

**Newsletter - AutumnTerm 1
Week 5**

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Dear Parents and Carers

In the next couple of weeks we will share which House your child will be in. We have named our houses after successful people with disabilities and each house will have a value and a logo designed by students. The houses are as follows:

- Adepitan (after Ade Adepitan, basketball player and TV presenter.)
- Simmonds (after Ellie Simmonds, swimmer.)
- Gordy (after Sarah Gordy, actress)
- Hawking (after Stephen Hawking)
- Hegerty (after Anne Hegerty, Quiz show personality)

We are really hoping this will encourage a team ethos across the whole school and a healthy sense of competition! Our value of the term is 'imagination' and every time students display an example of this, they will be awarded a house point.

We also introduced our prefect system this week to encourage students to take on roles and responsibilities within the school. When they are taking a role, they wear a prefect lanyard, which has been extremely popular. Students have been giving tours to visitors, getting food for peers who need additional help and helping clean up in the dinner hall, among many other roles. Well done everyone!

We are looking forward to seeing you at the meet the team evening on Thursday 10th October. We will start at 3.15 and go on to 6.00. We also hope to see some of you at the TES SEN show in Islington, for the parent forums.

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes

Lucy

Student of the Week

Orange: Jacob L	Purple: Nicky
Blue: Harry B	Red: Paige
Yellow: Monzir	Green: Brody/Stas
Bronze: Joshua	Silver: Chanel
Gold: Rhianna	Copper: Hayley
Platinum: Anita	Titanium: Zohaib

Titanium Class

Today whilst exploring the sensory garden, Titanium Class found something we weren't expecting to find! Under a log, we discovered a newt. At first, we thought it wasn't alive so we collected it in a tub. However, a few minutes later it started moving again. We researched this and found out that newts freeze and play dead when they sense danger. We identified the newt as a female palmate newt, which are found in some parts of the UK but not as common as the smooth newt. The newt was quickly released back to where we found it.

How exciting that our sensory garden has attracted such wildlife so quickly after being built!



Post 16

Post 16 students in Years 13 and 14 will be given an opportunity to visit City of Oxford College this coming Tuesday. This is a new initiative that will hopefully continue throughout the academic year. The experience will provide an excellent opportunity for students to familiarise themselves with a College campus which will help and support their transition from school to college at the end of Year 14. Whilst at the City of Oxford College, students will be based in their newly refurbished independent living flat and have access to a classroom. The day has been organised around a work related programme with work experience placements being offered in the afternoon. Students will also visit the West Gate shopping centre on occasions to complete a food shop at Sainsbury. They will then return to the flat to make a snack. This experience forms part of the Asdan Personal Progress Entry Level 1 course. It will be a real and meaningful experience for our students.



Dates for the diary

10th October 2019, 3.15pm - 6pm - Meet the Team (in classrooms)

Shakespeare Performance - Tuesday 22nd October 2019 at 7pm, at The Theatre at Headington

Term Ends - Friday 25th October 2019

Back to school - Monday 4th November 2019

Christmas Holiday - Thursday 19th December

INSET Day - Monday 6th January 2020

Back to School - Tuesday 7th January 2020

Shakespeare Tickets are now on Sale. £7.00 per ticket. Please ask at reception.