

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

Dear Parents and Guardians,

French Day was a huge highlight of not only this week but also this half term. Pupils confidently singing in French, delivering presentations and sharing short drama pieces was an absolute delight and testament to the fearless approach with which they engage with their studies.

Unbelievably, Reception went on a trip to China this week and came back with a dragon to celebrate Chinese New Year. Another adventure that I loved hearing about.

Year 7 and 8 pupils learnt valuable lessons about Online Safety from Leicestershire Police in assembly yesterday. Years 9, 10 and 11 had another Studies Skills session delivered by Elevate Education. I hope your son/ daughter has been able to share with you the techniques they learnt to help with their revision and learning in general.

After half term we look forward to having our Values in Action: Creative Arts Week and I can tell you there are lots of exciting things planned for the pupils to be inspired by. Please watch this space!

Thankfully the weather has been nice today as 18 Year 9 pupils embarked upon their training day for the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award. The teamwork opportunities and new skills offered is endless and I look forward to hearing all the memories from the day.

What remains for me to say is thank you. As I reach the halfway point of my first year, I'd like to thank you for your ongoing support. It is always a pleasure to speak to parents around school. After a busy half-term for teachers, pupils and parents may I wish everyone in our community an enjoyable and restful break.

With best wishes,  
Mrs McCullough  
Headmistress

**Notices and Reminders:**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February

Lent term resumes

Year 9 Options Deadline

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February

Years 3 and 4 Team Photos

Year 7 Parents' Meetings

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February

Year 3 Italian Day

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March

FOLS Meeting 8.30am