Mirela V (382)

Third - Harman K (371)

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

Year 11 – Vinjeru M (255), Rameen Z (252), Emma W (250)

Year 10 – Sian G (249), Kacie M (244), Alishba S (233)

Year 9 – Jasmine D (314), Jessica R (309), Paige D (289)

Year 8 – Riya S (402), Jasleen K (322), Edward E (317)

Year 7 – Summer K (279), Jasmine S (260), Sydney K (247)

Overall

First - Riya S (402)

Second - Jasleen K (322)

Third - Edward E (317)