

Principal's Blog

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YEAR 10 DUKE OF EDINBURGH LAUNCH



We are thrilled to announce the launch of the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award for our Y10 students. This prestigious initiative aims to empower young individuals, encouraging them to challenge themselves, develop new skills, and engage in community service. The Duke of Edinburgh Award is renowned worldwide for its commitment to fostering personal development and resilience in young people. Now, our students have the opportunity to embark on this enriching journey supported by their school. The Bronze Award is the first step in the Duke of Edinburgh journey and serves as a fantastic introduction to the program's ethos. Students will undertake activities in four key areas: volunteering, physical fitness, skills development, and an adventurous expedition. Through these activities, students will not only enhance their own abilities but also contribute positively to their community. At Freeston, we believe in providing our students with opportunities to grow beyond the classroom. The Duke of Edinburgh Award aligns perfectly with our push that students should develop essential life skills, build confidence, and make lasting memories. Stay tuned for updates as our students embark on this exciting adventure, and join us in celebrating their achievements along the way!

THE MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY

20 lucky students from year 7 & 8 were invited to a 'Mad Hatter's Tea Party' to celebrate their fantastic achievements in reading. They were also excited to receive a free book, as well as plenty of cake and sweets!



FOCUS ON STAYING SAFE AND POSITIVE WELLBEING

Supporting Bereavement

We will always try our best to support your child in the academy, however, external support is always hugely valuable to young people and families.

Winston's Wish is a charity that helps children, teenagers and young adults (up to the age of 25) find their feet when their worlds are turned upside down by grief.

WINSTON'S WISH WW

Giving hope to grieving children

Find out more here: <https://www.winstonswish.org/>

WORLD BOOK DAY

KS3 students and staff really did pull out all the stops for World Book Day this year! We had some brilliant costumes, plenty of prizes and even a few golden tickets given out which were creatively crafted by DT.

We had a whole host of characters promoting reading, such as, Willy Wonka and his Oompa Loompas, Cruella and her Dalmatians, Dorothy and her Oz friends, plenty of brilliant Harry Potter characters and even a few dinosaurs!

It was fantastic to see so many pupils and staff celebrating the importance of reading.



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