



# Rydon Community College NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parent/Carer

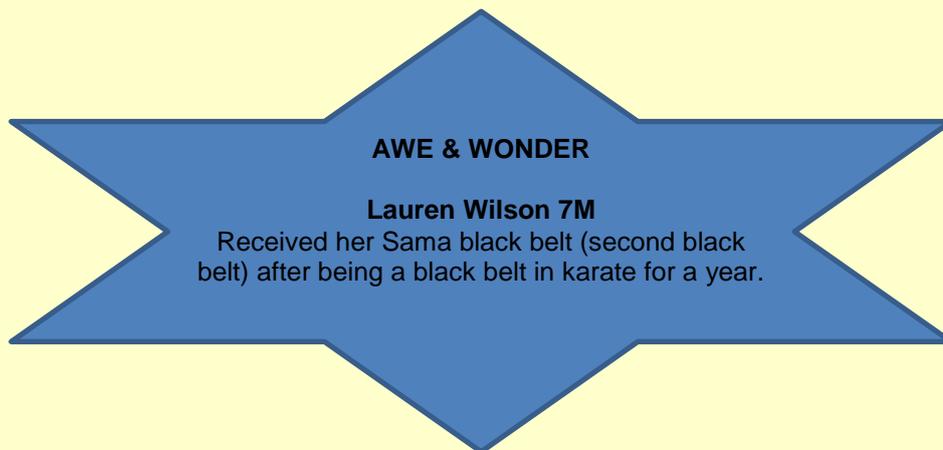
Happiness is a state of mind you cannot compromise. In and out of lessons sharing pupils' happiness and discovery is such a joy. Knowing our pupils well means we can see if someone is not feeling well or something has happened. Usually, my team and I can match a child to an event easily but recently we had a mystery. We had a call about a pupil helping one of our neighbours. The description and name did not match anyone we knew. So I put out a plea in assembly and we found the child. Community and Rights Respecting philosophy captured in Katie Hall-McLeod's actions and she is our first recipient of our Headteacher's Community Award this year. Really well done and an inspiration to all of us.

Rewarding pupils for doing as they should and going beyond creates an atmosphere of wanting to achieve and in turn a feeling of happiness. The way we do this is on many levels.

**Headteachers' Award**

**Katie Hall-McLeod 6I**  
Community and Rights Respecting  
philosophy.

At Rydon we celebrate pupil achievements in and out of the College. Pupils and parents just let us know and for their superb achievements they receive an Awe and Wonder Award. Celebrating achievements and acknowledging them through rewards gives an opportunity for congratulations and celebrate that happiness moment.



We give a number of reward certificates for specific academic achievement made by the child. There are Headteacher's Awards for excellent work; these are given after being nominated by the child's teacher. The excellent work is excellent work for the specific child who will be rewarded with 5 reward points and a certificate. There are a Department Awards for each subject area for very good outcomes, which is often celebrating the child's homework. These awards give 3 reward points and a postcard home. Recently Design Technology and PSHEE & Citizenship have awarded these.

The pupils gather reward points for homework, verbal responses in class and specific classwork. For 'excellent' work there are 2 reward points and for 'good' work there is 1 reward point. The reward points tally up and at specific milestones pupils achieve an award eg Bronze Award, Silver Star, Platinum. The milestones continue from year to year so whenever a child enters they aim for Bronze and continue collecting to achieve the best they can by the time they leave.

Certain milestones have a value attached from free entry to the disco to a voucher for WH Smiths.

A parent, carer or child can see how many reward points they have by looking on Moodle and under the child look at the Achievement tab. Here you will find the log of rewards for this academic year so far, you can roll back the calendar to see last year's if you wish.

Over the years the reward points have led to the opportunity to go on and take part in reward activities each term. We have altered this after discussions with School Council and staff, parent feedback (taking into account the cost for parents.)

At Christmas this year we will be all sharing in a College outing, rewarding positive behaviour and for some personal targets in positive behaviour. We will be going to a cinema to see one of the latest releases. Information will follow shortly. It is hoped all will attend.

In the summer we will be having the major reward trip to venue(s) that the School Council will select. Pupils will have to achieve 120 rewards. If a child receives behaviour points (for not good behaviour) the pupil has to achieve more reward points to counter balance the behaviour points. We have very little negative behaviour. Any such behaviour could affect their entitlement to go on the trip. My Senior Team and I will look at each case and discuss with parents and carers.

Celebrating our achievements and sharing in the happiness was a central message expressed last Thursday evening; our annual prospective parents Open Evening. There are a further two occasions to see us in our daily routines on Tuesday 13th October in the morning and on Thursday 15th October in the afternoon. Just give us a call on 01903 744138 so we can arrange your guide. Feedback from parents and visitors from Thursday was unanimous in how superb our pupils spoke about the College and how the staff are all passionate in what we do. See for yourself.

Finally, a reminder about one of our disco events, these are extremely popular with many pupils. The first disco of the year is on: Friday 16th October in the evening. PLEASE NOTE TIME 6-8pm. Entry: £3.00 and £1.00 for sweets!

Next newsletter will be on FRIDAY and the up to date calendar will be the main focus.

*Always working for you and your child and their continued success.*

*Mrs. A. Murphy*  
*Headteacher*

### **Year 6 Netball friendly:**

There was a great atmosphere on Wednesday 7th October; the Year 6 girls had their first fixture against The Towers Convent School. The girls were able to play a full competitive game experiencing lots of different skills and challenges. They all played extremely well and it was great to see parents coming out to support.

Well done girls, more training on Monday in preparation for the next game.



Miss. K. Guirey

### **Year 8 boys' Inter House Football**

The year 8 boys kicked off this year's inter house competition with football.

All four houses were very well represented with almost 50 boys taking part, three quarters of their year group!  
An excellent effort boys!

For every house competition, points are earned which go towards an overall total at the end of the year.  
Points are earned as follows:

- Each pupil that takes part earns 100 points for their house.
- For every goal, try, basket, rounder etc. scored earns 100 points for the house.
- At the end of each competition, the winning team get 1000 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place get 750 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> place get 500 points and the fourth placed team earn 250 points.

The year 8 boys' football competition was very competitive and close.

Going into the last game, it was winner takes all between Downs and Chanc with Chanc coming out victorious.

Over all the standings were as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> – Chanc

2<sup>nd</sup> – Downs

3<sup>rd</sup> – Arun

4<sup>th</sup> – Weald

Adding on the appearance points and the goals scored the overall points are as follows:

Weald – 1250

Downs – 1950

Arun – 2220

Chanc – 2500

Next week we have the following competitions:

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October – year 6 mixed Netball, 3-4pm

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October – year 7 boys' football, 3-4pm

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October – year 7 & 8 girls' netball, 3-4pm

Mr. N. Irwin



This year SkySports have launched a new kit scheme for schools. Each school registered have the opportunity to earn points which they can then exchange for football, rugby or cricket kit.

In order to earn points, SkySports are asking schools to return to them any old Sky boxes that are no longer being used, do you have an old Sky box at home that is no longer needed? If so, Rydon PE Department will happily take it off your hands and we can use it to earn points for sports kit.

Many thanks for your support

PE Dept.