

Friday 25th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of this busy first half-term, I want to take a moment to thank you all for the incredible support and encouragement you provide our school community. With your partnership, our students have made a strong and positive start to the academic year, and I am very grateful for all you do to make their journey a success. This term has been a vibrant mix of enriching experiences, learning opportunities, and community events, which have both challenged and inspired us all. I am immensely proud of the achievements of our students, both in and out of the classroom, and of the commitment of our staff in fostering a welcoming, inclusive, and dynamic learning environment that reflects the values of our school community.

Supporting Breast Cancer Awareness

Last week, I shared the success of our 'Wear it Pink' day campaign, part of our fundraising efforts for Breast Cancer Now. I am thrilled to announce that, thanks to the generosity and spirit of our community, we have raised £1,188 so far—a wonderful achievement. This brings our charitable fundraising total for the year to £1,408, a number that reflects our shared values of compassion and action. My sincere thanks to all students and staff for their support in championing this important cause and to the Sixth Form Student Leadership Team who contribute so extensively to our fundraising initiatives.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Conference

I am delighted to share the success of our recent DEI Conference, led by Mrs Holmes, DEI Lead, which brought together students from Bosworth School, Huxlow, NSB, Sir Christopher Hatton Academy, Wollaston, and Wrenn, as well as our own NSG CUE Council and Student Leadership Team. Each participant contributed to an inspiring day, with both student and guest presentations leaving a lasting impression on everyone in attendance. Please join me in congratulating the following students on their wonderful contributions:

- Aliza S and Delia E - who delivered a heartfelt message on personal responsibility within DEI.
- Tara R - who spoke passionately about her motivation for DEI involvement.



- Adaobi O and Chanel G - who gave an enlightening presentation on West Africa, adding a rich, global context to DEI.
- Maryam M and Treneese N - who shared their positive experiences of joining NSG, underscoring our inclusivity efforts.

Our Student Leadership Team, led by Rosie I-L, represented NSG with their characteristic warmth, intelligence, and dedication. Their support in managing and presenting at the conference underscored the exceptional leaders they are. I want to extend an enormous thank you to Rosie I-L, Amelia B, Jaina C, Manira T, Emma L, Kacey J, Lola A, Sumayya B and Ridwana A for being a shining example of our school's values and making us exceptionally proud and to Mrs Holmes for her excellent organisation and contribution to the event.

Additionally, it was a privilege to host external speakers Dr. Kardi Somerfield and Andrea Newman, parents from our community who shared insights on DEI within marketing and health inequality, respectively. Dr. Somerfield, creator of the 'Fridge Street' art project, also inspired us with her reflections on the power of representation. We are incredibly grateful for their expert contributions to the event.

Black History Month Assemblies

Last week, I commented on our excellent Black History Month assemblies, thanking students and staff. However, always wanting to ensure that everyone involved is recognised, I would like to acknowledge further contributions to the assemblies that took place and extend my heartfelt thanks to the following students for their valuable roles: Umi M (Year 12, Researcher and Poet), Rayhana C (Year 12, Researcher), Manira T (Year 13, Researcher and Presenter), Rosie I (Year 13, President and Presenter), Jaina C (Year 13, Vice President and Presenter), Ella U (Year 13, Videographer and Editor), Awujolaoluwa K (Year 8, Researcher, Actor, and Singer), Hollie M (Year 9, Researcher, Actor, and Singer), Goodness B (Year 8, Researcher, Actor, and Singer), Grace L-A (Year 8, Researcher, Actor, and Singer).

Their efforts reflect the vibrant and diverse culture of our school, and we are incredibly grateful for their contributions.

Languages for Peace Competition

In celebration of the European Day of Languages, our Year 7 students participated in a special assembly showcasing songs in French and Spanish, fostering confidence and a love for languages. I extend my thanks to Miss Heaver, Head of Spanish, for organising the recent "Languages for Peace" competition. This initiative, led by the Council of Europe, invited students to design posters featuring symbols, quotes, and artwork that promote unity. Congratulations to Sophia M from 7TCT, our overall winner, for her outstanding entry, which we will be sharing via our social media channels shortly. Sophia received a first prize from the Modern Languages team as well as the Headteacher prize, which I look forward to presenting to Sophia upon our return.



U14 Netball Team Success

Finally, our U14 Netball team represented NSG at the County Plate Tournament, hosted by Kettering Buccleuch Academy. With impressive performances, the team won three games, drew one, and lost two. Special congratulations go to Scarlett W, voted 'Player's Player', and Ayana E, chosen as 'Coach's Player'. Each student exemplified our school's values and commitment to excellence.

As we conclude this term, I want to express my gratitude for the commitment of our students, staff, and parents/carers in making NSG a community of learning and support. Wishing you all a safe and restful half-term break, and we look forward to welcoming students back on Monday, 4th November.

With best wishes,



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