

SEDGEHILL

weekly

20 OCTOBER 2017

MESSAGE FROM MS CASSIDY

I have used this newsletter since the start of term to tell you about some of the things we are looking to do to make improvements here at Sedgemoor. But for our students and your children to be as successful as they can be, then it is important that they also take responsibility for their own learning out of school.

One way that they can do that is by being active readers. Reading improves language skills, both written and verbal. But that is not all it does. It helps develop an ability to concentrate. And it broadens the mind, introducing readers to new experiences and viewpoints.

I write this a couple of weeks after Kazuo Ishiguro won the Nobel Prize for literature. It is a little known fact that he was living up the hill in Sydenham when he wrote his most famous book *The Remains of the Day*, which won the Booker Prize in 1989 and went on to become a much-lauded film starring Anthony Hopkins and Emma Thompson. For those interested, he wrote an interesting (and short) article in the Guardian about how he wrote that book (at <http://bit.ly/2xko36w>) - complete with a namecheck for Kirkdale Books at Cobbs Corner.

With half term coming up, I would encourage all of our students to make sure that they have something to read while they are off school. Books are available to borrow from our library and our librarian Mr Mees would be pleased to help them make a rewarding choice.

PERFECT STUDENTS

Perfect Student is presented to the student from each year group who has, in that week:

- 100% attendance;
- 100% punctuality;
- gained the most achievement points.

With the exciting announcement of the Young Mayor election results last week, we ran out of room for the perfect students in last week's newsletter, so here are last week's and this week's:

W/C 9 October

Year 7 **Anosha Amalathas**
Year 8 **Julia Kukulowicz**
Year 9 **Brandon Johnson**
Year 10 **Freda Igiogbe**
Year 11 **Selin Bozyigit**
Sixth form **Emma Dawson / Brydie Gregory**

W/C 16 October

Year 7 **Ava Drew**
Year 8 **Destiny Lisle**
Year 9 **Arun Kairon**
Year 10 **Shantaya Douglas-Smith**
Year 11 **Nicole Stack**
Sixth form **Emma Dawson**

Well done to all of the above students.

REWARD ASSEMBLIES

This week all year groups have had celebration assemblies to mark the many achievements of students this half term. The Headteacher awarded special certificates to all those students with 100% attendance and punctuality and 0 behaviour points. Well done to everyone who received certificates this week.

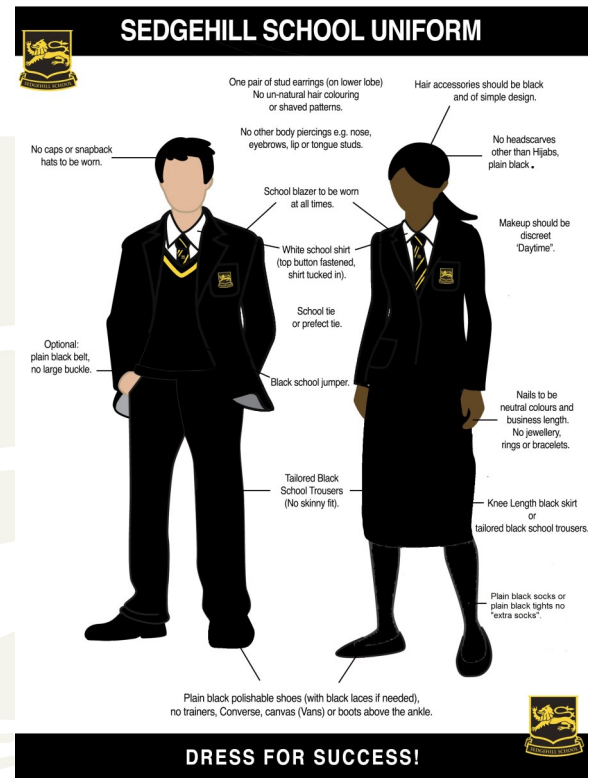


UNIFORM

You should have received a letter regarding uniform last week. To clarify: the current uniform policy has not been changed but will now be fully enforced when the students return after October half term.

The policy can be found on the school website: www.sedgehillschool.co.uk/110/uniform

Posters (as below) can be found around the school for students' reference.



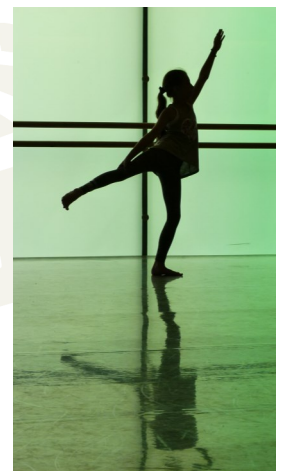
YEAR 10 SRE DAY

On Monday 16th October, Year 10 saw a wonderful production by Futures Theatre Company that encouraged them to think about healthy relationships and e-safety. They also attended sessions run by Compass Health and Safer London. It was a really successful day with positive feedback from the students.

*"I got to think about the pressures we have and how we can deal with them, and it made me understand that not only us girls have them, but boys too."
(Year 10 student)*

DANCE TRIP

Our Contemporary Dance Club had the fantastic opportunity to visit Trinity Laban for an afternoon. We toured the building, watching classes and learning about the styles of dance taught there. We then had a dance lesson with Chloe - a teacher from Laban - performing technique in Laban's style and choreographing using a variety of contact work. Chloe will be coming weekly to teach the Contemporary Dance club from 3-4pm every Wednesday, we will be choreographing, learning new styles and creating a dance for the winter concert!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 23 - Friday 27 October Half Term

Thursday 2 November Sixth Form Parents' Evening

Friday 10 November Staff Inset day - school closed to students