



*GCSE Examinations start in 94 days*

Dear Parent/Guardian

After the half-term holiday we will be starting a series of 'breakfast blast' sessions for Year 11 pupils where pupils will be given extra teaching time before the start of the normal day. All pupils are expected to attend. A timetable will be issued to pupils next week and will also be attached to next week's newsletter. The sessions will begin at 8am and pupils will be provided with breakfast. If any pupil has any issues with arriving in school by 8am please can they let their Form Tutor know as soon as possible and we will do our best to assist.

As you are aware we are working really hard at Fearn's to improve attendance with various initiatives in place for the pupils to encourage them to attend regularly and punctually. Please note that if your child arrives at school once registers are officially closed, they will be marked as an 'unauthorised' absence. This will impact on their attendance and ultimately parents/carers need to understand that they will be issued with a Penalty Notice if there are 10 sessions (half days) of unauthorised absence in a term or 14 in two terms.

A big well done must go to Noah Pemberton and Drew Davison from Year 7 who braved freezing conditions to represent Rossendale at the Lancashire Schools Cross Country competition at Witton Park last weekend. They should be congratulated on their dedication and commitment.

The Year 10 Youth Enterprise Challenge team did really well at the award ceremony at Alder Grange School on Thursday evening last week. They received the award for most money raised per pupil and the award for most community involvement. They raised an amazing total of **£2875.21** which was just £147.00 short of Haslingden's total. This is a super achievement and the pupils have worked relentlessly on a variety of projects to raise the money. Well done to all involved and thank you very much to Mr Gibbons for his steadfast support.

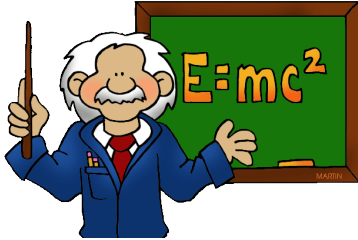
Harry Potter day was celebrated in style this week. Pupils took part in a Design a Broomstick competition and in Form time did word searches and designed a sock for Dobby. A banquet took place in the library at lunch, overseen by Professor McGonagall (aka Mrs Humphries, our Librarian). Food, drink and The Hidden Hogwarts Quiz were enjoyed by pupils from Year 7 and 8, helped by two of our Literacy Leaders, Jack Holden and Harley Purcell. We shared a little HP magic throughout the day and everyone enjoyed themselves.



Year 8 exams start on Monday, please make sure that your child is fully equipped and prepared for each exam. Your child should have a copy of the timetable and it is also under the exams section of the school website. Good luck to all Year 8 pupils.

For your information there is a copy of the Year 11 mock timetable attached to this newsletter and it is also under Year 11 in the pupils section of the website. Year 11 pupils have had a copy issued to them already this week.

### **Numeracy Question**



The answer to last week's numeracy question is 1240.

This week's numeracy question is: A rectangular jigsaw puzzle is divided up into pieces each 2cm by 2cm. They are joined to each other by almost circular tabs at the centre of each edge which fit into similar circular holes. Outside edges are straight. In a jigsaw 16cm by 12cm how many tabs are there?

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

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

Mrs H Stead  
Headteacher