



## *GCSE Examinations start in 3 days*

Dear Parent/Guardian

Good luck to Year 11 who will start their GCSE's from Monday 13th May. I very much hope that your child has made full use of the revision sessions which have been and continue to be on offer to them. Lessons continue as normal, with additional breakfast and after-school revision sessions scheduled for most subjects. Please encourage your child to attend these. The 'Breakfast Blast' sessions which have been available for the last few weeks have been well-attended and the pupils will have gained deeper knowledge and confidence. Thank you to parents and staff for ensuring that our children have received the extra support which may just make the difference to their future. Please see the attached leaflet which has been provided to offer some additional strategies to help them to revise effectively and be prepared for examinations.

On Tuesday 7th May the Fire Service came into school to deliver an assembly to Years 7-11 regarding the dangers of swimming in open water. Pupils were told about the dangers and the consequences through an informative Powerpoint and also watched videos which showed how dangerous and fatal it can be. Please reinforce this need to stay safe around open water.

Thank you to the Year 9 parents who attended parents' evening on Wednesday this week. We make every effort to encourage all parents/carers to attend these events to support their child and we all need to work together and communicate effectively to ensure the best outcomes. If you were not able to attend please contact school to make arrangements to come in at a convenient time. Thank you for your continued support.

Sixteen of our Year 10 pupils took part in prefect training yesterday. This took place at Bacup Cricket Club where pupils spent the day taking part in various team building activities and gaining a greater understanding of what being a prefect involves. Pupils had a fantastic day and were presented with Further Faster Higher badges by Mrs Stead. They will be presented with prefect badges in assembly after their trial period. Mrs Ward and Mr Gibbons were very impressed with pupils' contributions on the day. Well done to those involved! Pupils will begin their prefect roles after work experience and will be allocated with various responsibilities around school. Any prefect wishing to apply for the role of Head Boy / Girl needs to hand their letter to Mrs Ward / Mrs Stead by Friday 24th May. After looking at letters pupils will be invited for an interview, after which, decisions will be made about the roles. If any prefect would like any guidance in writing their letter they can speak to Mrs Ward who will be very happy to help.

### **Revision Sessions for Year 11 – May half-term**

There will be the following revision sessions during the May half-term:

Maths and English (Platinum and Star) Tues 28th May 10am-2.30pm

Maths (Silver and Gold) Tues 28th May 10am-1pm

BTEC Sport and Geography 10am-1pm Wed 29th May

(BTEC Sport will be targeted pupils who have coursework to finish off.)

Letters should arrive home today with Year 11 pupils; a text will be sent to confirm this. Attendance at the revision sessions is compulsory. Please support your child in attending.

Year 11 pupils who wish to order a leavers' hoodie need to return their reply slip and money to Mrs Mitchell **by Monday 13th May**. No orders can be placed after this deadline.

Year 11 pupils who have been invited to attend the Year 11 prom at The Dunkenhalgh Hotel on Friday 28th June 2019 should have received the final letter asking for full payment to be made. Please ensure the completed slip indicating your child's travel requirements is handed in to Mrs Mitchell **by Friday 24th May** along with the final payment.

**SAVE THE DATE** Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Rossendale Works

Fearn's are proud to be organising this fantastic event for the second year with Rossendale Council. 'Rossendale Works' will be held at Haslingden Sports Centre and will welcome over 50 local businesses to raise aspirations and promote employability in Rossendale. Pupils in Years 8, 9 and 10 will be attending the event and there is a parents' drop-in session from 3pm-4.30pm.



**Bert the Bookworm Recommends...**

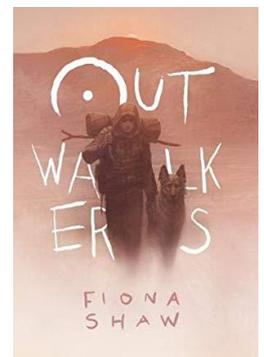
***Outwalkers by Fiona Shaw***

It had an excellent plot, it had lots of wonderful description. It was full of suspense; it was very tense.

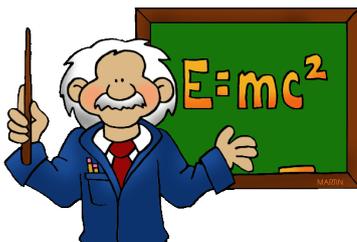
I gave this book:



**Maitena Hefler Vidal (7E)**



### **Numeracy Question**



The answer to the last numeracy question is 105.

This week's numeracy question is: In a class of 20 pupils, 12 have mobile phones. Those without phones send cards to everyone in the class while the people with mobile phones send text messages to the others with phones and cards to the rest. How many cards are sent?

I hope you have a pleasant weekend.

Mrs H Stead  
Headteacher