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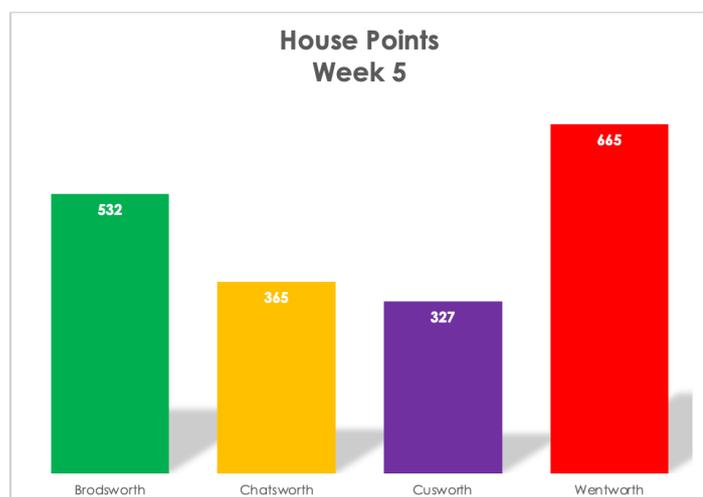
It has been an exciting week at the academy with our Year 5 & 6 Open Evening taking place on Thursday. This event saw us open up the Academy and welcome over 650 prospective students with their families to experience the exceptional learning experiences that take place here on a daily basis. It was fantastic to see the looks on people's faces as they walked around the building taking in the inspirational book-themed areas and figuring out which book each department was representing. Events like this one really give us the opportunity to show-off all that we are about at STWA, and I would like to thank all those that came to visit us on the night.

Teaching and Learning

Year 11 Photography Trip

The Photography department have organised a trip to York for our Year 11 students. All students currently studying Photography will be expected to attend to produce a body of work which will contribute significantly towards their final GCSE Photography exam. This trip will take place on Thursday 12th October. If your child is due to attend this trip and you have yet to complete the consent form, you can do so on this link <https://forms.office.com/e/7MrsCjYjKA> and then payment can be made on ParentPay.

House Update



This week has, again, been a close call between all the houses with **Wentworth** holding onto their lead with a grand total of **665 house points!** As we have held our Year 5 & 6 Opening Evening, our student ambassadors were able to make progress towards their Leadership Pledge with them showing commitment to upholding wider responsibilities within the academy. Students demonstrated their impeccable conduct and through their determination, they have all been awarded with the bronze level of their Leadership Pledge. We can't wait to see how the final two weeks of this half term will play out and which House will take first place!



Events and Enrichment

Pantomime Trip for all KS3 Students

As part of our Enrichment Pledge, we are taking every student at Sir Thomas Wharton Academy to the theatre during the next academic year. Theatre acts as a window to a broader world, and we will ensure all our students get to experience this for free! We are therefore excited to announce that we have purchased tickets for every Key Stage 3 student to attend a showing of Beauty and the Beast at Cast Doncaster on Friday 8th December at 7pm. We cannot wait to enjoy this experience with all students in Years 7,8, and 9!

Better Learners, Better Workers interviews

This week, 20 of our Year 9 students attended interviews for the Better Learners Better Workers programme with Mr McDonald, Mr Smith, and Martin from BLBW (Better Learners Better Workers). Every single student interviewed phenomenally well and made the decision to select 10 students incredibly difficult. Mr Smith was immensely proud of the way they conducted themselves and the feedback from the BLBW representative. We look forward to the programme launching on October 19th with the successful applicants.

Post 16 News

On Wednesday, The University of Sheffield delivered a presentation to the whole of Year 12 for their Access to Sheffield programme. The programme has been tailor made to give students the experience of what it is like to be a student at Sheffield University and offers them key university skills, access to UpLearn and a mentoring programme with university students. Students can apply to this programme now with support offered in our tutor time programme.

Several Year 12 and 13 students have volunteered their services at the local Edlington Community Organisation (ECO). ECO is a community charity based in the centre of Edlington, whose aim is to improve and regenerate Edlington and its surrounding areas to make it a great place to live for all generations present and yet to come.

Flu vaccinations

The School Age Immunisation Team will be delivering Flu vaccinations in school on 9th & 10th October 2023. Please click on the link below to read the information about the vaccine and then complete the electronic consent form.

<https://systems.rdash.nhs.uk/eConsent/144364FLU239949>

If your child is absent on the day, the team will be returning to school on 02/11/2023.

Standards

As the weather starts to get colder and students start to wear a coat to the Academy, we would like to remind parents / carers that students are not allowed to wear a coat or jacket with a fur trim / hood. Students wearing these will need to hand this into reception where it will be placed into an unmonitored storage area, and we will be unable to take liability for any loss or damage.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr. M McDonald
Principal