

Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter, where we celebrate the remarkable achievements and collaborative efforts within our school community. This week has once again highlighted the incredible teamwork and dedication that underpins everything we do. From the classrooms to the corridors, from duty rosters to lesson planning, our collective efforts continue to yield dividends in ensuring the highest quality of learning and support for our students.

### Student leadership

I am really excited to share with you the developments of our student leadership. We have exciting opportunities for students to be involved in many aspects of our school. From Media, Marketing and Communications to The Arts, Stem Science and Eco to name a few. We have agreed that each focus group will have one priority where all students involved will be able to leave a long standing legacy at Arrow Vale, for the future generations coming through. Like our staff leaders our students will support our Distinctive Culture vision and practice our core leadership behaviours and non-negotiables, which we embody every day. I look forward to updating you further on the progress of our leadership programme.



### Examinations

I am really impressed with our Year 11's (**doing the ordinary extra ordinarily well while striving for excellence in every thing we do**). This has been shown as the GCSE and BTEC examinations are in full swing and we couldn't be prouder of our students and parents. It's inspiring to see students seize every opportunity to prepare, attending exam booster sessions with dedication. Special commendations to our Year 11 students, who exhibited exceptional commitment by participating in additional English support sessions after their Biology exam. The breakfast booster sessions have also been a resounding success, providing students with the necessary fuel and energy for busy days ahead.

### Interventions and preparation

We'd like to remind everyone about the interventions taking place over the half-term break for Year 11 students. Our staff members are generously giving up their time during the holidays to provide students with the support they need. We firmly believe that the short-term sacrifices we make now will lead to long-term gains in our students' futures. Your commitment to their success is truly commendable, and we encourage any students in need of support to reach out to us during this busy period.

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## Reading

We have just received our most up to date reading results from our NGRT assessments. I am pleased to announce that the majority of students have improved their reading scores again. This is really important as we know how important reading is as a life skill and in supporting students to accessing the curriculum. We continue to drive a culture that supports a Love of reading and set aside students time during tutor time and English lessons to read and be read to. A massive well done to those students who have improved their reading.



## Sports

In addition to academic pursuits, our teams are venturing out to participate in our Trust's rounders and athletics competitions. These experiences not only foster physical development but also provide opportunities for personal growth and new connections. We wish all competitors the best of luck, as they embark on this journey of new experiences and challenges. We recently played our semi-final Year 11 football county cup match against Nunnery Wood. It was a very close game which was closely fought by both teams. Despite a late surge in the final 15 mins, our Year 11 boys could not finish off the opportunities that they worked so hard to create. The team worked well together and despite going behind, never gave up and pressured and worked hard for the full game. The score did not reflect the performance from our team. Well done to all the squad who have done an amazing job this year.

## Governance

A heartfelt thank you to the parents who have taken up the role of school governance. Your dedication and involvement enrich our community, and recent visits have sparked valuable conversations for improvement. Together, we strive to create the best possible learning environment for our students, and your contributions are invaluable.



## Resident duck

Arrow Vale has a nesting duck in the main quad! The area has been taped off, as we have been informed, we cannot move the nesting mother. I am pleased to say she still seems settled and content despite being in the busiest part of the school. Having given water and supplies I hope to announce that Arrow Vale will have some small ducklings very soon. When this does happen, we can then re-house them locally when the professionals feel that the time is right. With this it has sparked many conversations and learning about eggs and fertilising, as many of our students have found these visitors fascinating to watch and study.

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Finally, we want to extend our best wishes to all Middle Schools and students sitting their SATs exams this week. A particular mention to Ipsley and Churchill Middle Schools, with whom we collaborate closely. Your hard work and dedication does not go unnoticed, and we're proud to be part of your journey.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in nurturing a thriving educational environment. Together, we can achieve greatness.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Rash', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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