

Headteacher's Corner

High Grange

One of the highlights for our Middle School pupils is often their weekly trip out. We try to vary the locations and experiences as much as possible, from bowling and nature reserves to more adventurous activities. This week, Middle 5 visited Kedleston Hall, spending time exploring the grounds and learning more about its history. There is a lovely picture of the class below which really captures the day.

A quick reminder regarding mobile phones. As we shared in our communication before the summer holidays, the use of mobile phones during the school day is going to be restricted. Thank you to everyone who has since taken the time to share their views with us. Over the coming weeks, we would really appreciate families beginning to prepare pupils and students for this change at home. This might include thinking about different ways to listen to music during the day, or reassuring them that if they need to contact home, they will still be able to do this through school phones. Alex, who oversees behaviour across the school, will be providing more information over the coming weeks about how this will work in practice.

Our lunchtime Triple C's Club (Craft, Connect & Council) is also proving really popular. Led by Catherine, the club gives pupils and students the opportunity to get creative, connect with others and have a genuine voice in school improvements through our Student Council. Alongside this, our lunchtime offer continues to grow, with Warhammer, Dungeons & Dragons and football, amongst other activities, giving pupils and students lots of different ways to spend their lunchtimes, develop interests and connect with others. You can see some of the Triple C club in action below.

Our Family Quiz Night is now just over a month away! Following the success of last year's event, we are looking forward to welcoming families back for another evening together. We have listened carefully to feedback from last year and will be making a few changes this time around. Tickets will be released shortly, so please keep an eye out for further information if you would like to join us.

Finally, we are looking for parents and carers who may be interested in supporting us with exam invigilation. If this is something you would be interested in finding out more about, please let me know.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and have a wonderful weekend.

