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Headteacher's Fortnightly Blog 12th July 2021

Where has the year gone? But what a great year it has been. As we all progress into a well-deserved summer break, I hope that you enjoy the 6 weeks holiday. The past 17 months has been exceptionally tough on us all, but I am delighted with CODA and our community.

Although from July the 19th some restrictions have been lifted in the wider community, we will maintain our virological etiquette at CODA for the last week.

When we return in September, I will be asking all students to participate in lateral flow testing to keep us all safe. I will send a separate letter detailing what these plans will be.

I am impressed by the excellence and positivity of our students, particularly those students have had a fantastic time on Activity Day 3. It was brilliant day and a reward for the students who have been consistently meeting our 3R expectations throughout the whole year.

My blog is a testimony to our ongoing excellence and is full of just some of our 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.

Forest School Success

Miss Barker wants to say well done to the Year 7 students who attend our forest school. She said 'I have attached some pictures of the year 7's doing forest school. All the students have been getting 'stuck in' (literally!) the last few lessons. They have been very sensible and have been engaged during lessons, working together successfully throughout.

I was hoping you could include them in the newsletter at some point. They did specifically ask to 'be on TV in the bistro' '

Well done to Sara B, Marek C, Max H, Jessica H, Dzeremi J, Timea K, David M, Lubos M, Timea P.

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Year 7 Success

Miss Mitchell wants to say thank you and well done to the whole of 7RT. She said 'Just thought I would drop an email and ask whether 7RT could be put into the headteachers blog. They have made my final week at CoDA and my final week training to be extremely special and meaningful. They have made me some really beautiful cards also!

Can I add a special thanks to the choir and their teachers as well for putting on a beautiful performance for me, it honestly bought me to tears and was stunning.'

Well done 7RT, we are incredibly proud of you.

Cadet Success

Our cadets go from strength to strength. The last two weeks have been very busy with lots of successes. Last week whilst on operations Lt Lewis contacted me to say

'I have recently spent a few days helping out with your CCF contingent and they have been on such good form that I thought I should write to let you know:
I saw cadets give up an entire Sunday to learn several complicated drills - and stay motivated all day long. I saw cadets complete command tasks that they had deemed "impossible" just 30 minutes earlier - conquering their fears of heights along the way. I saw a cadet revising pages of handwritten notes over his lunch break, to ensure he could pass his weapons handling test -

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which, of course, he did. Most importantly, I saw a group of young people displaying resilience, ambition and teamwork.

I have been thoroughly impressed this week and you (and Mr Timmins) should be very proud of your cadets.'

Well done everyone, we are so proud of you.

Food Technology Success

Mrs Holden wants to say well done to her Year 10 food technology group. She said 'The year 10 food preparation and nutrition students did an amazing job of their two hour practice assessment this week. They all produced homemade buns (including some brioche) and burgers, with about half of them also producing homemade chips in the time available. This was a fabulous opportunity for them to practice cooking and preparing more than one product at a time.

A selection of the outcomes are pictured below.



The students involved were Aneurin A, Danila B, Emmanuel I, Nehemie I, Silvie J, Marek M, Morgan OS, Parmjit P, Ethan R, Gurmeen S, Gladis S, Ali S, Shannon T and Mackenzie U.'

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Activity Day Success

Well done to all of our students who qualified for AD3. Mr Cholerton led the trip to Drayton Manor and his comments at the end of the day were so special. He said

'I have genuinely just experienced one of my best days at CoDA. I'm so proud of the 400 pupils and staff who attended the trip. From registering all the pupils in the sports hall at the start of the day to returning on the coaches, the pupils were amazing. I've never seen so many smiling CoDA faces and it was a pleasure to organise a trip for such amazing children. I was particularly touched with how nice and supportive the pupils were of each other from different year groups which outlines what a lovely community of children we have. The relationships that were formed between pupils were amazing. On Storm Force 10, I had pupils from 3 different year group on my ride and it was lovely to see them having fun together and encouraging each other. There was no complaining from any pupils and they did exactly what we expected of them. I'm sure staff have many great photographs, but here's a few that captured the day...yes that is one of our pupils in that dinosaur outfit! I just want to say thank you and well done to all of the pupils and staff. It's been amazing to experience the day with them.'



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Mathematics Success

Maths Circles

I am very proud to mention in this blog the students and staff who have been part of the Maths Circles group this term over 10 after-school sessions. I would like to thank the staff - Miss Willatt, Mr Williams and Miss Williams who have supported this, giving up their time to attend the tutorials and work with the pupils in the sessions.

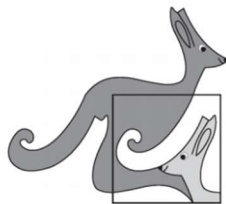
Our fantastic regular Maths Circles students this term are...

Year 7: Mohammad, Bilal, Lerayah, Kayla, Mateusz, Charan, Izzy-Lou, Matilda

Year 8: Leyla, Jasleen, Mehardeep, Ishkaran

Well done to everyone and I am excited to say that this project is expected to continue in the new school year from September.

Junior Kangaroo



Following on from the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge, **Mehardeep** in year 8 qualified to take part in the Junior Kangaroo. He can be very proud of his achievements in this with a great score!

Form Time Numeracy

Numeracy points on Class Charts were awarded to pupils having a go at the tutor time puzzles. The top scoring tutor groups, with special congratulation to 9LR as the overall winners (now proud owners of maths star pencils!), are:

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Tutor Group	Numeracy Points per pupil	
9LR	93	Overall winner and best in Yr 9
9EB	68	2nd Place
9HL	50	3rd Place
10LW	47	Best in Yr 10
7AO	35	Best in Yr 7
8PW	17	Best in Yr 8

Form time numeracy

In these calculations, letters a, b and c stand for a digit, which might be zero

The 'stars' stand for other unknown digits.

What digit could a, b or c be in each calculation? (it could be more than one)

$$\begin{array}{r} \star \star a \\ \times \quad \quad 7 \\ \hline \star \star \star 2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \star \star b \\ \times \quad \quad 6 \\ \hline \star \star \star 8 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \star \star c \\ \times \quad \quad 5 \\ \hline \star \star \star 5 \end{array}$$

Email your solutions to tbirkinshaw@cityofderbyacademy.org

Challenge 7 – Missing digits

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Derby Scholar Success

The following students have been invited to attend the Derby Scholars non-residential summer school at Derby University:

Aleksandra G, Harkeeret H, Michela B, Gurleen K, Giya S, Tyler G, Nika A

This will be a good opportunity for our students to learn about life at university. They will get to meet current university students and attend several workshops etc. organised by the university.

Attendance Success

This week we have been running additional attendance rewards for those students who have achieved 95% attendance or better. All students who achieved were entered into a prize draw for an iPad. The lucky winners were: -

Year 10 – Abi S

Year 9 - TBC

Year 8 – TBC

Year 7 - TBC

Extra iPad for those students with 100% attendance - TBC



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Class Charts Top Scorers

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

Year 10 – Lewis S (196), Leah S (186), Ella D (185)

Year 9 – Georgian S (287), Gurleen K (254), McKenzie R (251)

Year 8 – Halimah S (284), William M (248), Millen W (232)

Year 7 – Kayla C (248), Max H (240), Lerayah W (218)

Overall

First - Georgian S (287)
Second - Halimah S (284)
Third - Gurleen K (254)

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

Year 10 – Karan K (213), Harkeeret H (207), Gurleen K (207)

Year 9 – Muhammad S (289), Steareen A (276), Ahad A (276), Hilda A (276)

Year 8 – Chater K (159), Riley H (153), Danis B (148)

Year 7 – Hanna B, Amaia R, Deanna S (202)

Overall

First - Muhammad S (289)
Second - Steareen A, Ahad A, Hilda A (276)
Third - Karan K (213)

The following students will receive 20 points for being amazing and having 100% attendance.



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YEAR 7		YEAR 8		YEAR 9		YEAR 10		YEAR 11	
A	Divjot	B	Hanna	B	Sara	A	Joyce Acheampongmaa	A	Raeanna
B	Simran	B	Danis	D	Paige	A	Aneruin	B	Joshveer Singh
B	Urszula	B	Subhan	D	Charlotte	B	Michela	B	Sandra
B	Vanesa	B	Courtney	D	Tanya	D	Kylie	B	Samuel
B	Sebastian	B	Matilda	H	Abigayle	D-W	Jack	B	Jake
B	Finnian	C	Izzy-lou	H	Callum	D	Tanisha	B	Paris
C	Kayla	D	Justin	J	Sienna-Mai	G	Sian	B	Keisha
C-S	Leo	D	Conor	K	Gurleen	G	Aleksandra	C	Nathan
D	Harmani	E	Kobe	K	Harman	G	Oliver	C	Dusan
D	Sukhman	E	Ted	K	Harpreet	H	Dylan	D	Abby
G G	Ramondeep	E	Arsenii	K	Jaswinder	I	Emmanuel	D-M	Alex
K	Arshpreet	F	Hayden	K	Parmeet	I	Nehemie	D	Alexandra
K	Harleen	F-C	Lewis	K	Ramandeep	J	Toms	G	Nekeesha
M	Tyler	G G	Sukhmandeep	K	Christian	J	Silvie	H	Natasha
P	Natasha	G G	Jagveer	K	Juliana	K	Gurveer	H	Craig
P M	Megina	H	Riley	M	Fletcher	K	Gurleen	H	Georgia
R	Banipreet	H	Manraj	M	Archie	K	Tadisashe Faith	I	Danut
R	Jake	K	Jasleen	P	Prudence	M	Jovan	J	Priya
R	Ebaney	K	Diana	R	Sajan Singh	O	Amarachi	J	Pyush
R	Amaia	M	Manpreet Singh	R	McKenzie	P	Keira	K	Avneet
S	Mattin	M	Helena	R	Phoebe	P	Parmjit	K	Gagandeep
S	Harkeerat	M	William	S	George	P	Eddie	K	Gurleen
S	Nicola	N	Jaya	S	Marshall	R	Saher	K	Kirandeep
S	Tamika	N	Jacob	S	Arshmeet	R	Paige	K	Amit
S	Gurpeet	Q	Rio	S	Jashandeep	S	Giya	K	Rohan
S	Jasdeep	R	Bhavanjeet	S	Jaskirat	S	Leah	L	Igor
S	Simrat	R-B	Layla	S	Navdeep	S	Anshika	M	Nikola
S	Yuvraj	S-B	Eman	S	Paramraj	S	Gurditt	M	Jugraj Singh
S K	Ranyot	S	Jasmeet	S	Prince	S	Jaskiran	M	Sukhmanpreet Kaur
S	Sienna	S	Anshpreet	S	Ethan	S	Jaspreet	M	Lewis
S	Izabela	S	Charan	W	Jayden	S	Jowan	M	Alyssa
S-H	Aydan	S	Janbaz	W	Dean	S	Manmol	M	Vinjeru
T	Baldeep	S	Lovejot	Z	Minahil	S	Sahilpreet	M	Lewis
T	Radek	S	Olivia			S	Piotr	M	Freya
W	Isabelle	S	Leyland			S	Abigail	M	Kai
Y	Aaron	S	Kevin			S	Nikit	N	Balraj
Z	Kashaf	T	Bethany			T	Paramveer	P	Inder
		V	Mirela			U	Edgars	P	Alfie
		W	Millen			W	Michael	P	Samuel
		W	Liam					P	Kyan
								P	Neena
								R	Vikrant
								R	Kartik
								R	Jenson
								S	Muskan
								S	Khushi
								S	Karina
								S	Amritpal
								S	Arashpreet
								S	Gurjot
								S	Prabhjeet Kaur
								S	Sumit Bhela
								S	Nathan
								S	Ashmit Mall
								T	Rhea
								W	Bailey

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