

# Cambridge School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 2nd February 2024

#### Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted to report that attendance hit the 90% mark this week for the first time this academic year. We need to keep up this level of improvement, consolidate it, sustain it and extend it! We are launching a motivational attendance rewards scheme for classes after half term. The class with the best attendance in each pod (Atlantic and Pacific) every half term will win £20 to spend on resources for their class. The class in each pod with the best termly attendance will win £50 to spend on an educational visit of their choice. We are all motivated by rewards and hopefully this incentive will help to galvanise our students to attend every day. Visuals showing the weekly progress will be on display in the lunch hall and will be referred to every week in Assembly.

Exams have been taking place all January and initial results are promising. Year 11s are already thinking about their next steps as transition to college looms and West London College came in to deliver a special assembly to educate students on possible courses and qualifications. Year 9 students have been working on work skills presentations today as we continue to increase student opportunities to learn about the world of work and the skills and qualities they need to develop.

We hosted three Headteachers from other special schools last Friday as part of the Challenge Partners: Extending Leading Practice Programme and they were very impressed by the quality of leadership at all levels within the school. The students were very welcoming and a credit to us and their families.

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,

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Alan Campbell, Head Teacher

## Stars Of The Week Staff Star Of The



Staff Star Of The Week is Rebecca Dent for volunteering to cover Site Manager duties whilst continuing to teach!

#### 100% Student Attendance Award



Louie Abberley



Michaela Duke-Grennan

#### **Outstanding Behaviour Award**



Liam Passmore

Note: Some parents have not given permission for their child's photo to be used in external publications.



### Important Dates

February is LGBT+ History Month W/C 5th Feb: Children's Mental Health Week 6th Feb: Safer Internet Day HALF TERM: 12th—16th February W/C 26th Feb: Year 8 EHCPs Begin March is International Women's Month 1st Mar: World Wildlife Day W/C 4th Mar: National Careers Week 8th Mar: International Women's Day W/C 11th Mar: Nutrition & Hydration Week
15th Mar: Red Nose Day & World Sleep Day
W/C 18th Mar: Book Fair
21st Mar: Dress Up For World Book Day & International Day Of Happiness
22nd Mar: World Maths Day
28th Mar: End Of Term, Finish at 1pm Easter Holidays: 29th Mar—12th April
15th Apr: INSET DAY
16th Apr: Students Return to school



Akala Class

91%



77%

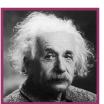


Armstrong Class 84%



**Bevan Class** 

86%



**Einstein Class** 

90%



Farah Class

82%

95%

85%

Nightingale Class



**Obama Class** 

95%



**Rashford Class** 96%



**Rowling Class** 81%



**Turing Class** 100%



Wilberforce Class 92%



Wiltshire Class 95%





Turing Class!

House Competition.

Points are awarded for good work and good behaviour, and can be earned for winning competitions



Franklin Class



Royal Academy of Arts

Made possible by Robin Hambro



- a reflective, informal and non-judgemental space
- a way of coming together to meet and talk with other parents and carers about the challenges and rewards of having a child in a SEN school
- the place to share experiences, ideas and thoughts with others about what you find helpful
- a way to feel part of the school community

Please complete this quick survey to show your availability. Please click on the link <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JZMH62F">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JZMH62F</a>

Thank you,

Lana,

Arts Therapist



"I cannot stand the words 'Get over it'. All of us are under such pressure to put our problems in the past tense. Slow down. Don't allow others to hurry your healing. It is a process, one that may take years, occasionally, even a lifetime – and that's OK." — *Beau Taplin* 

From the Cambridge Staff Mental Health & Wellbeing Team