

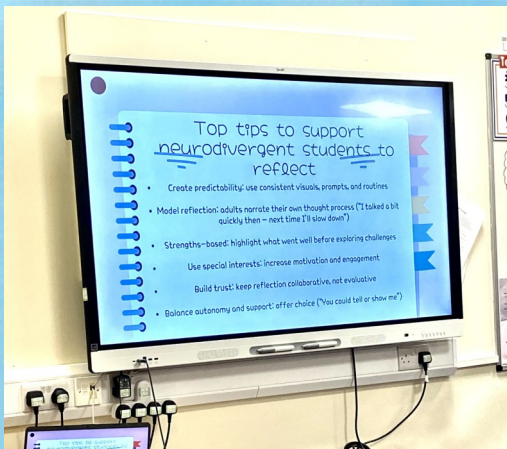
Headteacher's Corner High Grange

It has been a great week in school, despite the persistent wet and windy weather. Classrooms have felt calm, focused and positive, with pupils and students showing real engagement in their learning. We even had a some Christmas songs playing in the corridors...

We were pleased to welcome several new colleagues to our staff team. Naomi, George, Darcy, Sana, Amber and Louis have joined us as Teaching Assistants, and Nathan has joined our IT department as an IT Technician. They have all made an excellent start and are already building strong relationships with pupils/students. We work hard to develop a staff team that genuinely wants the best for every young person, and it is clear that our new members share that commitment. A strong, consistent team is central to the supportive ethos we are proud of.

Staff also took part in a highly valuable training session this week, led by the Behaviour Team in partnership with the Speech and Language Department. The focus was on reflective conversations, helping pupils/students to think about their choices, recognise their emotions and plan positive next steps. This approach fits closely with our trauma-informed ethos and ensures that pupils/students receive consistent, thoughtful support from all adults across the school.

A standout moment this week was a visit from Paralympian rugby player Nick Cummins MBE. He delivered an inspiring talk to all pupils and students, sharing his journey, his challenges and the determination behind his success. Pupils/Students showed great respect and asked thoughtful questions throughout. One of the highlights was the chance to see his gold medal, which created a real sense of excitement and inspiration.



Upcoming Events

Family photos are on Tuesday, starting from **09.00** please refer to the information sent out earlier this term, if you are unsure please get in touch. Gavin & I will be on hand for any touch up cosmetics. The Winter Showcase timings; **Lower** school is a **10.30** arrival for a **11.00** start. Everyone else, **13.00** for a **13.30** start. Please make sure you free your diaries up for the ADHD training too on **10th December**. Our first after school club (multi-sports) of the year is also on **Tuesday, after** school. Please let us know if there are any last minute additions. If parents have not received information regarding the showcase and the pupil/student disco can they please let me know.

Have a great weekend everyone, Matt

