

Principal's Blog

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IN THE YORKSHIRE CUP FINAL - NOW IN TWO YEARS!

We are on a roll! Last week I updated you that Year 7 boys were in the Yorkshire Cup final, now the amazing Year 9 boys are also in their Yorkshire Cup final after a semi final win of Outwood Academy Freeston 42 - 12 Brooksbank

That means not one but two teams are now in the Yorkshire County Cup Rugby Final!

So proud of the boys. Big performance from everyone but Man of the Match was Jack with four tries, who as captain led the team tremendously.

SAFEGUARDING ASSEMBLIES - FOCUS ON SHARING INDECENT IMAGES

Years 7 to 10 have over the past two weeks had assemblies delivered by the Principal looking at youth produced sexual images. Students are now clear on what this is, what is illegal, how to get support and how to protect themselves and others now and in their future lives and careers.

Thank you to all students for their extremely sensible approach to these sessions. Further support for families can be found [here](#) by the NSPCC.



A FOCUS ON READING

Every year on World Book Day we are overwhelmed by the enthusiasm of our school community. On Thursday a huge number of staff and students in Key Stage 3 arrived dressed as a character from a book and could explain their character within the story.

It was wonderful to see characters from a huge range of genres and some very cryptic ones too.

Thank you to everyone who took part - you all looked amazing and we loved talking to you about the stories and characters you love.



Our monthly literacy and reading newsletter is now hot off the press and on our website [here](#).

YEAR 7 BRILLIANT CLUB GRADUATION

This year in the brilliant club we had a group of 14 students (7 Yr7s and 7 Yr8s) that undertook a series of tutorials from a current PhD researcher from the University of Sheffield. The theme of the tutorials was "Breaking the code, did maths win us the war?". The topic included a session on understanding complex maths on encryption and cryptography that was used by both the Allies and Axis in WW2. The topic has been made famous by the film about the life of Alan Turing and the breaking of the Enigma code which was fundamental in winning the war and saving lives.



The students all then wrote a 1500 word university style essay which was graded by our PhD researcher. All of our students passed the course and the highest grade was achieved by James Benn in Yr7 who scored an impressive 72%! (First class). Last week we ventured down to Sheffield University for a graduation event which included a tour of the university and all the students greatly enjoyed this opportunity.

From my conversations with the students it is clear they now all have much more of an idea about university and are very excited about the prospect of one day getting to go to a top class establishment.

If you'd like some advice about certain apps, want to know more about parental settings on devices/home internet or hear about useful resources and websites for parents and carers, then **please come along to hear more** *Scan the QR code to reserve your seats >*



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Date: 22nd March 2023
Time: 4:00 to 4:30pm
Venue: The Hub
Facilitator: Mr Clegg



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