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## Headteacher's Fortnightly Blog Week Commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022

I hope that everyone managed to have a great Easter break. We are already two weeks into the term and my blog showcases so many wonderful things that have taken place at CODA. I am proud with our school community and our desire to instil the school vision of 'improving the life chances for all students'.

I am delighted to include some of the wonderful snapshots of excellence that have taken place over the last two school weeks.

As a reminder, any student who gets a mention in my blog, gets awarded 20 additional Classcharts points.

### Headteacher Awards

I have to start off by saying a huge well done to Lerayah W in Year 8. Lerayah is only the second student in our school to achieve the Gold Award!! This is an amazing achievement, and I know that Lerayah wants to be the first student to gain a platinum award. Amazing Lerayah, well done!!



In addition to Lerayah, I want to say a huge well done to Ekampreet K in Year 7 and Charan S in Year 9 who have both achieved 80 additional positive comments in their pledge passports. This is a fantastic achievement and shows that Ekampreet and Charan are both super stars! They will now receive an additional 100 points from me. Well done Ekampreet and Charan.

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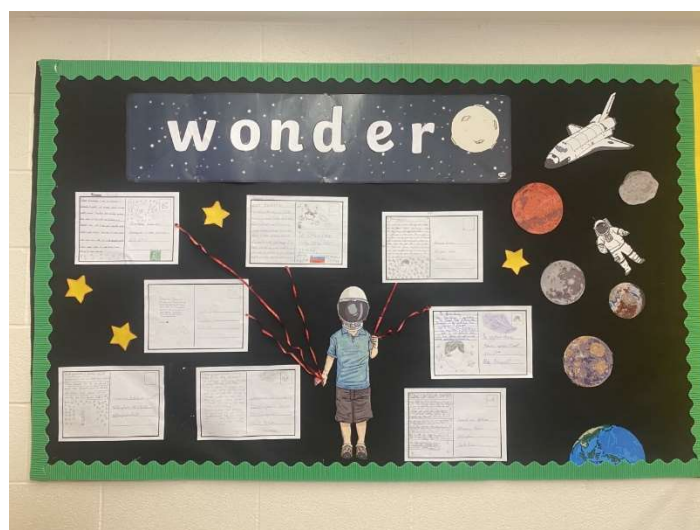


Recently we have been celebrating Easter and Ramadan. A big thank you to Mrs Johal who has been supporting the education of these events with her wonderful displays.



## EAL Success

Miss Davies wants to showcase the work that her students have been creating. She said 'would just like to showcase some of my students work on our book of the term 'Wonder'. Students have really engaged with the story and have created some amazing post cards to August's grandmother.' Well done everyone, this is amazing!



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## Football Success

Well done to our Year 11 footballers. They beat Da Vinci academy in the divisional play off to be crowned champions. Well done boys we are extremely proud of you.

The team was made up of Warren, Thomas, Oliver, Piotr, Mojeed, Hassan, Ryan, Riley, Chris, Jovan, Sahilpreet, Luke, Basil, Nehemie, Bo.

## Netball Success

Well done to our Year 8 Netball team. Miss Bulloch said 'Miss Bulloch is super proud of the Y8 netball team. They played in a Y9/Y10B tournament as their tournament is on activity day. They played amazingly against schools like Derby High, Chellaston and Da Vinci. I had two members of staff comment on how amazing and friendly our girls we're which made me very proud. The students are: Douaa K, Jasmine S, Harmani D, Sukhdeep G, Hermonie P, Aminah B, Harnoor K and Lerayah W.'



Well done girls, we are all super proud of you.



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## **Dance Club Success!**

Miss Bulloch is super duper proud of the dance club. They have performed in two shows over this half-term. Firstly the celebration of dance where other primary and secondary schools danced in a show in front of an audience, which after so long was lovely to see. Secondly the Unite Performing Arts Show where we along with Derby Moor were the only schools there the rest of the show was filled with dance schools across the city. The students were extremely professional at both events and i'm so so proud of the way they have performed! Well done girls! Klara S, Beatrice M, Jahdey D, Saina S, Tia G, Leena A, Chinadirim E, Neve B and Abi S.



Well done girls, we are super proud of you!

## **Science Success**

Mrs Ryan wants to say well done to the following students. She said 'Mrs Ryan's 7B1 and 9A1 have been experimenting with acids and alkalis. Their challenge was to neutralise an acid or alkali and then to formulate solutions at different pH's to create a rainbow. The students managed to do far better than Mrs Ryan, she said 'trying to find pH 7 is quite tricky as you need to add less than a drop each time. I was quite impressed with how quickly the students did it. I was also loving the range of colours from making the solutions with different pH's, it takes a lot of precision to do this. Well done to all'.

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## Reading Success

Well done to all of our Bedrock Readers. Mr Meehan wants to a huge well done to the following students as they are top of the charts for reading.

See the latest Bedrock stats below:

8b/En2 were your top performing class and scored 3323 points.

This month, students made a 20% improvement overall.

10XB/Es made the most progress this month, with 313% improvement

Sara B scored 464 points - the most in the school!

Bahden Y made the most progress with 1283%.

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In addition, Miss McQuilton wants to say well done to her readers of the week, who are :-

- Syra S – 7JS, • Benjamin B – 7CB, • Muhammad R – 7MM, • Sara B – 8ZW, • Adetomiwa A – 8RT, • Amar S – 8EN, • Summer K – 8SE, • Emmanuela F – 9HD, • Sarlota L – 9TR, • Mariyah N – 10EB, • Callum H – 10JA, Syra S – 7JS, • Benjamin B – 7CB, • Muhammad R – 7MM, • Sara B – 8ZW, • Adetomiwa A – 8RT, • Amar S – 8EN, • Summer K – 8SE, • Emmanuela F – 9HD, • Sarlota L – 9TR, • Mariyah N – 10EB, • Callum H – 10JA, Liam B, Courtney B, Viktoria B, Moise K, Deanna, Jorga S, Max H, Jonathan M, Gemma G

**The school librarians have been incredible this week helping to get new books labelled and onto the shelves!**

## **Carnegie 2022!**

7 year 9 students have started Carnegie 2022, we have 8 amazing books to make our way through!

## **Library lessons!**

The year 7's have been making posters during their library lessons and the work has been fantastic!

## **Year 11 Talent**

Ayaz A in year 11 showed off his barbering talents recently. Ayaz spends a lot of time practising and asked if he could show us his skills in school. Here are a few photos demonstrating his talent. Well done Ayaz, amazing!!



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## Maths Success

Maths Circles sessions have been running throughout the year in the maths department after school on Wednesday's. We now have two groups, with Mr Omor and Miss Uddin leading the year 7s through block 1 whilst Mr. Birkinshaw and Mr Williams are working on block 2 with a group of year 8 and year 9 students.

The sessions are designed by the UK Maths Trust (UKMT) and give students the opportunity to explore problems in maths by trying things out and discussing ideas. They have been both rewarding and fun to be part of and it has been fantastic to have some many pupils taking part this term. Well done everyone and we will continue the programme in the summer term! The Maths Circles group students: Bhavandeep T, Ibrahim A, Matthew O, Lacey B, George B, Ramandeep T, Gabriel K, Daisy W, Muhammad T, Maheer S, Mateusz O, Kayla C, Ella W, Matilda B,



Well done everyone, we are very proud of you and good luck.

## **Intermediate Maths Challenge (Year 9 and Year 10)**

Earlier this term a number of our year 9 and year 10 mathematicians took part in the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge. Well done to all of the students that took part in the challenge session which was completed 'on-line'. I am delighted to say that the following students were



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rewarded for their efforts with certificates of 'colour'. The challenge questions are tough, and to be rewarded with a certificate really is something to be proud of!

## Year 10

Marty B (Bronze), Abdu D (Bronze), Corey G (Bronze), Sadiyah P (Silver), Navdeep S (Silver), Paramraj S (Silver - Best in School), Jaskirat S (Bronze), Jayden W (Bronze), Isabel W (Bronze).

## Year 9

Mehardeep S (Bronze - Joint Best in Year), Ishkaran S (Bronze - Joint Best in Year), Kevin S Bronze.

This is absolutely amazing, well done everyone 😊

## Activity Day 2

Before Easter over 800 students went on their well earned Activity Day. Fun was had by all and here are a few photos.





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## **Food Technology Success**

On Monday 7th April, the year 10 Food group had a demonstration and a question and answer session from the head chef and front of house manager from the Derby Museum of Making. The group conducted themselves very well and used the opportunity to ask questions about the industry. They were treated to a demonstration of portioning a chicken, preparing vegetables and some got hands on with spinning sugar. Well done to all involved!

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Well done everyone, this is amazing work.



## Modern Foreign Languages success

There's been a lot of great work going on again in the MFL department.

Year eight and year nine pupils have been using artwork to bring grammar to life, so we would like to say a big 'well done' to them.

Here are some examples of the work by Bethaniy, Jasleen and Phoebe in year nine.

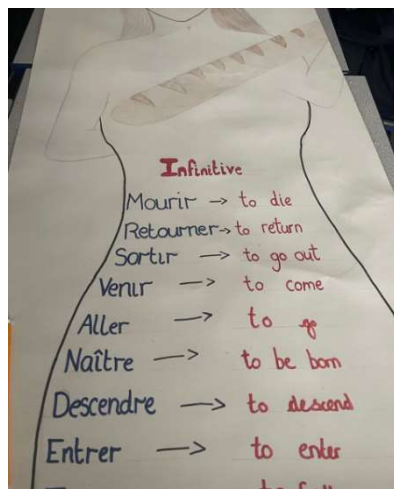
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In addition to that Miss Haveron wants to say well done to the following students. She said 'The class completed work for the Literature, Poetry and Song Competition at Nottingham University, and there's some names I would like to give a special commendation to;

Hajra B,  
Awais H,  
Viktorija B,  
Dusan G,  
Kaja G,  
Maja B,  
Tyler G,  
Dominik S,



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Reece D

They created a drawing/image based on the Spanish song 'dos oruguitas' from the film Encanto and learnt a little about how this relates to Colombia's political struggles.

Well done everyone, we are very proud of you.

## Year 10 Debating Success – Through to semi finals

**Last heat was debating against – space exploration a waste of time and money.**

Our team were brilliant and are pictured below at University of Derby Law School with their mentor from Derby Law School Andrew Wilson. Our team members were:

Sarah Z

Andrew G

Pawandeep S

Marshall S

Our team were due to take part in the semi-finals at the University of Derby Law School on 27th April but had to withdraw due to one of the team being taken ill.



Well done team, what an amazing achievement, we are very proud of you.

## Derby Scholars Visit to Oxford 26<sup>th</sup> April

Corpus Christi |   
College Oxford

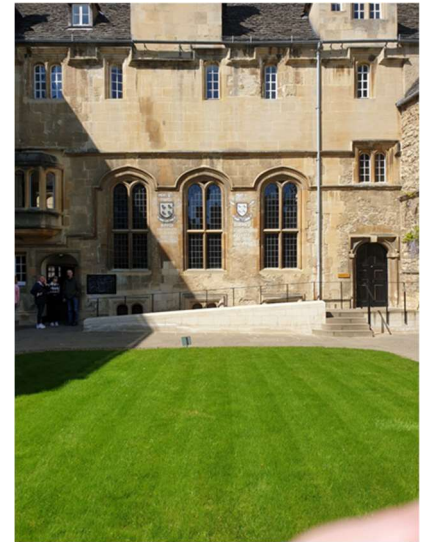
Year 9 Derby Scholars Students were invited to spend the day in Oxford.

Hosted by Corpus, the day involved tours of St Edmunds College and other University sites. Students had a tour around Oxford city centre too. Our students had a maths master class in the afternoon run by Dr Tom Fox.

Overall, this was a very inspirational day, which students thoroughly enjoyed.

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Well done to

Amisha B, Layla RB, Mehardeep S, Rio Q, Gemma G, Mohammed S, Hayden F and Chater K,  
Millen W, Marcel W, Riya S, Kevin S

## More PE Success

Mr Cholerton and Miss Bulloch want to say a huge wel done to the Year 11 PE group and the moderation day that they have just completed. They said 'Miss Bulloch and I feel they performed to the level we assessed them and some even better like Nehemie in football. I was really chuffed with the 3 dancers (Michela, Lily and Giya) because they had to perform an individual dance in front of 12 teachers and they really stepped up.

For some pupils like Gladis and Bo, they had to wait nearly 6 hours to do their sport (athletics) but our pupils finished in the top 2 in their respective races along with Chris and Morgan.' Well done everyone, we are very proud of you.

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

**Year 11** – Gurleen K (168), Alexandra D (134), Petros T (134)

**Year 10** – Erik H (262), Ethan S (247), Gurleen K (221)

**Year 9** – Hani H (317), Matilda B (296), Ella Louise W (288)

**Year 8** – Mateusz O (375), Mohammed A (327), Nicola S (307)

**Year 7** – Mahi H (604), Tina H (472), Bhavandeep T (397)

## Overall

**First** - Mahi H (604)

**Second** - Tina H (472)

**Third** - Bhavandeep T (397)

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

**Year 11** – James K (182), Bara K (148), Amrinder S (147)

**Year 10** – Ramandeep K (276), Jaswinder K (219), Ethan S (187)

**Year 9** – Charan S (342), Zane T (301), Mehardeep S (287)

**Year 8** – Mateusz O (433), Nicola S (381), Leo CS (330)



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**Year 7** –Bhavandeep T (501), Ramandeep T (335), Lee-James E (333)

## Overall

**First** - Bhavandeep S (501)  
**Second** - Mateusz O (433)  
**Third** - Nicola S (381)

## **Extra Rewards**

In addition, I would like to say a massive thank you and well done to all of the students who achieved 100% attendance. To be at school EVERY day for a whole year is phenomenal. Attendance is so important to learning and I will award an extra 20 points for those with 100% attendance.

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## 100% ATTENDANCE

YEAR 7		YEAR 8		YEAR 9		YEAR 10		YEAR 11	
E	Chinadirim	A	Ayokanmi	A	Francis	A	Mughtaba	B	Michela
G	Kayson	A	Ayotomiwa	B	Konika	D	Charlotte	D	Letisha
G	Kian	A	Divjot	B	Amisha	K	Harman	F	Oliver
G	Tia	B	Abel	D M	Rozh	K	Jaswinder	G	Ryan
H	Liam	C	Yasamin	E	Ted	K	Ramandeep	G	Sahil
J	Dmitri	H	Sana	F	Hayden	M	Archie	G	Kristyan
J	Tulisa	I	Dua	G	Aya	R	Juwiria	H	Harkeeret
K	Harneet	J	Amleena Kaur	G	Jagveer	S	Sarthak	K	Gurveer
K	Sukhmannat	K	Douaa	K	Sebastian	S	Jashandeep	O	Amarachi
K	Shah Meer Ali	K	Aleeza	L	Sebastian	W	Jayden	O	Vivian
K	Daniel	K	Harnoor	L	Sarah	W	Dean	P	Karol
L	Xuan	K	Bryar	M	Leeyah	W	Joshua	P	Eddie
M	Nellie	K	Bilal	M	Omar			R	Mohammed
M	Beatrise	K	Mohammad	N	Tia-May			S	Gurmeen
N	Angel	N	Amina	N	Hasiba			S	Yara
O	Sahra	P	Markuss	R-B	Layla			S	Jaskiran
R	Sarah	Q	Hadia	S	Kimran			S	Piotr
S	Jana	R	Abdul	S	Ishkaran			T	Paramveer
W	Sana	R	Deepanshu	W	Liam			W	Michael
Z	Javeira	R	Hadi						
		S	Nicola						
		S	Gurpeet						
		S	Jasmine						
		S	Tanpuneet						
		S	Yuvraj						
		S	Fatima						
		W	Kien						
		Z	Laiba						
		Z	Malaika						

