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19th December 2024

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**#This week
@SAW**

Welcome to this week's Parental Bulletin which gives you a summary of Academy Events, Sporting achievements, important information and weekly Student Nominations from staff. If you've missed checking our socials, it's all here for you.

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Thank you and enjoy the break!

A long fifteen-week term comes to an end and as always, we would like to thank our whole academy community for their work and support throughout this period.

No homework has been set during this final week of the term and also none will be set during the first week back. The first homework deadlines of the New Year will be WB: 20th January 2025.

Reminder that our Academic Review Day with Year 11 will run on Tuesday 7th January with students in all year groups to return on Wednesday 8th January.

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Change of date- Parents / Carers Evenings

Please note the change of date for the Year 8 and 9 Parents / Carers Evenings. The new dates are below:

Year 9 Evening- 13th February 2025 (Please note this will coincide with information on GCSE 'Choices').

Year 8 Evening- 20th March 2025

Equipment Reminder

Can we please remind parents and carers of the following basic requirements of equipment that all students should have with them each day:

- Black or blue pen (Ideally at least two to cover any issues with one)
- 15cm or 30cm ruler
- Pencil
- Green pen
- Pack of highlighters
- Glue stick

All students require a rucksack with them each day (Year 7, 8 and 9 must be their SAW rucksack) along with their student planner and reading book.

Parent / Carer Evening Dates

The dates for the academic year for Parent / Carer Evenings are listed below. These dates are crucial for parental attendance, as the opportunity to meet teachers and discuss progress is vital.

Year 11 Evening- Academic Review Day- Tuesday 7th January 2025- MyEd information sent.

Year 9 Evening- 13th February 2025 (Please note this will coincide with information on GCSE 'Choices').

Year 8 Evening- 20th March 2025

Year 7 Evening- Thursday 8th May 2025.

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Homework

Homework expectations are clear to all with students. Any missed homework from now will trigger a detention.

Reminder the expectation is minimum 70% correct on both SPARX and SENECA. SPARX allows students to substitute questions if they are struggling and SENECA also allows each subject to be passed if the student has spent 10 minutes attempting the set questions.

Each year group will have its own check day, and any students who have not completed their homework by this day will be placed into a homework detention on that evening. The year group check days are:

Year 7- Thursday

Year 8- Monday

Year 9- Tuesday

Year 10- Wednesday

Year 11- Friday

Please ensure you try to support your child in setting effective routines in when to complete homework. ICT access is available before, during and after school in the Learning Resource Centre. **There is a space at the front of the student planner for students to write usernames for log-in.**

Enjoy the festivities!

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Year 11 A Christmas Carol Visit



As part of homework week, students were challenged to hit the milestone 1 million questions answered on SPARX Maths. Sirius Academy West rose to the challenge and not only hit the milestone but surpassed it. Keep up the good work!



Seneca Championships Winner
Autumn 2024



Each year, Seneca Learning run a championship in which schools across the country compete to have the most hours per student spend studying on Seneca. Sirius Academy West are delighted to announce that we are the #1 school, winning the championship. A huge congratulations to all the students who spent time on Seneca this month, earning our place at the top. A massive thank you to all parents and carers that are supporting our students to become better learners, showing respect for their education and future. Good Job Sirius!



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RESPECT award event

Day 1 of the RESPECT stamp rewards event saw Year 7, 8 and 10 students take part in a fun-fair style set up! Lots of fun for hard work across the term.

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International Day

December 3rd saw the 'International Day of Persons with Disabilities'.

Here at Sirius Academy West, we pride ourselves on being inclusive and supporting a range of diverse needs within our school community, so we thought it was important to share some facts.

Did you know...

- International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPWD) is a day that promotes equality for people with disabilities in all areas of society.
- People with disabilities are considered 'the world's largest minority' and data suggests that they can have poorer health, lower education achievements, fewer economic opportunities and higher rates of poverty than people without disabilities.
- This day was first announced by the United Nations in 1992 with the aim of advancing disability rights and protecting the wellbeing of people with disabilities.
- A disability is 'a condition or function judged to be significantly impaired relative to the usual standard of an individual of their group'. This can include physical impairment, sensory impairment, cognitive impairment, intellectual impairment, mental illness, and various types of chronic disease.
- The day is celebrated on 3rd December each year.
- Disabilities don't define you; they are simply a part of who you are.

For more information on this day of celebration, please visit: [International Day of Persons with Disabilities | United Nations](#)

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Sherwood Forest adventures.....

The first afternoon in Sherwood Forest saw our students orienteering and den building.

Archery and medieval weapons were on the menu for the day after!

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Starting Saturday 21 December throughout the school holidays

Swimming, sports, arts, dance, warm zones, Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) specific activities and so much more.

To see what is available, visit the Healthy Holidays website! If you do not have access to the Internet, visit your local library to check out Healthy Holidays activities.

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www.healthyholidayshull.org

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MFL winners
 Year 8 MFL Challenge winners enjoyed their reward trip to Ambiente Tapas. There's a new challenge and trip every term!



12 Days of Christmas
 Santa's Grotto has been busy for business each morning as part of our 12 Days of Christmas competition. 100 festive-themed prizes have been given out every day. All students needed to do was to be here! Names selected at random in Lesson One every morning. Good luck!

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Christmas

Creative Writing Competition



Create your own Christmas themed short story or poem and hand it in to either Mrs Chapman in the LRC or Mrs Rhodes in 217 by 12th December.

Rewards for all entries received and prizes for the winners!



Christmas themed books
We have loved seeing our Christmas themed books, which have been perfect for this festive time of year! 🎄

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Tigers Trust Event

Five students took part in the Premier League Inspires Challenge hosted by Tigers Trust. The challenge was to devise a program for gender equality.

The group produced and presented a fantastic pitch aimed at grassroots students to help eradicate prejudice to make everyone equal.

Although they didn't win, the students worked tirelessly together to produce an excellent presentation.



Reading Awards

Well done to our Reading Reward winners!



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Active Schools

We took 6 students to Hull Active Schools 10 Pin Bowling Championships.

Squad:

Rebecca L, Ellie C, Amelia W, Cain W, River S, Alfie W.

SAW READING CHALLENGE 15 BOOKS TO READ BEFORE TURNING 15

“Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are.”



Find the Challenge on pages 14 to 16 in your planner



All books can be found in the LRC

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Combined Cadet Force

Sirius Combined Cadet Force parade every Tuesday 3-4pm on the Year 7 playground. If you want the chance to make new friends, the opportunity to learn new skills and take part in a wide range of activities, then please speak to Ms Faulkner for more information on how to apply.



Drop Everything And Read event



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Tigers Trust

A great day was had by all of our students at Tigers Trust! Teamwork was at its best!



CREATIVE CAREERS!

The drama team welcomed Jess from Middle Child Theatre to the academy to work with some of our most enthusiastic drama pupils! These pupils have expressed an interest in studying GCSE Drama, and so we invited a professional actor in to talk through career options available to them in the city and to highlight how useful and transferable skills develop through drama are for any career.

It's clear to see from the photos that our pupils really enjoyed Jess' session and now feel more informed regarding potential careers and even more excited about their involvement in the creative arts in the future!

The best news is that there are more creative sessions to come! Watch this space, CAPA pupils!



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Huge thankyou to the below for their continued support with our students, helping them navigate all the options available to them



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MND support

Rugby legend Kevin Sinfield completed a stage of his latest 7in7in7 challenge through Hull to raise money for MND in memory of his late friend and team-mate Rob Burrow. In total he will be running 7 ultra marathons (around 50+km per day) in 7 days, across 7 different cities in the UK.

He ran past the Academy front gates to a checkpoint at Costello Stadium. We invited students who regularly attend clubs and represent the Academy teams to be outside the Academy gates to cheer Sinfield on and show our support for the amazing charity work he does for MND.

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Year 9 PE Challenge winners enjoyed their reward trip to Ninja Warrior in Leeds to beat the wall!

There's a new challenge and trip every term.



Well done to the winner of the graphic novel competition.



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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators
SAFETY ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Currently, children are growing up in an immediate and throwaway culture when it comes to content that's consumed online. So much material is now deliberately created to be shorter in nature – and may often contain hidden elements such as advertising, or extreme political and cultural views. With complex algorithms built to keep people on their phones and engaging with social media content, it's becoming increasingly difficult to reduce time spent on these platforms.

- 1 REDUCE DOOMSCROLLING**
It's a scary thought for young people to learn how 'doomscrolling' – scrolling through social media and news feeds – can lead to bad news. It's a habit that can be used for finding in-depth news. However, it can also lead to a state of constant negativity. It's important to use it with a clear purpose, such as researching a topic or following a news outlet. Social media should be used to young people occasionally, allowing them to stay informed.
- 2 TALK ABOUT THE CONTENT**
It's important to be open to the idea of content that a young person is using online. Discussing what they're watching or reading can help them understand what's going on. It's also important to ensure that children are aware of hidden content, such as advertising or extreme political and cultural views. It's important to be open to the idea of content that a young person is using online.
- 3 FIND POSITIVE ASPECTS**
Despite all the concerns, there's plenty of awesome content out there. Encourage your child to find the good in what they're seeing. This could be anything from a funny meme to a helpful video. Encourage your child to find the good in what they're seeing.
- 4 REDUCE SCREEN TIME**
Young people can sometimes be unaware of how much time they're spending on their phones. Encourage your child to track their screen time. Encourage your child to track their screen time.
- 5 FILL THE VOID**
Watching and reading social media can lead to a state of constant negativity. Encourage your child to find the good in what they're seeing. This could be anything from a funny meme to a helpful video.
- 6 REDUCE NOTIFICATIONS**
One way to reduce social media distractions is to turn off notifications. Encourage your child to turn off notifications. Encourage your child to turn off notifications.
- 7 LIVE IN THE REAL WORLD**
Encourage your child to spend more time in the real world. Encourage your child to spend more time in the real world.
- 8 DIGITAL DETOX**
Encourage your child to take a digital detox. Encourage your child to take a digital detox.
- 9 MODEL GOOD BEHAVIOUR**
Encourage your child to model good behaviour. Encourage your child to model good behaviour.
- 10 BE CLEAR ON THE 'WHY'**
Encourage your child to be clear on the 'why'. Encourage your child to be clear on the 'why'.

Meet Our Expert
 Jake Hilday is a teacher leader in a Birmingham secondary school and has been instrumental in leading schools across the UK in a range of digital learning and technology projects. He is a frequent speaker at national and international conferences and has written several books on digital learning and technology.

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Crime, Law and Science Workshop Y7's enjoyed the Careers in Crime, Law and Science School Workshop.



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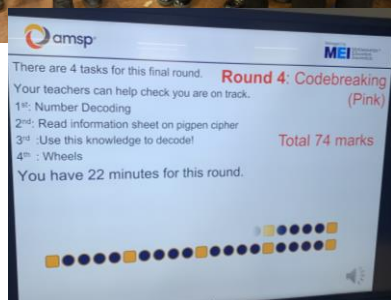
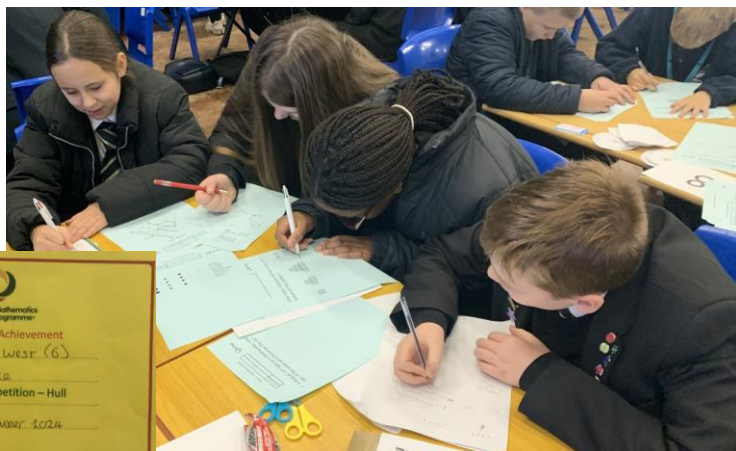




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Maths Competition

One of our Year 8 teams beat fifteen other Maths teams to win the Advanced Mathematics Support Programme Year 8 Competition at St. Mary's College.

We are extremely proud of....

Dija J, Precious A, Jack S, Nellija G, Alice K, Amina A, Miya H, Leo Mc G.

...for their fantastic teamwork and excellent Maths skills. The students were given four sets of really tricky Maths challenges and excelled in all of them. Well done!

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Primary School Multi-Sports Festival at Hull University.

Our Year 8 students leaders were responsible for all the activities!



Goalball competition

We had a 6-man squad at Costello for a goalball competition!

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7 a-side Football Tournament

It was a freezing cold night but 5 teams managed to turn up to the Hull Schools 7 a side Football Tournament at St Mary's College. Our girls performed brilliantly throughout, defending as a team and scoring some great team goals. Unfortunately, we lost the last game to a very impressive Malet side which meant we came away runners up. To perform as well as they did in those conditions was a fantastic achievement in itself.

Results:

- SAW 3-0 Boulevard Academy
- SAW 2-0 Archbishop
- SAW 1-0 Kelvin
- SAW 0-1 Malet

Squad- Ashanti B, Ella F, Grace M, Susan D, Millie G, Skye G, Grace G.
Well done to all girls involved!

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Sporting Success



Sirius Academy West 56 Airedale (Castleford) 0

Our talented Sirius Academy West Year 10 boys were back to their best, with an outstanding performance against a good Airedale side from Castleford, however, Sirius were switched on from minute one and were ruthless in their attack and defence, with Airedale not being able to break the line once.

In attack, Sirius were absolutely outstanding, with the pack setting the scene with some powerful runs forward as Bosco M, Jake F, Noah B and Ronnie H drove the ball in well. This got Sirius in good field position for Isaac L, Jacob L and Clinton T to call the plays and turn possession into points.

Ashdon O was looking as dangerous as ever as he went over to open the scoring, Isaac L was next on the scoresheet after a smart scoot from the talented number nine. From then on in Sirius were relentless, running in ten tries overall and not conceding one point. Other try scorers included Jacob L (2), Jake F (2), Clinton T (2) before Ronnie H went over and Ashdon O scored his second of the game.

Player of the match was shared between Clinton T - who never put a foot wrong from the fullback position, but then also came into the line well as the extra halfback, and also Jacob L, who lead the team around the park, but also looked so dangerous with ball in hand, causing the Airedale defence all sorts of problems with his vision and skill.

Please congratulate the boys on their outstanding performance, teamwork and concentration throughout, this was a performance to be proud of!

Special thanks to all the parents and Mr Smith for coming across to support the boys.

Squad:- Ollie B, Corey W, Enes O, Malachy O, Oliver C, Clinton T, Jacob L, Isaac L, Noah B, Bosco M, Jake F, Ashdon O, Ronnie H, Harvey K and Cole O.

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St John Fisher (Dewsbury) 14 Sirius Academy West 28

Our Year 10 Rugby boys travelled across to Dewsbury for their first Yorkshire Cup Match and came away worth winners with a 28 - 14 victory.

Sirius were first on the scoresheet when a great move down the right-hand side saw Billy S get the ball out the back, pass onto Oliver C, who then passed to winger Ethan L who stepped inside and got an offload in the tackle to the supporting Isaac L who dived over for 4 - 0. It wasn't long before Sirius doubled their lead, this time a fine ball from Jacob L to Ashdon O who ran a great line, and there was no stopping the impressive second rower. St John Fisher replied immediately as the Sirius side were giving penalty after penalty, giving them good field position, which they capitilised on as they went over in the corner for 8 - 4. Sirius extended their lead just before the break with Ashdon O showing his strength once again as he made it 12 - 4 at halftime.

Sirius started the second half well, completing their first set, which resulted in a kick from Clinton T rebounding off the St John Fisher player and into the arms of Ethan Laud, who had the easy job of catching the ball and going over in the corner for 16 - 4. An error on the Sirius tryline from the kick-off resulted in a St John Fisher scrum five metres out, which they took full advantage of and went over in the corner 16 - 8. Sirius looked dangerous every time they were on the attack and with some good runs forward from Jake F, Ronnie H and Noah B got Sirius near the tryline, up stepped Jacob L who fired out a cut out ball to Enes O who went over in the corner. 22 - 8. St John Fisher took advantage of poor defence out wide to make it 22 - 14, but Sirius had the last word as Isaac L spotted a gap after a fine run from Harvey K and scooted over 20 metres to go in under the sticks, showing great vision to make the final score 28 - 14.

Please congratulate the boys on their Yorkshire Cup win, they were superb in attack:-

Billy S, Ethan L, Bradley L, Oliver C, Enes O, Clinton T, Jacob L, Bosco M, Isaac L, Jake F, Ashdon O, Noah B, Ronnie H, Cole O and Harvey K.

Special thanks to Miss Waller for her support with the team.

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U13s Cup

After finishing top of Group 1 in the Tigers Trust Utilita Cup earlier in the month, our U13s team made it through to the final, against South Hunsley A, South Hunsley B and Archbishop.

Our first game against Archbishop, finished strong, **winning 2-0**. Goal scorers: Alice K and Brooke B.

Our second game against South Hunsley A - favourites to win, we played exceptionally to prevent them from scoring. This game **finished 0-0**. A good result and meant we were in with a chance of winning the tournament, depending on the results of the last remaining games!

Our final game against South Hunsley B was a difficult game, with a few mistakes meaning we allowed the opposition to score 2 easy goals. A few shots on target ourselves, however we were unable to score. Game finishing a **2-0 defeat**.

The girls worked extremely hard and stayed positive throughout! Excellent attitude and determination.

They finished runners up in the tournament of 18 teams in the local area. Something to be very proud of!

Also thank you to Mr Smith for his tactical contributions and constant feedback to the team!

Squad:

Year 8

Darcie H, Eda S, Lottie F, Ava W, Alice K, Brooke B.

Year 7

Poppy R, Rosie M, Evie J.

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Participation Tournament

Sirius West had two teams attend the 5-a-side Participation Tournament ran by Tigers Trust. Both teams worked really hard throughout the day. For some pupils, it was their first time ever playing a game of competitive football! Their behaviour was exemplary. Unfortunately, no winners but all received medals for their efforts.

Year 7

Izzy F, Minnie S, Amber M, Daria T, Macey T, Fola O, Lana C, Etta P, Summer M.

Year 8

Zuzanna S, Maya H, Esme N, Maddison M, Kately C, Issy B.

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U13s Girls Football

Our U13s Girls Football team managed to make it through to the 4th round of the National Cup after a 1-0 win against Hornsea. They played with true determination in freezing conditions!

Goals: Brooke B 1

Squad:

Y8

Ava W, Alice K, Brooke B, Eda S, Lottie F, Issy B, Darcie H, Katelyn C.

Y7

Evie J, Poppy R, Lana C, Rosie M.

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Colne Valley 10 Sirius Academy West 20.

Our Year 8 boys travelled the long journey across to Huddersfield to take on Colne Valley in their first of two Yorkshire Cup League matches. The game was evenly matched in the first half as both defences worked hard to keep each other out. On the final play of the first half a smart cross field kick from Harrie G was taken by Charlie R to score in the corner for a 4 - 0 lead at the break. The second half saw Sirius settle with the ball in hand, and when a kick on the last from Colne Valley went dead, Charlie R was quick to react and from the tap 20 he broke through and raced 80 metres to touchdown under the sticks for 10 - 0. Sirius continued to pile on the pressure and when the ball was kept alive on the last tackle, great vision and skill from Year 7 George S dummied his way through the gap with an outstanding dummy and go. Colne Valley got one back for 16 - 6. But Sirius responded well, another great kick on the last from Harrie G found Oliver T who grounded the ball for a well deserved try from the impressive centre. Colne Valley got a consolation try on the last play of the game to make the final score 20 - 10 to Sirius West.

Please congratulate the squad on their performance, attitude and teamwork:- Jacob L, Charlie R, George S, Oliver T, Oscar S, Harrie G, Tyler C, Aiden R, Seb C, Harrison M, Alfie Y, Charlie M, Oliver W and Lenny K.

Special mention to Lenny K and George S from Year 7 who were outstanding playing up a year group.

Special thanks to Mrs Waller for her support with the team.

Player of the match went to Oliver T who was outstanding in defence, and also caused Colne Valley all sorts of problems in attack.

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Year 7 Boys Rugby Sirius Academy West 40 Outwood Grange 6

Our Year 7 Boys made it two wins from two in the Yorkshire Cup League with a convincing victory over Outwood Grange.

Sirius had to defend three sets of six in the first few minutes after getting cautioned for high tackles. But the Sirius defence stood strong and prevented Outwood from going over. With the ball in hand Sirius looked dangerous, and scored off their first completed set of six, a strong run from Emsen W dragged in the Outwood defence and a smart ball from George S found Jake S, who went over for 6 - 0. Sirius continued to complete their sets and put points on the board as Jake S hit a gap out wide again and rounded the defence to go in under the sticks for 12 - 0. Some good runs forward from Archie B and Oliver J put Sirius on the front foot and a smart pass from Max Wilkinson at acting half back found George S with an overlap, as he jinxed his way through to make it 16 - 0 at the halftime break.

Sirius started the second half where they had left off, and scored a superb try, some great hands down the left saw Jake S send Noah H through a gap and he outpaced the sliding defence before stepping inside to round the fullback and go in under the sticks. 22 - 0. Another outstanding team try extended the lead, this time it was hands down the right involving Mason P with a fine draw and pass to Isaac H, who went over in the corner, 28 - 0. A lapse in defence saw Outwood's number 13 break through the line and race over 60 meters to score. This gave Outwood some confidence, but Max W was on a mission in defence and made five tackles in a row, showing real tenacity from the little number 9. Jack Karm was causing Outwood problems down the middle, and his run set up Lenny K, who brushed off many attempted tackles, showing real strength to go over for 34 - 0. Jake S rounded off the scoring by going over for his hat-trick as he picked up a loose ball on the halfway line and there was no stopping him. Final score 40 - 6 in favour of this talented Sirius West side.

Player of the match went to Max W for not only his outstanding distribution from acting half back but also his toughness and hard work in defence.

Please congratulate the squad on their outstanding team performance once again, they are an extremely talented side, who work together a team to get their rewards:-

Archie B, Riley P, Noah H, Oliver J, Albie C, George S, Mason P, Isaac H, Max W, Jack K, Jake S, Emsen W, Lenny K, Ronnie H and Roscoe J.

Thank you to all the parents that came out to support.

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Students of the Week



Congratulations!

Health & Social Care

Chloe A, Vruti P, Gift O Y11

Excellent attitude and effort in coursework.

Health & Social Care

Cloe T, Megan C

Attending intervention and making huge progress in exam questions.

PSHE

Treasure A, Alicia M Y8/9

Thoughtful contributions to the discussion work in lessons.



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Students of the Week

Congratulations!

PHSE

Kai M Y7

Excellent discussion points when talking about being assertive.

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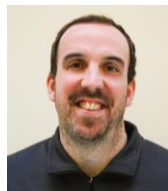
Final Thought



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“Small moments in time,
create memories which
last a lifetime”



Mr A Kay
Assistant Head Teacher - Pastoral and Attitudes to Learning

The next parental bulletin will go live after
Christmas. Enjoy the break ahead!

Key Dates

Please see parents evening dates in this bulletin



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