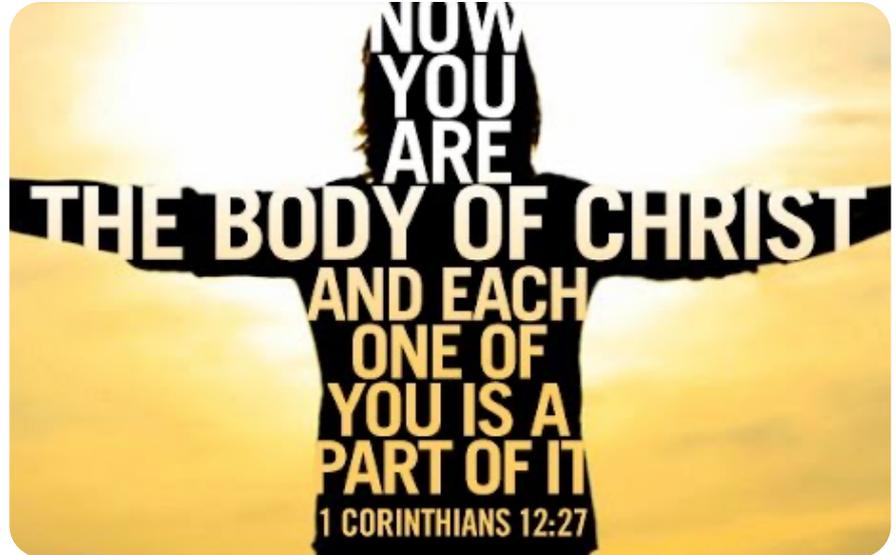


WELCOME

As this half-term speeds by, we are in the midst of one of my favourite times of year: cold autumnal days and warm evenings by the fire, as we look forwards to the festivities that we will soon begin celebrating in our schools, workplaces and homes as families and communities. The feeling of togetherness, celebration and warmth for one another has entrenched our school in recent weeks and is the strength of our pastoral system which you will hear more about in this edition of our newsletter.

In a short few weeks we have moved forwards at a rapid pace in terms of strengthening our school: from curriculum provision and a new daily structure to widening extra-curricular provision and improved facilities, much has been jam-packed into the first part of Autumn 02. I would like to thank you, our parent and carer community, for your support throughout and in particular in supporting with our focus on uniform and standards at the start of term.

I have been thrilled to see, hear and visit a number of clubs being offered by our dedicated staff to broaden the experiences of our young people. This is not just limited to the usual sporting clubs the school has had the fortune of experiencing over recent years, but has widened to Drama Club, Shakespeare Schools Festival, Art Club, KS3 Languages Club, Eco-Club, Chess Club and Reading Club to name but a few.



This week, we have also just celebrated our first Cultural Week: a vibrant and eclectic celebration of the rich diversity that lies within our school community. With thanks to our wonderful Sixth Form Student Leadership Team for leading such a joyous week.

Perhaps the most rewarding part of my week has been the introduction of our school-wide Friday morning 'Breakfast with Miss Raindi' where the student in each year group with the most ClassCharts points for etiquette is treated to a delicious breakfast and hot chocolate in my office. It has been marvellous to meet so many students this half-term who have been role-models of our new approach to positive Etiquette:

STEPS

- S** Sir/Miss
- T** Thank you
- E** Excuse Me
- P** Please
- S** Smile

As we head towards the final weeks of term, I would like to ask for your continued support to ensure that your child completes Homework in accordance with our school expectations. This includes using their knowledge organisers and self-quizzing books for each subject every week in addition to supplementary tasks set by the class teacher. Mrs Bates has written more to explain our expectations and the importance of high-quality homework to support your child's learning.

Please refer to the upcoming events page for further information on the activities taking place in the run up to the end of term. Please note that Friday 17th December will be a half day with school finishing at 1.30pm. We will write to you with a further update at the end of term but until then, enjoy the coming weeks of the most wonderful of seasons.

God Bless,
Miss G Raindi
Interim Head of School

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES & ENRICHMENT

Eco club, Chess, Book club, Religion in the Media, Music Technology, Drama club, Sports clubs, Languages club the list goes on!

Throughout the year, various clubs run during lunch time and after school - all students are welcome and it provides an ideal way of students mixing vertically throughout the school and learning new skills.

Here is just a snippet of the exciting and engaging clubs currently happening:

KS3 Eco Club

An exciting start to the KS3 Eco Club in which Pupils made pledges to be more Eco friendly. Pupils focused on what they can do to protect the environment and shows fantastic awareness of the impact of Climate change. Thank you to Mr Jones and Miss Kerr for leading the way in making our pupils more Eco friendly.

KS3 Dystopian Book club

Great launch of the KS3 Book club. Thank you to Ms Sendonari and Ms Johnston for hosting such fun and engaging sessions with our KS3 pupils.

The books pupils are currently focusing on are:

Scythe by Neal Schusterman

Northern Lights by Philip Pullman

Who Framed Klaris Cliff?

by Nikki Sheehan

KS3 Eco Club



KS3 Dystopian Book Club



Netball Club



Shakespeare Schools Festival Rehearsal

SEE OUR FULL
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TIMETABLE ON THE
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	FIRST LUNCH	SECOND LUNCH	AFTER SCHOOL
MONDAY	Drama Club Drama Studio - Mr McCarthy KS3 Basketball Sports Hall - Mr Summers KS3 Music Tech Music Room - Mr Phipper	KS4 Basketball Sports Hall - Mr Summers KS4's Music Tech Music Room - Mr Phipper	KS4's Drama Rehearsals SSF Core Cast Drama Studio - Mr McCarthy & Mrs Phipper
TUESDAY	KS3 Badminton Sports Hall - Mr Smith KS3 Dystopian Book Club Engl - Miss Sendonari KS3 Band Practice Music Room - Mr Phipper Y7 & Y8 Maths Club MFL - Mrs Mousange	KS4's Badminton Sports Hall - Mr Smith Religion/Cultures around the world Club RtL - Mr Brown KS4 Band Practice Music Room - Mr Phipper Drama Club Drama Studio - Mrs Phipper	Netball Club & Fixtures Playground - Miss Adams & Mrs Bingle KS4 Psychology Club MFL - Mrs Taylor KS4's History and Geography Club MFL - Mr Whifler
WEDNESDAY	KS3 Netball Club Sports Hall - Miss Adams & Mrs Bingle KS3 Choir Drama Studio - Mrs Phipper ICT/Computer Club ICT - Miss Swinson ICT/Computer Club RtL2 - Miss Chamber	KS4's Netball Club Sports Hall - Mrs Bingle	
THURSDAY	Drama Club Drama Studio - Mr McCarthy Religion in the media Club REL - Mr Thompson Languages Club MFL - Mrs Noun	Drama Club Drama Studio - Mrs Phipper	Football (all years) Field - Mr Summers PEP FITNESS Sports Hall - Mr Smith BTEC SPORT PE2 - Miss Adams GCSE Art Club Art Room - Miss Shelton Drama Rehearsals Drama Studio - Mr McCarthy & Mrs Phipper Chess Club Art Centre
FRIDAY	Eco Club MFL - Mr Jones		Badminton (all years) Sports Hall - Mr Summers

EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

	FIRST LUNCH	SECOND LUNCH	AFTER SCHOOL
MONDAY	<p>Drama Club <i>Drama Studio - Mr McCarthy</i></p> <p>KS3 Basketball <i>Sports Hall - Mr Summers</i></p> <p>KS3 Music Tech <i>Music Room - Mr Pepper</i></p>	<p>KS4 Basketball <i>Sports Hall - Mr Summers</i></p> <p>KS4/5 Music Tech <i>Music Room - Mr Pepper</i></p>	<p>KS4/5 Drama Rehearsals SSF Core Cast <i>Drama Studio - Mr McCarthy & Mrs Pepper</i></p>
TUESDAY	<p>KS3 Badminton <i>Sports Hall - Mr Smith</i></p> <p>KS3 Dystopian Book Club <i>Eng3 - Miss Johnson & Miss Sendonari</i></p> <p>KS3 Band Practice <i>Music Room - Mr Pepper</i></p> <p>Y7 & Y8 Maths Club <i>MA3 - Mrs Masunga</i></p>	<p>KS4/5 Badminton <i>Sports Hall - Mr Smith</i></p> <p>Religion/Cultures around the world Club <i>RE4 - Mr Waites</i></p> <p>KS4 Band Practice <i>Music Room - Mr Pepper</i></p> <p>Drama Club <i>Drama Studio - Mrs Pepper</i></p>	<p>Netball Club & Fixtures <i>Playground - Miss Adams & Mrs Wright</i></p> <p>KS4 Psychology Club <i>HU1 - Mrs Taylor</i></p> <p>KS4/5 History and Geography Club <i>HU3 - Mr Walker</i></p>
WEDNESDAY	<p>KS3 Netball Club <i>Sports Hall - Miss Adams & Mrs Wright</i></p> <p>KS3 Choir <i>Drama Studio - Mrs Pepper</i></p> <p>ICT/Computer Club <i>ICT1 - Miss Brookes</i></p> <p>ICT/Computer Club <i>Bus2 - Miss Chamba</i></p>	<p>KS4/5 Netball Club <i>Sports Hall - Mrs Wright</i></p>	
THURSDAY	<p>Drama Club <i>Drama Studio - Mr McCarthy</i></p> <p>Religion in the media Club <i>RE3 - Mr Thompson</i></p> <p>Languages Club <i>MFL3 - Mis Nolan</i></p>	<p>Drama Club <i>Drama Studio - Mrs Pepper</i></p>	<p>Football (all years) <i>Field - Mr Summers</i></p> <p>PEP FITNESS <i>Sports Hall - Mr Smith</i></p> <p>BTEC SPORT <i>PE1 - Miss Adams</i></p> <p>GCSE Art Club <i>Art Room - Miss Shelton</i></p> <p>Drama Rehearsals <i>Drama Studio - Mr McCarthy & Mrs Pepper</i></p> <p>Chess Club <i>Mr Cavell</i></p>
FRIDAY	<p>Eco Club <i>HU3 - Mr Jones</i></p> <p>Dance Club <i>Drama Studio - Mrs Pepper</i></p>		<p>Badminton (all years) <i>Sports Hall - Mr Summers</i></p>

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With the start of a new half term and a new timetable it is clear to that Year 7 have had a lot of changes to get used to. They have delighted the pastoral team with their focus and resilience.

Thank you to all students who took part in Cultural Heritage Day, sharing their fashion and food with us. It was a wonderful day of fellowship and I was very proud of Year 7s contributions.

Year 7 students also created a beautiful Remembrance Day display with prayers and pictures, names written on poppies, and also a poppy display hanging outside the chapel.

In the month of November, we have taken times to think of our loved ones and share our thoughts in the remembrance book in the chapel. We have had assemblies led by the year group on 'mental health', 'anti-bullying', and 'disability awareness month'.

Students also attended workshops with DECCA on the dangers of smoking.

I am impressed by the artistic, creative nature of Year 7 and have seen some wonderful work taking place in RE, Art, History, Music and Drama. I would like to congratulate Jacie Patel for her beautiful poster for Languages Day.

We are looking forward to sharing our first Mission Week and exploring our faiths together as a school community.

We have lots of exciting events coming up: We have the trip to see Beauty and the Beast at the New Vic Theatre in Stoke on Trent on 08 December. We also have Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day as well as our first disco of the year on the 13 December!

I would like to bring to you attention the importance of the first Assessment Week for Year 7. Please encourage students to start their revision early and support them in doing and being of their best.

As the weather is becoming colder can I ask please that all students are bringing a warm coat with them every day and ensuring that they have their school bag and equipment with them.

ClassCharts Top 3:

Cheyenne Colcol
Hamzah Bismillah
Sufyaan Anwar

Virtues Awards:

Declan Speake
Jacie Patel
Aimee Frankiln
Kian Firkin

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I am delighted to have taken the role of Head of Year 8 and I am looking forward to working pastorally with the students. I have already been very impressed by how much they have grown up as a year group and have adapted and been resilient in the changes they have faced.

The number of Year 8 students who are taking part in the Shakespeare Schools' Festival this year is amazing, and it is great to see so many students taking part in the extra-curricular clubs in Drama, Music, Dance and Art. I know we have some keen dancers in Year 8 and they will be sharing their talents with the younger year group. We are looking forward to using our talents during Mission Week!

In the coming weeks, our focus will be on revising and using our knowledge organisers to recall information that has been covered in the autumn term. Students will be spending time in form completing their revision timetable to ensure they are spending enough time revising for their upcoming assessment week.

Planning your revision time is important. Regular short bursts of revision are far more effective than trying to cram the information into your head at the last minute.

Reminders for the rest of the term:

Assessment Week starts 06 December
Return your HPV letters please.
Knowledge organisers and self-quizzing books need to be brought into school every day.
Please ensure your child has a coat and bag every day.

ClassCharts Top 3:

1. Lewis Smith
2. Natalie Satimburwa
3. Cameron Moylan Spink

Virtues Awards:

1. Logan Smith
2. Cameron Shivmangal
3. Skye Ellis Calcott

YEAR 9

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Our mission statement for Year 9 this year is 'If you can dream it, you can achieve it' and Year 9 are continuously demonstrating their desire and determination to do so. From working hard in lessons across all subject areas and completing exemplary homework, to attending extracurricular clubs and representing the school in fixtures; Year 9 have lots of things that they should be very proud of. It is an absolute privilege to walk around school and in to walk in to Year 9 lessons. Keep up the fantastic work because you all can achieve all you dream to achieve.

Again, this half term, Year 9 forms have planned and delivered some fantastic assemblies to the whole year group. Topics included 'Diwali' delivered by 9M, 'World Science Day' and 'Remembrance Day' by 9W and

'Antibullying' by 9I. The imagination and hard work that has gone in to these assemblies have been excellent and the Year 9 team would like to congratulate all students involved. We are all looking forward to the upcoming assemblies for the rest of this half term and beyond.

In total this year so far, Year 9 have accumulated over 42,000 positives since September. The leader board is changing daily and we are all thoroughly enjoying using the class charts leader board every morning for line up dismissal; it is getting very competitive!

Huge congratulations to you all and keep up the amazing work!

ClassCharts Top 3:

1. Sasha Davies
2. Gideon Nalutamio
3. Daisy Downes

Virtues:

We would also like to recognise students in Year 9 who have been awarded the 'Virtues Award' this year so far:

- Frankie Doherty
- Caitlin Terrett
- Megan Easterlow
- Daisy Downes
- Hannah Murphy

Lots to celebrate here and all of the year 9 team are looking forward to seeing what we achieve next over the coming months.

YEAR 10

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It was a pleasure to see so many of our students take part in the Cultural Heritage Day on Friday 19th November, I was reminded of one of my favourite pieces of scripture from Galatians 3:28 - "There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

I would like to congratulate Year 10 on their Short Reports that have now gone home. There is clear progress from the last set of assessments at the end of Year 9. Well done Year 10. Miss Meacham and I will be working with students who we have identified as needing more help. Given your support and Quality First Teaching I know that Year 10 will continue to excel!

As you will be aware, Work Experience for Year 10 runs from Monday 28 February until Friday 04 March 2022. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to develop their social skills and gain an invaluable insight into the adult world of work. In order to ensure that all the placements are both safe and suitable, we require notification of where your child will be going by Monday 06 December. If you need any help sourcing a placement please do not hesitate to contact us.

Students understand that they should be filling in their Self-Quizzing exercise books each evening. As always if you have any questions or require support please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Miss Meacham

ClassCharts Top 3:

1. Arafat Sultan
2. Hanya Yasin
3. Olivia Moore

Stars of the Lesson:

Arafat Sultan
Kyran Kumar
Savanna Boughton

Virtues:

Learned & Wise - Arafat Sultan
Learned & Wise - Dhishika Luther

YEAR 11

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This half term has started in the same positive, energetic manner as the last one finished. I have witnessed students helping younger year groups, asking questions about Sixth Form and immersing themselves in Cultural Heritage week. It has been a pleasure to see, and shows what a polite, motivated and well-rounded year group Year 11 is. The conversations that I have with the year group are a delight to a part of and the progression I have seen from Year 8 until now has been inspirational. We have a cohort of outstanding students.

With this in mind, I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about Curriculum Evening on the 09 December. As a school we would implore you to attend ONLINE, as it will help the students achieve the grades they deserve in their core subjects and beyond. There will be more information regarding this sent out this week, but it is an event which should not be missed. In advance of this, I thank you for all of the support that you offer the school.

The Curriculum Evening will be prior to the mock exams which begin on 24 January. These will be vitally important, as they will allow teachers, students and yourselves to understand where improvements can be made in the build-up to GCSEs.

Miss Meacham and myself will be working hard over the next few weeks to organise the Year 11 Leavers' Prom. This will allow the students something to look forward to after a long and stressful year. We will be sending out more information around this shortly, but we hope to make it a night that the students will never forget.

I have met with the Prefect Team over the last couple of weeks to see how we can help others. They have amazed me with their compassion towards others and the ideas they have presented to raise money for a number of charities. I am excited to launch different initiatives to help a large range of people who benefit from these charities.

As always, if you have any concerns, issues you would like to raise or just general enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact us the email addresses above.

ClassCharts Top 3:

1. Ashley Donnelly
2. Sarpeet Singh
3. Kareena Deo

Virtues:

Learned & Wise - Kishaya Lindo
Learned & Wise - Abdullah Raza

KEY DATES

- 09 DEC: Curriculum Evening
- 24 JAN: 3 weeks of Mocks
- 24 MAR: Parents Evening & Exam Kick Off
- 06 JUN: GCSE Exams Start
- 08 JUL: Provisional Prom booking (date subject to change)

SURVEY FOR ALL PARENTS

Stuart Bathurst Catholic High School Parent Survey- November 2021

We are always grateful to hearing from our parents/ carers as to our strengths and areas for improvement. Please complete the survey below to help us shape our ongoing school improvement using yours and your child's experiences at Stuart Bathurst. Thank you in advance.

1. My child is happy at this school.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

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Please complete the survey below to help us shape our ongoing school improvement using your, and your child's, experiences at Stuart Bathurst. Thank you in advance.

[Access the short survey here](#)



SIXTH FORM

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Completed UCAS applications

At this time of year, our Year 13 students are busy, outside of their studies, completing UCAS applications and we are very proud to say that one of our students has undertaken two interviews recently to study Veterinary Medicine. I'm sure you will join us in wishing this student and all of our students the best of luck as the offers from universities come flying in.

The deadline for all remaining applications is 17th December 2021 and we ask that parents/carers encourage students to work on their personal statements and applications as soon as possible to ensure the support and time can be given to each student before the deadline closes in.

Pathways Programmes

Our Year 12s have also been busy entering their applications for pathways support and it is with great pleasure that we announce that ten of our Year 12 students have qualified for the Reading Scholars programme. This is an incredible opportunity and we wish them all the best of luck as they take full advantage of what the pathway has to offer.

Some pathways programmes are still available and we urge Year 12 students to keep a keen eye out for these opportunities and talk to Mrs Jordan and Mr Barrett about how to apply.

Sixth Form Applications

The window for applications is still very much open and we encourage any Year 11 students who wish to join our wonderful Sixth Form community to enter their application as soon as possible. Applications close on Friday 17th December 2021. For more details about our Sixth Form and how to apply go to <https://www.stuart-bathurst.org.uk/page/?title=6th+Form&pid=8>

Aspiration and Ambitions Programme

Students from our AAP group have continued to meet over the last few weeks to talk about all things to do with their futures: dreams, hopes, fears and concerns. Many of them have completed or are close to completing their UCAS applications and those others will be supported through these final months to ensure all applications are entered on time. Students in Year 13 visited De Montfort University on November 10th to experience university life, see a campus and the inside of a lecture theatre and have a chance to ask questions and hear from lecturers and students alike as to what they might expect from their own higher education experiences. The trip was a huge success and it has certainly buoyed our students towards their aspirations of attending a university in September.

January Exams

There are exams coming in January for those who study some of our vocational courses. Students should be aware of what they need to study and when the examinations are taking place and, if concerned, see their teachers, Mr Barrett or Mrs Jordan and find out when they are.

For our Year 13s, their mock exams begin on Monday 24th January and will last for two weeks. It is vital that students do all that they can to prepare fully for these. They need to be treated like full examinations in order that students gain the most from the experience and prepare themselves fully for the impact of their final exams in the summer.

For more details about our Sixth Form we have a Virtual Open Day on our website.

You can also view our prospectus and complete an application form online.

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SIXTH FORM

Charitable Endeavours and Catholic Ethos

Part of being a Stuart Bathurst Sixth Former is involving oneself in charitable roles in the school; something very closely linked to our Catholicism and spiritual journey as members of this community.

Our Chaplaincy Team Leader Paris Clarke, alongside Meah Henn and Aaliyah Waseem have been working on many charitable endeavours recently and we are very proud of the work they have done. They are also currently working hard to prepare for our advent liturgy and a series of other events to celebrate advent as we prepare to celebrate Christmas at the end of December.

Linked to this and following on from the school's support of Black History Month, the Sixth Formers ran a Cultural Heritage Week on 15 – 19 November. This was in support of the multi-cultural diversity of the school and raised awareness of the importance of the cultural identities and backgrounds of our community.

The day was a huge success with students dressing in their cultural attire – it was wonderful to see the array of colours, the pleasure on the faces of our young people and the plethora of cultures on display – showing the true diversity of our community. Students and staff also brought in food from around the world and this was sold during lunchtime by our Sixth Form team of volunteers.

The day raised over £800 which we will be donating to UNICEF. A huge thank you goes to Suhana Khanum and her Sixth Form team for leading on the day and creating such a wonderful atmosphere within the school.

One of our Sixth Form Chaplaincy Team, Aaliyah Waseem, is leading a charity day on Friday 26th November to raise money for 'Whispers of Hope' a charity aimed at assisting women in need by providing advice, counselling and refuge to those most affected by domestic violence. Donations of cakes and all things sweet will be gratefully received. These will be sold and donations given to this most worthy cause. More information will follow as the day approaches.

The Stuart Bathurst Catholic High School Christmas Hamper Appeal.

Carrying on from the incredible kindness and generosity shown at Christmas time last year, we are looking to go further this year!

This year we are hoping to help families in our community and the elderly in our local area.

Give what you can - big or small -it all makes a difference and lets someone know you care!

ALL DONATIONS SHOULD BE PASSED TO MRS JORDAN

* *Christmas Lunch*
Thursday 9th December

ROAST TURKEY & STUFFING
OR
QUORN FILLET

with Roast & Mashed Potatoes,
Stuffing Balls, Seasonal Vegetables
& Gravy (V)

CHOCOLATE YULE LOG
MINCE PIES
CHRISTMAS CUPCAKES





WORD of the WEEK

SYNONYMS

Authoritarian
Despotism
Totalitarian
Subjugation



tyranny

Noun - cruel and oppressive government or rule



Punjabi



ANTONYMS

Democracy
Liberality



MORPHOLOGY (WORD PARTS) ETYMOLOGY (WORD ROOTS)



WORD FAMILIES: SIMILAR WORDS TO HELP WITH MEANING

Suffixes can be added to change the word – what do this words mean?

Tyrannical
Tyrannous



Pope Francis ✓
@Pontifex



If we put the [#Gospel](#) at the centre and bear witness to it with fraternal love, we will be able to look to the future with hope, whatever the tempests, great or small, we may experience today.

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ATTENDANCE

Upcoming Attendance competitions!

100% attendance for the term, and 100% attendance for the last week of term (13/12/21 - 17/12/21).

Winners will be chosen from each year group on the last day of term and awarded!

SPEAK OUT BOX



The Speak Out Box can be found outside Miss Raindi's office. It is for any student to make suggestions, voice their concerns, or ask for confidential help. Just write down your thoughts, lift the lid, and pop it in. The box is checked daily.