# Principal's Blog

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#### STUDENT PRIME MINISTER

Before half term we had two excellent candidates who put themselves forward to be our Student Voice Prime Minister. Both students in the run up to the vote had the opportunity to visit tutor groups and explain what they were hoping to achieve if they were elected. Both students also created a short video to show to students before students voted for their next Student Voice Prime Minister. With just over 60% of the vote we have now elected Caitlyn Dunne as our Prime Minister. With lots of great ideas I am sure they will make a great Prime Minister and I cannot wait to see all the superb ideas put into action.



#### WHAT IS COOKING THIS WEEK?

There are some amazing cooking smells in the Design and Technology area so far this year. Students are honing their techniques and widening their experiences in the kitchen whilst learning skills for their future. It is wonderful to walk down the corridor to smell this deliciousness, then read the sign outside the classroom to confirm the menu before going in and seeing how amazing the food looks too.



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## STUDENT VOICE



As part of the Student Voice launch this year we asked students to come up with a design for the Student Voice Logo. We had some great entries and well over 15 personalised designs. This was then sent to all students to vote on their favourite during tutor time. With well over 50% of the vote was the winning design from Miruna in Y8. Her initial design was a hand drawn logo which she came up with herself. We have gone through the process of changing this to a digital image which we now hope to use to front our Student Voice team and create badges from the image.

#### YEAR II ASSESSMENTS

As part of our ongoing assessment of progress and ensuring that interventions are accurately applied where required our Year 11 students will from the 8th November have two weeks of assessments covering a range of subjects. They will be undertaken in exam conditions to prepare for next summer. Thank you for supporting your child to be punctual and give their very best.

#### **READING NEWSLETTER**

Our monthly reading newsletter is going from strength to strength. We hope you are enjoying reading this interesting and informative communication which comes out monthly and goes on our website and sent out via Guardian Summaries. Read our November edition on our website here.

#### **STAR READER TESTS YR 7-9**

We are continuing with our Accelerated Reader programme for Years 7, 8 and 9. Accelerated Reader gives teachers the information they need to monitor students' reading practice and make informed decisions to guide their future learning. The second STAR reading tests will take place in November, this will test and help us to assess students' reading ages and progress. This regular monitoring of reading ages allows earlier intervention and sets accurate targets to allow teachers to assist the development of key reading skills.