



## The Weekly Word

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### A note from the Principal

Thank you to all parents who are supporting their children with their home learning tasks. For Y7 – 9 the reading, maths and reflection logs are fundamental to making good progress in lower school. For Y11, practising exam questions, reflecting on learning and regular Hegarty maths practise are already showing their impact on the marks students are getting in examination-related work. We expect all students in Y7 – 9 to do at least 1 hour of learning every night and for upper school that should be 2 hours to prepare them for their GCSEs or A levels. We recognise that for many of you what the children are learning now is different to what we did when we were learning and taking our exams. What we do know is that GCSE exams are written with a reading age of 14+ and this is why we are so insistent that children in Year 7 – 9 read extensively at home to improve their vocabulary. We supplement this with a programme of reading in school and specific intervention for those who struggle the most. If you need any guidance on how to support your child please do not hesitate to contact us at school.



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Yesterday evening Wykham Park hosted the very first DofE Awards and sign up evening. It was a great evening demonstrating to new participants what to expect and also what you can achieve when completing The Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Wykham Park Academy.

Over 30 pupils collected their certificate and badges; if you were not able to attend the meeting please see Mr Hayden before or after school to receive your certificate.

If you would like to take part in the Bronze Award (yr9s) or the Silver Award (yr10s and yr12s) please ask for a letter from Mrs Smith in student services. Thank you for all your support this year.



## Year 7 Homework Club

From Monday the 24th of September a new year 7 homework club will be running in the library every Monday from 3:05pm until 4:00pm, year 7s will be able to come and complete work and get help if they need it. There will be sixth formers running the club who will be happy to help. No booking necessary just turn up and we will register on arrival.

**A message from Mr Hayden,  
teacher of PE:**

*"Thank you to all those who sponsored me, it really did keep me going on the summit night when things were tough (when I mean tough I really do mean it!)"*

*If you would like to sponsor me there is still time to do so."*

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## Expressive arts news: main school production

We are excited to announce that our main school production for this year is... *(drum roll please)*

### JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOUR DREAM COAT

If you would like to be involved in the show auditions are taking place for anyone who would like a main part on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> after school in D1 Drama Studio and Mu2.

If you would like to be a cast member but do not want a main part you DO NOT need to audition- congratulations you are in!

Rehearsals will be on Tuesday and Fridays - we will give you more information once we have cast the production!

The show will take place in Wykham Theatre from 1-4<sup>th</sup> April 2018. We are so incredibly excited for this production, it is definitely one of our favourites!



## Expressive arts news: clubs

We have lots of clubs for you to join this year!

### Wednesday

#### Drama Club: The RETURN for year 7-11

We will be working on a studio production of 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas' ready for guess what?! CHRISTMAS!

**3.15 - 1.15**

### Orchestra

If you play a musical instrument and would like to be part of our orchestra please come along to the music block on Wednesday afterschool.

### Thursday

**3.15 - 4.00**

### Choir

Choir is already up and running but if you would like to join there is still time! they are currently working on a song from 'The Greatest Showman' ready to perform at the awards evening in October!

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