



*GCSE Examinations start in **115** days*

Dear Parent/Guardian

You will be aware that on Tuesday and Wednesday this week we welcomed Ofsted into school. HMI, Mr Ahmed Marikar along with two other inspectors, Mrs Nell Banfield and Mrs Tracey Greenough conducted a thorough two-day inspection. As part of the process Ofsted invited parents to complete an online survey and I would like to thank all of the parents/carers who took the time to do this. There was an overwhelming response and Mr Marikar indicated that many positive comments were made. I would also like to thank the pupils for the way in which they have conducted themselves in lessons and around school. Further details will be released once we have received the report. Thank you for your continued support.

A group of Year 7 and Year 8 pupils have taken part in bikeability on Monday and Tuesday this week. They have cycled the roads of Rossendale and completed acrobatics on the astroturf. The training was delivered through the wonderful team at Go Velo. The pupils had an amazing time with some gaining a Level 3 certificate. Well done to all involved.

A group of Year 8 pupils began the Premier League Enterprise Programme at Burnley Football Club this week. They had a tour of the ground and completed a number of workshops, they will continue working on the programme until Easter.

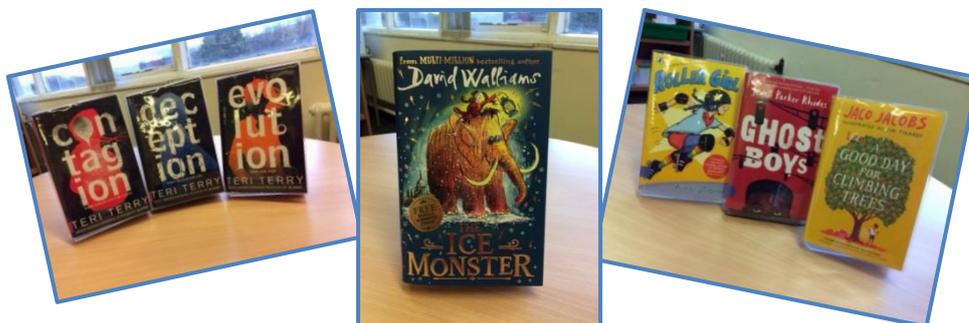
A massive well done must go to our Year 7 pupils for their participation in the Rossendale Schools' Indoor Athletics Competition this week. They all worked extremely hard and did themselves and the school proud.

For information the GCSE examinations will start on Monday 13th May and the last day of GCSE examinations is Friday 14th June 2019.

A reminder for Year 11 parents/carers that it is Year 11 parents' evening on Tuesday 22nd January from 4.30pm-6.30pm. Please make every effort to attend and support your child at this crucial time in their education. Please return reply slips to Form Tutors as soon as possible.

School library

Some exciting new books arrived in the library this week. David Walliams new The Ice Monster, a trilogy by the award winning Teri Terry and a selection for free from our friends at Booktrust. Why not call in and have a look?



The maths department now have maths revision guides and workbooks for sale to help pupils prepare for their examinations. The cost is £6 for the pair which is a big reduction on the normal cost of £5.95 each. Also, Edexcel, the exam board we use, recommend the Casio FX 83 calculator for the GCSE examination. These are available in most supermarkets or online for about £10 or less and will last for years. It would be very helpful for revision purposes if pupils had their own calculator and hopefully with more practice they should be able to use them in their examinations more efficiently.

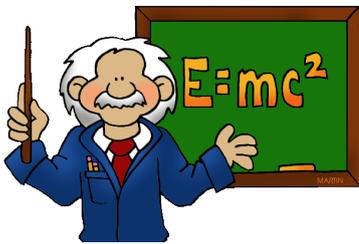
Lancashire SEND Partnership have asked us to share the following:

Help the Lancashire SEND Partnership understand more about what we are getting right and where we need to continue improvement by completing this survey.

[Survey for parents or carers](#)

[Survey for children and young people](#)

Numeracy Question



The answer to last week's numeracy question is 6.

This week's numeracy question is: How many different arrangements are there of the word HARPY? And how many different arrangements are there of the letters in the word HAPPY?

Thank you for your continued support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Mrs H Stead'.

Mrs H Stead
Headteacher