

After a well-earned week off Year 8 have arrived back at William Howard in high spirits. I have thoroughly enjoyed conducting learning walks and dropping into Year 8 lessons. I have had the pleasure of witnessing amazing art work, fantastic competitive situations in PE, detailed analytic work in English and much more!!



Year 8 as a whole continue to impress here at WHS on the run up to the Christmas break. I have asked teachers to provide me with information on students who they feel have gone the extra mile and would warrant a newsletter Shout Out!

Mr Anders has put forward the following students for 'being absolute stars', arriving to lesson on time with an eagerness to learn and always contributing positively to the lesson! **Ava Mair, Emily Kennon, Ava Wilson-Marks, Summer-Kate Dawes**

Mr Hayward would like to highlight **Laura Spedding** in his form.

'I would like to nominate Laura Spedding from 8CHY. She's an excellent role model for the other students in my form, receiving high praise from her teachers for her work, contribution in lessons and her attendance at a number of extra-curricular activities. She is also active on the House Council and has achieved an incredible 379 house points already this year with not a single negative consequence ever logged throughout Year 7 or 8. She also recently sang at a remembrance service in her local community. Definitely represents our school and our three core values at the highest standard!'

Mrs Booker has nominated **Paloma O'Connor** and **Amber Fitton**.

'Amber and Paloma are both enthusiastic but also very resourceful; both students have a great deal to offer class discussion. Their work on 'Noughts and Crosses' by M Blackman is insightful and mature.'

Mrs Booker also has this to say about **Natasha Atkinson** and **Max Holden**.

'Natasha Atkinson and Max Holden are both extremely conscientious and reflective as students of English. They offer extremely perceptive and very mature answers, showing precision and accuracy in focus and interpretation.'

Mrs Mellor, one of our Geography teachers, has this to say about **Chloe Smith**.

'Chloe Smith is an absolute delight to teach. She is always on time, organised and works so hard in class. She is very focussed, and her manners are impeccable. She always makes a point of saying hello and goodbye when she enters and leaves. It is the little things that make a difference!'

Mr Campbell would like to nominate **Hattie Wheatcroft, Laura Spedding, Rio McCleary** and **Isy Newman**.

'Hatty Wheatcroft and Laura Spedding have created amazing profiles on our key historical figures we have been studying, so much so that they've got pride of place on the KS3 wall!'

'Rio McCleary has shown fantastic interest in the subject and always engages in his learning, Isy Newman always looks to stretch her understanding, and the quality of Natasha Leach's work has been consistently fantastic!'

Mrs Clementson has chosen to highlight **Millie McCluskey**.



'I taught Millie last early and helped lots of her peers finish their bags. All book work was completed rotation for Textiles and she was amazing. She is so creative! Millie completed an amazing bike bag for a 4- to 8-year-old to use whilst riding their bike. She finished the project to a high standard! She is very talented.'



Mrs Maclachlan would like to nominate the following:



'Chloe Smith for being such a polite and consciousness student in Music, who always looks to challenge herself every lesson.'

'Dylan Noble, for tremendous focus during lessons, which has resulted in him making great progress on the keyboards in Music.'

'The dynamic duo of Ollie Bridges and Oliver Hodgson. Their collaborative work has been fantastic, which has resulted in some awe-inspiring performances in front of the class.'

'Poppy Bennett, for consistent and thoughtful contributions during discussions and high-quality written work produced during PD lessons.'

'Steffi Iley, for her focus during practical lessons and for some excellent performances in front of the class.'

'Elliot Morgan, for helping support less experienced drummers during Music lessons, and for his fantastic contribution to Rock Club.'



Headteacher's Award

This week's Headteacher's Award goes to **Aiden LI** in Year 8. Aiden always completes the work set in lessons with an extremely positive attitude and asks for extension work as soon as he's finished the task given. Not only is Aiden enthusiastic for his own learning, he is also keen to help his fellow classmates with theirs. He is an excellent role model to his peers and a great example of a model student. So far, Aiden has clocked up 22 'Learner of the Lesson' nominations since September.



I would like to nominate **Heidi Benson**. Heidi epitomises all of the school values. Arriving to school each and every day with a smile on her face, no matter what subject, she goes above and beyond. This is reflected by the number of achievement points Heidi has managed to accrue. A whopping 357 at the time of writing this letter, and the second highest in the school!!

Mrs Jones and I continue to enjoy every day and every challenge that comes with the Year Group. The Year Group holds such enormous amounts of potential! We cannot wait to see what the run up to Christmas has in store for them.

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