Falconer School

Achieving the extraordinary together

Headteacher's Weekly Blog Friday 11th December

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may have head on the news, the government have suggested to school's that they may like to consider moving one of the allocated INSET days for the year to Friday 18th December. This suggestion is to ensure that school staff are not needed to be working with Public Health England to support with 'track and trace' following any positive Covid-19 diagnoses on Christmas Eve.

At Falconer we have taken the decision to keep the end of term arrangements as normal, protecting the much needed staff training opportunities in the Spring Term. Therefore school will finish for Christmas Term at the usual time of **12:15 on Friday 18th December.**

We will, however, be moving one of the INSET days on the school calendar in order to provide important staff training. Therefore both **Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th January 2021** will be INSET days with the boys starting the new term on Wednesday 6th January. The calendared training day on Monday 12th April will therefore now be a normal school day. I do apologise for the short notice and any inconvenience caused but feel the training for staff is particularly important in helping support the students education moving forward.

After a busy week the boys were really looking forward to Christmas Jumper Day – it was lovely to see so many students and staff participate and raise money for Save the Children. We also held a cake sale to raise additional funds which was very popular at breaktime. Thank you to Ms Henry and Ms Vora for organising the cake sale and all the staff who contributed cakes!









Christmas Jumpers

Save the Children CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY









Cake Sale

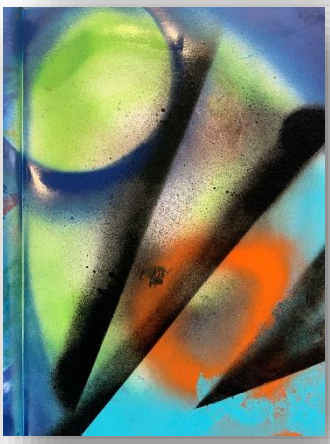
The Year 8 English class had an exciting lesson this week where they had to investigate a 'theft' from their classroom. Part of their learning was to devise interview questions to try and determine what happened. Mr Abusef, Acting Deputy Headteacher, and I assisted the Year 8's with their enquiries!





Year 9 enjoying table tennis





Kandinsky abstract paintings by Alfie and Thomas – Year 8



During KS3 assembly this week Mr Mach and Mr Saich discussed the meaning of Christmas and the significant event during World War 1 when the soldiers in the trenches called a truce and took part in singing carols together (as used in a supermarket Christmas advert a few years ago!).

My Taylor has also joined in the Christmas spirit by creating a 'Festive Food' recipe booklet for the students to take home and use.



The week ended with the 15 students who achieved the most reward points this term (for achieving their learning outcomes in lessons, prosocial behaviour and excellent effort) having a celebration ‘party’, arranged by Mrs Greenwood, Assistant Headteacher. Each of the boys were given a certificate to keep to congratulate them on their achievement. The count starts again now ready for the Spring Term!







Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Ash

Interim Headteacher