

4 October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a successful first four weeks of term. Senior Leaders visit lessons throughout the week and are delighted to see enthusiastic pupils thinking hard and working together to learn and apply new information. It has been a pleasure for us to hear from your children what they are learning. Please see examples of our pupils work and their achievements in this newsletter.



We continue to reward great Attitude to Learning. Please make sure you have downloaded the ClassCharts App so that you can check how well your child is working.

Examples of Art work





Science stars of the week:

Kaylen Charles Year 11

Hayden Wright Year 11

Lewis Curryer Year 10

Ella Martin Year 10

Nicholas Rempel Year 9

Johnny Turner Year 9

Reading at Wootton Upper School:

We are now in our second year of reading as year groups. Each Friday all our pupils read a book in their tutor groups. The books have been chosen with themes of resilience and overcoming adversity.

We know reading is very important for our pupils and our staff. Reading builds vocabulary, and improves literacy skills but also reading together can build a sense of community.

These are the books that each year group is reading:

Year 9: We Are All Made of Molecules – Susin Nielsen

Year 10: The Martian – Andy Weir

Year 11 Paper Towns – John Green

The English department also have a reading club, with all pupils welcome. This information is also being shared with pupils via their English teacher and by their Form Tutor.

Sports news from the PE department

After a long 18 months it is so pleasing and enjoyable to see our pupils back out training on the field after school, and representing the Trust across a variety of sports. Fixtures are coming thick and fast and we are already into our third week of competitive league games. So far, we have had success on the rugby field with the U16 boys securing a good 24-5 win over Sharnbrook, the Thursday training sessions clearly paying off as they prepare for the County Cup competition. The Y10 netball girls had a good 24-17 win against Mark Rutherford last Tuesday, and the Y11 girls lost out to Redborne 21-9 on Tuesday this week. The U15 football girls worked hard on Wednesday to come away with a deserved 1-1 draw at Mark Rutherford.

The Y11 football boys have turned up in huge numbers at training over the first 3 weeks of term (over 22 boys) and, under the tutelage of Mr Durcan and Mr Saunders, they look like they will be a real threat to the league which starts after half term.



Further golfing success – Connor Tallentire Year 10



Earlier this year Connor became the Bedfordshire Schools scratch Champion and Bedfordshire u16s County Champion 2021.

Connor has now been selected for the England Golf regional squad, one of only ten in the Eastern region.
Congratulations to Connor.

We always welcome hearing about our pupils' successes outside of school. Do make sure you keep us informed!

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Please can I ask that parents and carers regularly top up their child's accounts. This ensures they can buy food and drink in our canteen and café.

Open Afternoons

We welcomed many families to the school last week, for our Open Afternoons for Year 8 pupils. The event was a huge success, allowing families tours around classrooms to look at work before applying for places at Wootton Upper School next year. If you have a Year 8 age child and were unable to attend, please contact the school for a tour if you would like one.

I hope all our families are staying safe and well.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "CMCMORN".

Mrs McMorn

Head of School