Falconer School

Achieving the extraordinary together

Headteacher's Weekly Blog Friday 12th February

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another busy half term I would like to commend the staff at Falconer School for their commitment and passion to teaching and learning throughout this difficult time. With the National Lockdown and challenges faced with remote learning whilst also providing live teaching, it is often difficult to juggle the various tasks. The staff at Falconer have consistently gone above and beyond to support students with a smile on their face and I would like to thank them for their work.

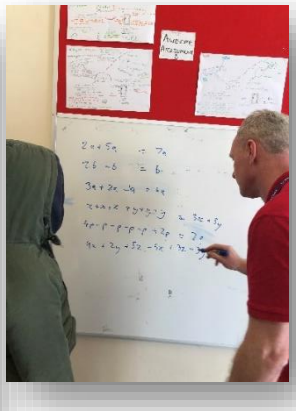
We received positive news from Hertfordshire County Council this week that staff working in Special Schools would be given priority to receive the Covid-19 vaccine – another measure that improves the safety for everyone working within the school.

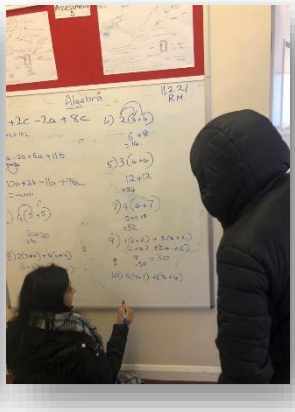
Despite the very cold weather this week it has been wonderful to welcome back all our students on site to participate in their normal school routines. As ever, some great lessons have taken place and a lovely, learning atmosphere felt around the school.





Year 8 RE





Year 8 Maths





Year 7 English





Year 9 Science



Year 10 Motor Vehicles

Assemblies have been reintroduced with the theme of Kindness being discussed last week, in line with our three core Values of Kindness, Compassion and Confidence. The boys were given the challenge of doing at least one Act of Kindness at home or at school each day. This week assemblies were led by Acting Deputy Headteacher Mr Abusef on the theme of Internet Safety.

The School Council, led by Assistant Headteacher Ms Greenwood, met this week to discuss a range of issues important to the students at Falconer. One issue they have raised which we are looking into are the length of lessons. We will exploring the possibilities of changing the lengths of lessons within the school day to help the boys maintain focus. Amongst the other issues discussed the boys did express the desire to have everyone wearing school uniform. As a reminder, boys should be wearing a white shirt or polo shirt and either black or grey trousers.

After half term, Associate Leader and Head of English, Mrs Seed, is launching a new literacy initiative 'Word of the Day'. This is to give the students a wider range of vocabulary to use which they will then be able to utilise in their learning. The words for launch week are:

Monday 22nd February	diversity
Tuesday 23rd February	perceive
Wednesday 24th February	fallacy
Thursday 25th February	sustainable
Friday 26th February	voracious

Listen out for these words in the home and perhaps have a conversation with your son about the Word of the Day!

The real highlight for this week has been the celebration of Chinese New Year. Mr Taylor, Catering Teacher, has led cross curricular activities and events all week, as well as teaching the boys how to make some amazing dishes. The following images capture some of the activities that have taken place but cannot replicate the delicious aromas!























I am so proud of what the boys have achieved this week! Do have a lovely weekend, I hope you and your families keep well and the boys have a good half term break.

Mrs Ash

Interim Headteacher