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Headteacher's Blog Week Commencing 26th April 2021

I hope that everyone had a relaxing break over the Easter period. I cannot believe it has already been two weeks since we have returned. Time flies when you are having fun! Upon the return from Easter, 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 selecting what activity they have qualified, for the next activities day. 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.

Golden Badge Success

Well done to Harkeet B in Year 7 who has achieved over 6000 class charts points. Well done Harkeet you are an absolute super star.

Easter School Success Year 11

Mr Cholerton wants to say a huge well done to all of the Year 11 students who accessed our Easter school. In one of the sessions there were over 30 students accessing a poetry session. Well done everyone, I am sure your dedication will pay off in your TAG.

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Numeracy Challenge

Well done to all of the from groups that are taking part in CODAs form time numeracy competition. Last week's solution and this week's puzzle are below.

Form time numeracy

Email your solutions to tbirkinshaw@cityofderbyacademy.org
 CC points awarded!



"How much are the apples?", Granny Smith asked.
"The first apple costs 52p, the second 51p, and so on", replied the greengrocer. "Each apple will cost you a penny less than the previous apple."

Granny Smith spent £10 on apples.
How many did she buy?

Find this problem on Teams

Challenge 5 – Granny Smiths

Form time numeracy

Solution

1 2 3 4 5 6 7
30 31 32 33 34 35 36

Pair off the red and blue numbers, so that each blue number is divisible by the red number that it is paired with.

Now divide each blue number by the red number that it is paired with.

What is the total when you add together your answers?

Answer = 84

The only way to pair off the red and blue numbers so each blue number is paired with a red number that it is divisible by is as shown below.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7
↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓
31 34 33 32 30 36 35

When the blue numbers are divided by the corresponding red numbers we obtain

$$\frac{31}{1} + \frac{34}{2} + \frac{33}{3} + \frac{32}{4} + \frac{30}{5} + \frac{36}{6} + \frac{35}{7} = 31 + 17 + 11 + 8 + 6 + 6 + 5 = 84.$$

Challenge 4 – Division Pairs

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Connect and Forest School Success

Mrs Taylor wants to say well done to her Year 8 Ignite class. They have performed brilliantly with the Forest schools curriculum this term. She said 'I just wanted to let you know year 8 had a great lesson yesterday. They were responsive and engaged. A special mention to Dominic who put the Gazebo up on his own. He did an amazing job'. Well done everyone.

In addition, the whole of the Connect team want to say well done to Ryan S. He has been a superstar since Easter. Well done Ryan, we are really proud of you.

PE Success

Well done to the whole of CODA. CODA came third in the city virtual games during the last Lockdown. Ms Kahut said 'just writing to give you an update regarding our virtual challenges ,and also to launch the Derby virtual Sportshall athletics competition. **Virtual Challenge Results** Firstly, thank you to all the schools who participated in our virtual challenges on Playwaze last term. The top 3 schools were:

1. **Derby High School**
2. **Allestree Woodlands School**
3. **City of Derby Academy'**

Well done everyone, we are very proud of you.

Netball Success

This week witnessed girls and boys playing netball against each other. Miss Bulloch said 'Something that can be added to the blog and the newsletter. I've also attached a picture of the Y10 game.

Girls V Boys Netball matches took place last week with teams from Y7 and Y10 competing afterschool. The students who took part were amazing and played their best! Well done to them all. Y7 boys won 5-1 and the Y10 boys won 6-2. Some very good netball from both teams!'

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EAL Success

Mrs Walker Smith and Mrs Zahid want to say well done to the following students. They said 'The Year 11 EAL group are taking their Entry Level 1 ESOL exams this week in Reading, Writing and Speaking & Listening.

I would like to congratulate them on their attitude and commitment not only during the exams, but also to their learning over the past two years.

I am so proud of them!!!!

They are:

Mohammed A, Syed A, Akmal C, Mahedin G, Ali H, Kirandeep K, Yutelson M, Kristaps P, Nikola P, Zahra S, Morad S, Dawid S, Rameen Z.

They should be proud of themselves.'

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Learning Performance Success

Mr Meehan wants to thank the following people for the excellence this week. He said 'Please congratulate any of your tutees who took part in the workshops today. They engaged with it really well and were a credit to our school. Their evaluation forms suggest that they got a lot out of it as well, so a successful event all round. The next one is on the 26th of May, but I'll send reminders nearer the time.'

MFL Success

Mr. Milner would like to say a massive 'Gut gemacht/ Well done!' to all our year 11 Panjabi, Italian and Spanish speakers, who stayed behind last week after school and really impressed him with their spoken work. Ms Ark and Mrs Botinelli loved your work.

Year 11- you are doing amazingly well with your evidence collection, keep it up!

Mrs. Nielsen would like to congratulate the following year 8 pupils for their great work - Muskaan R, Riya R, Riley H, Marcel W, Finn K

Mr. Day would like to praise the following students for their continued, excellent work- Jaswinder K, Shakina S, Marshall S and Corey Greener - yr. 9. Ruby Davey, Julia G and Anastasia H- yr. 8.

Music Success

Miss Bell wants to say well done to the following students. She said 'Just a few special mentions for your next blog.

7RT took part in a special singing skills workshop on Thursday 29th April. They whole class did extremely well and surpassed all expectations. The singing was so uplifting and the whole group should be very proud of themselves. A big well done from both myself, and Miss Haywood.

Dominik K has been coming to music during his lunch time to practice music on the piano, guitar, and voice. He has been exceptionally polite and his excellent behaviour deserves special mention! Well done, Dominik!

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Mental Health Success

A special well done to Amber A. She has produced an amazing presentation on mental health which I have included below. Well done Amber, I am very proud of you.

How to Avoid Committing suicide Or self harming

- If you are having suicidal thoughts or feelings, you should try and get some help immediate probably from a mental health professional. If you're reading this and you feel like doing something silly to yourself just think to yourself about the people you would be leaving behind. If you don't have anyone then just think, I could be making some thing of my life. I shouldn't end things like this.. You're already taking the first step towards healing by reading this for help. The next step is to find a person to help you. It could be online? A neighbor? Family/friend? There is always help.. Your not alone!!!

Where to get help

- If you're using a help line for support and still want to die or hurt your self, tell the help line so they can give you advice. If you're using a help line, call an ambulance or a person you trust and tell them that you want to kill yourself. Ask them to help you get to a hospital, or go there directly yourself. Or try and get someone to drive you, I wouldn't advise you to travel on your own.

Coping Mechanisms

Things you could try to distract you're self:

- Meditate
- Yoga
- Talk to one of your friends
- Get some sleep
- Remind yourself about all of the good things in life
- Don't go on social media

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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 – Akmal CP (165), Mohammed Akram A (155), Nathan S (155)

Year 10 – Gurleen K (350), Lewis S (288), Michela B (281)

Year 9 – Gurleen K 9LR (257), Paige D (221), Jasmine D (213)

Year 8 – Mehardeep S (319), Taranvir S (316), Layla RB (314)

Year 7 – Summer K (273), Abel B (270), Arshpreet K (267)

Overall

First - Gurleen K (350)
Second - Mehardeep S (319)
Third - Taranvir S (316)

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

Year 11 – Vinjeru M (181), Kiya R (158), Emma W (151)

Year 10 – Ella D (213), Olivia A (212), Michael W (206)

Year 9 – Amanpreet K (233), Arshmeet S (201), Safeela H (195)

Year 8 – Jasleen K (170), Chater K (170), Jasmeet S (170)

Year 7 – Summer K (188), Jasmine S (154), Banipreet R (143)

Overall

First - Amanpreet K (233)
Second - Ella D (213)
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