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## **Headteacher's Fortnightly Blog Week Commencing 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

This half term has already been very busy and I am proud of so many things. Not only have we reduced Covid restrictions; we have also had an Ofsted visit and we continue with our core purpose of educating the young people at CODA. I look forward to sharing the Ofsted report with the community when we have it.

Covid cases started to rise in some areas of the city, so I am encouraging us to maintain some elements of our virological etiquette in school. Completing regular Lateral Flow tests at home will help us reduce the spread.

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 Award**

I have to start off by saying a huge well done to Bhavandeep T in Year 7. He is the first pupil in the school to achieve the Gold Award!! He has received the Head Teacher's Award and gold star badge. This is an amazing achievement, well done Bhavandeep.



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## **Geography Success**

Mr Barker wishes to thank the following students in Geography for their excellent efforts in the recent Natural Hazards end of unit assessments:

Year 7 - Sahra O, Jahdey D, Ramandeep T, Kai P

Year 8 - Allana C, Connor M, Danius P, Naina S, Jasmine S,

Year 9 - Rio Q, Leyla R, Riya S, Taranvir S, Kevin S

Mrs Redding offers praise for several hard-working students:

“The following students always amaze me with their outstanding work, effort for learning and all are making excellent progress in class. I would like to personally thank them all for helping to brighten my classroom with their endless enthusiasm...such a joy!”

Jessica D, Lacey B, Jake B, Malad S, Sana K, Elliot S, Matthew O, Bhavandeep T, Abdulkadir J

Amar S, Simrat S, Ramondeep GG, Ella H  
Ted E, Gemma G, Olivia S, Seher M, Lovejot S

Gurleen K, Micheal W, Lewis S

## **Careers Success**

Year 9 Making Futures Trip – The Science of Safety: Inspections, Experiments and Careers in partnership with Rolls-Royce - Derby Museum of Making

The Museum of Making, in partnership with Rolls-Royce, invited a group of 30 our Year 9 students to take part in an interactive half-day session as part of British Science Week.

The workshops gave students a unique and exclusive insight into the fascinating world of Non-Destructive Testing (NDT) exploring how scientific principles including sound waves, capillary action, X-rays and electromagnetism are used in industry to keep jet engines and nuclear reactors safe.

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Students had the opportunity to take a closer look into the Rolls-Royce Trent 1000 aero engine suspended in the museum and engaged in a series of real-life experiments based on testing techniques designed to find imperfections in metals and ensure safety.

Students also heard from Rolls-Royce apprentices and industry specialists about their own career pathways with advice on how to get into NDT as a career.



## Technology and Business Success

Well done to this rotation of electronics in year 8. They have learnt about components in a circuit, soldered them to a PCB and used the laser cutter to manufacture their ideas drawn in CAD. Although 8a have all worked hard, there has to be special recognition for amazing work and/or resilience to Mason, Tomas, Zain, Amaia, Laiba, and Alina.

Great work, we are very proud of you.



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In addition to those, Mr Hughes wants to praise the following students. He said 'Pictured are Maryam Bi, Zoya Murtaz and Adekunle of year 8 holding the BBC Micro-bits that Mr Hughes presented to them.

After each technology rotation , the best 'programmers' with the Micro bit are given one to keep.

Maryam, Zoya and Adekunle showed great perseverance and tenacity in creating and executing some very difficult coding challenges. Well done to all three.

Remember, that after each Year 8 Computer Science, Micro-bits are up for grabs.'

*Well done everyone.*



## Modern Foreign Languages success

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

Our teachers have been really pleased with the way in which all pupils in year nine have been discussing the importance of languages and the vital role it could play in their future plans. We looked at Arsenal football club and Sylbo (the whistling language) and enjoyed some pain au chocolat and brioche.

Mrs. Sagoo would like to give a special mention to the following pupils for their excellent work/participation and effort in class at all times.

Y7 Spanish: Hajra B, Yashwin S    Y8 French: Connor L, Tamika S    Y9 French: Ella Louise W, Millen W

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Mrs Nielsen and Mr Day would like to give a massive 'bien fait' (well done) to the year 11 French group for their efforts in the recent French mock exam.

Mr. Milner would like to say 'gut gemacht' to year 11 German pupils for their attendance at the intervention sessions and for their performance in the mock exams, particularly in Listening- Ibi M, Gurveer K and Shamsher S, Speaking- Harkeeret H, and Writing- Luke C, Oli F, Gurleen K and Saad U-H



## Debating Success

Mrs Matthews wants to praise our wonderful debating team. She said 'Just to give you a bit of a run down as to how the competition went with our debating team. They were competing against Littleover. The subject was use of mobile phones in school. Our team were debating for this motion.

We were beaten by a "whisker" the judge's terminology not mine.

Our students were absolutely brilliant. I am so proud of them.

They presented their ideas well and produced some wonderful counter arguments.

All the judges said that the debate was of a "finals standard". They were as good as if they were competing in the final of the debating competition.

Our team were:

Andrew G, Pawandeep S, Marshall S, Sarah Z'

Well done, we are very proud of you.





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## EDT Year 8 Faraday Challenge 2022 – Derby University

A group of our Year 8 students were invited to take part in the EDT (Engineering Development Trust) Faraday Challenge. By taking part in the Faraday Challenge Day, students received an Industrial Cadets Challenger Award for completing hands-on problem solving and critical thinking activities. Industrial Cadets is run by the EDT and works with UK employers to create a talent pipeline and a future skilled workforce, whilst helping young people to develop the skills they need to enter industry with confidence.

Year 8 students had a fantastic day at Derby University where they had to design and manufacture an appliance that could be used by the NHS. All the teams had to do a presentation of their ideas to the judges. Other schools competing on the day were Derby Grammar School, Derby High School and Willam Allitt.

The students who took part in the challenge day were: Gabriel W, Alana C, Dainius P, Luqman R, Yusuf D, Romeo M, Maheer S, Dylan H, Amar S, Ranyot S, Mohammed H and Mohammed A. These students should be so proud of themselves as they performed exceptionally well in this challenge.



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## English Success

Mrs Cunningham would like to say well done to the following. She said 'Mrs Cunningham's year 8 English class (8A2) produced some excellent Shakespeare assessments - special mentions to Zara N (also star student of the week), Lerayah, Decosta, Alexa P, Keely W, Banipreet and Malaika'. Well done everyone, we are proud of you.

In addition, Miss Duke, wants to praise the following students. She said 'I am just wondering if you could mention the following students in your next head teacher's blog please?

Victoria K has been collecting donations from numerous people in the school to help people who have fled from Ukraine. Her passion and efforts to organise this is amazing. I am really proud of her.

Miley A has been working so hard in English and taking a real interest in our new topic, Oliver Twist. He has been researching the Victorian era and made an amazing poster all about Oliver. He is such a star!

Ella D has done so much work to prepare for the Y11 mocks. She has made extensive revision worksheets on each of the characters and themes for English literature. Her revision sheets are so good I have shared them around the English department for revision. Her dedication and efforts throughout KS4 are so impressive.'

Mr Meehan, wants to praise our Bedrock Reader stars too. They are

- Ishveer B scored 470 points - the most in the school.
- Mohammed H made the most progress: 455%

Well done everyone, we are very proud of you.

## Library Success

### **World Book Day**

On the 4<sup>th</sup> March CODA celebrated World Book Day!

We had some fantastic form time activities including writing a song, a shorty story and of course all entries will receive class charts points and be put into a raffle with the chance to

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win vouchers! Every student at CODA also received their voucher to claim their free book. The year 7's were extremely lucky and they were able to participate in a Macbeth Workshop! Mr Carney from *As Creatives* said the year 7's were absolutely fantastic and he hopes to come back one day!



## Miss McQuilton's stars of the week

Layla RB, Rio Q and Edward E have been so helpful this week as my student librarians. They make big jobs small and are polite and a pleasure to have in the library!

## Reading Rampage

14 students across year 7 and 8 have chosen to participate in Reading Rampage, a new national reading initiative. The students will have the opportunity to read up to 9 novels carefully selected. We will complete activities and choose our favourite at the end!

## Reader Leader

21 new year 9's have volunteered to become reader leaders! Our morning reading leader group is a huge success!

## Book buzz

Some of the book buzz books were so popular, the year 8 students asked Miss McQuilton to order more copies! The library now has 5 copies of each bookbuzz book in the library

## Readers of the week

Sanad S, Elle R, Kayla C, Wanitta M, Rhiannon M, Javeira Z, Kayd T, Roland S, La'tallie M, Sarlota L - x2!, Maylee A, Reece D, Jannat R, Aidan T, Farhan M, Zakir A, Sara B, Hani H



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## PE Success

Miss Bulloch is extremely proud of the Y7 netball team. They played in the netball tournament and we're a real credit to the school they showed respect and ready to achieve and succeed in beating Chellaston 1-0! In one of their matches. Well done to Khadajat I, Keren A, Kaja G, Saina S, Sophie D, Beatrise M, Jahdey D and Angel.



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

**Year 11** – Petros T (169), Alexandra D (161), Manmol S (161)

**Year 10** – Jaswinder K (249), Viktor K (191), Ramandeep K (172)

**Year 9** – Matilda B (360), Ella-Louise W (305), Emily W (256)

**Year 8** – Kayla C (377), Mateusz O (353), Fatima S (308)

**Year 7** – Lee-James E (549), Bhavandeep T (532), Yashwin S (517)

## Overall

**First** - Lee-James E (549)  
**Second** - Bhavandeep T (532)  
**Third** - Yashwin S (517)

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

**Year 11** – Tyler G (342), Gurleen K (317), Oliver G (300)

**Year 10** – Ethan S (249), Amanpreer K (239), Jaswinder K (237)

**Year 9** – Diana K (238), Mirela V (229), Abdullah M (228)

**Year 8** – Fatima S (354), Mateusz O (350), Kashaf Z (346)

**Year 7** – Muhammad Muzammi S (428), Bhavandeep T (420), Harja B (352)

## Overall

**First** - Muhammad Muzammi S (428)

**Second** - Bhavandeep T (420)

**Third** - Fatima S (354)

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## 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.

YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11
A Ibrahim	A Ayokanmi	A Haroon	A Hilda	B Prince
A H Tomas	A Ayotomiwa	A Francis	B Harry	B Michela
A Keren	A Soleen	B Konika	B Miran	D Letisha
B Jake	A Divjot	B Amisha	B Sara	F Oliver
B Harsimran	B Abel	D M Rozh	D Charlotte	G Ryan
E Chinadirim	E Mohammed	E Ted	F Mario-George	G Sahil
G Kyle	G Sukhdeep Saini	F Hayden	K Amanpreet	G Kristyan
G Kaja	H Sana	G Aya	K Gurleen	G Sian
G Kayson	J Amleena Kaur	G Jagveer	K Harman	H Harkeeret
G Kian	K Douaa	K Sebastian	K Harpreet	I Amina
G Tia	K Aleeza	K Jasleen	K Jaswinder	I Mojeed
H Liam	K Harnoor	L Sebastian	K Ramandeep	K Gurveer
J Dmitri	K Bryar	L Sarah	M Archie	M Urwa
J Tulisa	K Bilal	M Leeyah	P Jaskaran	O Amarachi
K Harneet	K Mohammad	M Omar	R Sajan Singh	O Vivian
K Shah Meer Ali	M Harry James	N Tia-May	R Juwiria	P Karol
K Daniel	M Selina	N Hasiba	R Zubda	P Eddie
L Xuan	N Amina	R-B Layla	S Muhammad	R Mohammed
L Mahi	P Markuss	S Kimran	S George	S Gurmeen
L Tina	P Dainius	S Ishkaran	S Sarthak	S Yara
M Nellie	Q Hadia	W Liam	S Jashandeep	S Amrinder
M Beatrise	R Abdul		W Jayden	S Anshika
N Angel	R Deepanshu		W Dean	S Jaskiran
O Sahra	R Hadi		W Joshua	S Piotr
R Sarah	S Nicola			T Paramveer
S Jana	S Gurpeet			U H Saad
S Eakam	S Jasmine			W Michael
S McKenna-Leigh	S Tanpuneet			
W Sana	S Yuvraj			
W Daniella	S Fatima			
Z Javeira	T Marwa			
	W Lerayah			
	W Kien			
	Z Laiba			
	Z Malaika			
	Z Kashaf			

