

POST16 News LETTER

THE STAFF GAVE THE POST 16 STUDENTS A LESSON IN HOW TO PLAY FOOTBALL!

The school has been supporting the **Wear Red Day 22 (#WRD22)** in support of the **Show Racism the Red Card** charity. As part of this initiative, the sixth form challenged the staff to a football match on the school's newly refurbished astroturf pitches. The match took place on Thursday 20 October and was hotly anticipated, with the sixth form team training after school for several weeks to prepare themselves. The staff team was captained by **Post 16 tutor Mr Gilbey** and saw **Mr Abbott** coming out of retirement to go in goal.

Unfortunately for the students, it was a case of experience triumphing over youth with the staff winning **9-1!** It had been **6-0 at half time** so credit to the students for not giving up. **Mr Hussain** scored a hattrick and other goals were scored by **Mr Ground, Mr Satari and Mr Steward**. Mr Abbott was disappointed to lose his clean sheet in the second half (the only goal against him was scored by Year 13 student **Lewis Andrews**). The sixth form will return to the training pitch and rumour has it will be looking for a new manager...



POST 16 INTER FORM QUIZ

Every Friday Post 16 students and their tutors take part in a **live inter form quiz**, hosted by Quiz Master Mr Abbott. The first round always covers the last week's news, Round 2 has been General Knowledge and we normally end our quiz with a picture round. Over the course of Round 1, the first 7 weeks, **280 points** have been available and our first winner of the year is Mrs Mayfield's form. Congratulations to **P16-2** who were Runners Up several Rounds last year but never quite managed to top the table. They are deserving winners of Round 1 and led the way since the very first week of term.

We saw a late charge from Mr Gilbey's form, our defending champions from last year, who moved from 5th place to **2nd place** over the last few weeks. However, they couldn't quite do enough and P16-2 hung on to top the leaderboard with a 7 point lead. At the wrong end of the table, P16-6 are our first holders of the **Wooden Spoon** and will be hoping to pass that to another form!

| FORM | | WEEK7 / FINAL TABLE | | | | TOTAL (/280) | Gap |
|-------|---------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|-----------------|-----|
| | | RD 1 (22) | RD 2 (10) | RD3 (/20) | TOTAL (42) | | |
| P16-2 | AMF | 16 | 6 | 7.5 | 29.5 | 201 | |
| P16-4 | JGY | 15 | 8 | 10.5 | 33.5 | 194 | 7 |
| P16-1 | DMY | 18 | 5 | 7 | 30 | 188 | 6 |
| P16-3 | MFN/HFH | 11 | 7.5 | 6 | 24.5 | 187 | 1 |
| P16-5 | RSR | 12 | 5 | 5 | 22 | 183 | 4 |
| P16-7 | FPN/HPE | 14 | 6 | 5 | 25 | 183 | 0 |
| P16-6 | SBS/SMN | 18 | 5 | 6 | 29 | 177 | 6 |

VISIT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN

On **20 September**, we took most of the sixth form on a **Higher Education** visit to the **University of Lincoln**, a university which is one of the most popular destinations for KSCS students. It was an opportunity to learn about applying to university, have a campus tour, speak to university students and to gain a first experience of what studying at a university student is like. Thanks to **Mrs Pierce** and the Careers team for organising this day.

MOBILE PHONES

Please remind your child that the **school mobile phone ban still applies to the sixth form** who should not be using their phones around the school site. Thankfully, there have been few Post 16 confiscations and I would like to keep it this way! Post 16 students still have the privilege of using their mobiles in their **dedicated Common Room** and **Study Room** but need to continue to be **positive role models** for the lower school by keeping their phones and headphones out of sight.

POST 16 ATTENDANCE AND PHONING IN SICK

Post 16 students are expected to attend the vast majority of their lessons. Our minimum expectation is **90%** but students should be aiming to attend every lesson. They should not be working during the school day and certainly should not be booking holidays in term time. Any absence can have a detrimental impact on a student's progress and this is all the more important in the sixth form where teachers cover a vast amount of course content in a very short space of time. After half term, we will be writing to the parents of any student whose attendance to their academic classes has fallen below 90% this half term. Students whose attendance does



not improve over the course of next time risk being made parental entries, with the cost of their examinations being paid from home. This is a last resort but we need to challenge absence and underachievement if students are going to achieve their best outcomes.

I also wish to remind you that Post 16 students (or their parents/carers) must still phone in **every day** they are not in school. There is a dedicated **Post 16 absence line** which **Mrs Pierce** checks and uses to inform staff which students will be missing from lessons.

POST 16 BURSARY

I am aware that some parents have had their incomes affected by the pandemic and cost of living crisis. I continually promote the Post 16 bursary fund to students and encourage all eligible students to access this financial support. **This is not just available to students in receipt of Free School Meals or on Universal Credit but to all families of Post 16 students in financial hardship.** The bursary can provide for a range of educational support, including bus fares, educational visits, course textbooks and equipment. If you feel you may benefit from this support, please contact me in confidence.

FREE BREAKFAST PROVISION

Mr Erwin has done some excellent work to secure a **free breakfast provision** for all students across our school. I am delighted this **also applies to Post 16 students.**

FIRST ROUND OF POST 16 PRE-PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS (PPEs)

Next half term we have the **Post 16 PPEs** coming up in the last few weeks of term, These will take place from **5th to 16th December**. The PPE timetable will be shared shortly after half term. Students will be assessed on topics they have covered and the PPEs represent the opportunity for us to assess what students can do and also to identify any gaps in their understanding, i.e. what they can't do... yet! It should now go without saying that Post 16 students should take these assessments very seriously. I am sure they have come to appreciate that PPEs can be used as key assessment evidence if the final examinations do not go ahead. I hope it will not come to this again but failure to prepare is preparation to fail!

UCAS DEADLINE

The final deadline for students applying to university next year is **25 January 2022**. However, our **UCAS Lead, Mr Walji**, will be working with students to get all of their applications sent before Christmas. Remember, the quicker the UCAS form is sent off, the quicker students can start receiving their university offers! UCAS applicants should now be completing the online form and working with their tutors on their Personal Statements.

Mr Abbott, Mrs Pierce and the Post 16 Tutor team