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Dear parents

We have lots of news and information to share with you this week therefore you are receiving a printed version of the newsletter, combined with our end of half term pastoral report for your child.

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Reporting and Parents Evenings this year

After feedback from parents and the parent council we have decided to run our reporting and parent evening timings a little differently this year. Plans for the year ahead in Middle School can be found in the table below. This explains when you should expect to receive any type of report and what it will contain as well as information about when you will have the opportunity to meet with teachers to talk in detail about your child's progress

Half-Term	Reports or Parent Evenings Info
One	Pastoral data (attendance, punctuality, payslip etc...) produced by HOSS sent home as part of a mail-merged, printed newsletter wrapping-up half-term one
Two	An academic report card , including current grade and a progress indicator, plus pastoral data but without teacher comments
Three	Tuesday and Wednesday of Week Two Y7-9 leave school at 1pm and Parents Evening begins at 1.30pm and runs to 4.50pm
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Six	An academic report card , including current grade and a progress indicator, plus pastoral data and subject teacher comments

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Middle School Highlights

MAPP: Congratulations to 9 Cardiff for leading the way and showing everyone else how it is done. They enjoyed lots of snacks and a film in their classroom as a reward on Thursday afternoon. Who will be able to step up their game next half term? Remember 3.6 out of 4 needed

Position	Class	Half Term Average
1	9 Cardiff	3.62
2	8 Lille	3.57
3	8 Liverpool	3.52
4	7 Sorbonne	3.51
5	9 Exeter	3.48
6	7 Homerton	3.4



MAPP Prize fun (9 Cardiff)



School Leader Trip:

It was so lovely to see our young leaders of the future being successful on their training residential. They developed and demonstrated some key leadership traits during the trip including; humility, integrity, empathy and resilience. It was particularly great to see our youngest school leaders in year 7 working with our oldest prefect leaders in year 13.



STEM DAY:

Year 8 and 9 had a whole day of learning and fun with our visitors from the RAF and EDT. Activities included making towers and controlling robotic cars – all part of developing their understanding of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics careers options.



End of half term certificate winners

At the end of every half term we will celebrate pupils who achieve excellent attendance and punctuality, receive lots of merits and high payslips, and are star learners in their subjects. The following heroes will receive certificates in assembly on Friday

Star Learners of the Half term! YEAR 7

- English: *Jana Saffieddine and Ali Alradhawi (S), Dawud Ali (H)*
- Maths: *Nathan Symons*
- Science: *Hazera Khanon and Bassil Lafta*
- French: *Precious Barr Merino and Khodr Hegazy*
- Music: *Junaid Francis-Kinteh*
- Orchestra: *Rena Kisserwan*

100% Attendance & Punctuality

Name	Tutor
Ali, Dawud	7 Homerton [AJA]
Zroudi, Ryan	7 Homerton [AJA]
Symons, Nathan	7 Sorbonne [AMA]
Al-Khafagi, Hadeel	7 Homerton [AJA]
Zamzam, Tarek Shafik	7 Homerton [AJA]
Ahmed, Masumah (Roshni)	7 Sorbonne [AMA]
Ali-Islam, Yusuf	7 Homerton [AJA]
Shohid, Rawdah Khadijah	7 Sorbonne [AMA]
Francis-Kinteh, Junaid Malik	7 Homerton [AJA]
Benourida, Kenza	7 Sorbonne [AMA]
Abdi, Kaltouma	7 Homerton [AJA]
Rabbani, Daniel	7 Sorbonne [AMA]
Khan, Abdullah	7 Homerton [AJA]

Star Learners of the Half term! YEAR 8

- English: *Aysha Kalvenas*
- Maths: *Omar El-Banhassi*
- Science: *Hind Taibi*
- Music: *Omar El-Banhassi*
- Humanities: *Shahed Mirza*
- Orchestra: *Ishaq Ali*
- PE: *Salah Abdullah*

Star Learners of the Half term! YEAR 9

- English: *Farrah Hassan*
- Maths: *Nora Khudamorad*
- Science: *Shahd Pinheiro Orfy*
- French: *Aida Kiar*
- Music: *Denzil James*
- Humanities:
- Orchestra: *Alana Bolovan*
- PE: *Hussein El-Hajmoussa*
- Art: *Ayad Mohamed*

Name	Tutor
Ali, Ishaq	8 Lille [ACH]
Azzi, Selma	8 Lille [ACH]
Zoolshoeva, Fatima	8 Liverpool [ATA]
Hussain, Faizah	8 Liverpool [ATA]
Aziz, Ismael-Ijaz	8 Liverpool [ATA]
Eltohami, Amel	8 Lille [ACH]
Kalvenas, Aysha	8 Lille [ACH]
Ali-Islam, Alishba	8 Lille [ACH]
Nooruddin, Mohammad	8 Lille [ACH]
Binouf, Yusef	8 Liverpool [ATA]
McLennan, Fraser	8 Liverpool [ATA]
Musa, Eyad	8 Liverpool [ATA]
Baghallab, Ehsan Khalid Saleh	8 Lille [ACH]
Handichi, Younas	8 Liverpool [ATA]
Owiredu-Bascombe, Dayshaun	8 Liverpool [ATA]
Jannah, Hannah	8 Liverpool [ATA]
Majed, Yassr	8 Liverpool [ATA]
Heshmat, Breshna	8 Liverpool [ATA]
Campbell, Michael Jahiem	8 Liverpool [ATA]
Bregovina, Andi	8 Lille [ACH]

Name	Tutor
Al-Ansy, Talal	9 Cardiff [SPG]
Chairahman, Aisyah Kamilia	9 Cardiff [SPG]
Said, Hakeem Lee Okikiola	9 Cardiff [SPG]
Sabri, Abtehaal	9 Cardiff [SPG]
Khudamorad, Nora	9 Cardiff [SPG]
Ismail, Mahmoud	9 Cardiff [SPG]
James, Denzil	9 Cardiff [SPG]
Kiar, Aida Imam Abdulnur	9 Cardiff [SPG]
Ahmed, Malak	9 Cardiff [SPG]
Wehelie, Mohamud	9 Cardiff [SPG]
Nasir, Hajer	9 Cardiff [SPG]
Hameed, Hamza	9 Cardiff [SPG]
Azzi, Houria-Zohra	9 Exeter [HBA]
Farodoye, Lydia Temi	9 Exeter [HBA]
Ali, Sulaiman	9 Exeter [HBA]
Awale, Leban	9 Exeter [HBA]
Hassan, Farrah	9 Exeter [HBA]
Blackwood, Luka	9 Exeter [HBA]
Tasnin, Saniah	9 Exeter [HBA]
Uddin, Mohammed Yusuf	9 Exeter [HBA]
Zamzam, Mayss Shafik	9 Exeter [HBA]
Nasir, Sarah	9 Exeter [HBA]
Murad, Sara	9 Exeter [HBA]

Gold and Silver Wristband Holders for Half Term 2

There is a dress down day on Friday 3rd November (first Friday back) for all pupils in Middle School who earned a wristband by having a payslip average over 109 KSA pounds. Check your child's total 2 pages previous.

Any pupils who go onto prep at any stage during the half term will lose their wristband and the privileges that come with them

General Whole School Updates

Question and Answer session;

Thank you to the parents who attended the question and answer session with Mr Haimendorf. The minutes have been added to the school website under 'About Us> Parents' If you weren't able to attend you may wish to take a look to see what was discussed.

Preparing for Winter;

As the weather begins to get cooler and we are having more rain please ensure that your child is coming to school with an appropriate school coat. These should be dark blue or black and should have a hood for when it is raining.

Guidance from the principal about residential trip parent contributions this year

I wrote to all parents back in July to let them know that we would be changing the way that we ask for parental contributions to school trips. We have considered this area carefully, and consulted with staff and the Parent Council as to how we can give our pupils the best possible experiences, whilst also ensuring the school can run sustainably. We understand that for some families meeting these costs is difficult, hence why we wrote to all parents before the summer. I am writing now to give guidance on how and when these contributions should be paid. I have received positive feedback from parents that this change will be one for the better.

Trips costs

We cannot afford to run the trips we do without parental support, and in the past we have spent a lot of staff time (which costs money) dealing with contacting individual payments for individual trips. We have been told by parents that it has been difficult to know how much to save up to contribute to trips, and also been in the position where there has been confusion about trip costs. We believe we can make the situation better by streamlining and making consistent the costs of the trips.

In Years 4-12¹ we will also run residential trips – we believe these are an important part of our school. We want to provide clarity in advance of how much these will cost, as we have received feedback that this would help families to plan their budgets.

The government gives us extra money to pay for some costs for families on free school meals, and so we use some of this money to reduce the amount we ask these families to contribute.

We care about trips so much that **we will use the school budget to subsidise trips across all year groups**. For Free School meals children the school will pay for 60% of the trips costs. For other pupils, the school will pay for 30% of the costs.

The remaining contributions we are therefore asking from parents are:

Families Eligible for Free School Meals costs per year

	Residential trips	Total to be paid per year
Year 7-9	£80	£80

Families not eligible for Free School Meals

	Day trips	Residential trips	Total to be paid per year
Year 7-9		£140	£140

To save on time writing and phoning parents about contributions, and to ensure that we know that we have received this money early in the academic year, we will ask for this money at the start of the year. **We therefore request that all parents contribute the appropriate money by Monday November 27 2017.**

Where there are concerns with this deadline please do contact your child's Head of School do discuss these.

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¹ There is no whole year group residential in Year 13.

In the unlikely event that a pupil does not attend a day trip due to absence from school or a behaviour concern, we will not be able to refund individual trip costs, because these costs are already paid in advance. It is our hope that all pupils will come on all trips and this is what we will plan for. For residential trips, where the costs are higher, and there is a reason why a pupil might not attend a trip, e.g. behaviour, exceptional circumstances, any costs that have not already been spent will be passed back to parents.

In Years 6-12, the priority for school and parent contributions is residential trips, with day trips able to be limited to free activities. There are two types of residential trip: Optional/curriculum trips such as the Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, orchestra tours, a trip to Barcelona to speak Spanish, our European trips for all 6th formers, will remain funded as they currently are, by a mixture of school curriculum budget, individual or collective fundraising and parent contribution.

The second type of residential trip is “whole year group” where we believe that the whole school/year group benefit from attending the trip, and this shared collective experience is important for the school culture and community.

We deeply value the support of parents in encouraging and preparing their pupils to take a full and active part in the trips outlined in this document. They are genuinely something that is preparing our pupils for life outside of school, and we are committed to making them a success in the years to come, despite the financial pressures facing the school.

Looking Ahead

Some key events and highlights in middle school for the half term ahead

HT2		Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
W 1		30-Oct-17	31-Oct-17	01-Nov-17	02-Nov-17	03-Nov-17	04-Nov-17
		Staff training				MS assembly Wristband dress down day	
W 2		06-Nov-17	07-Nov-17	08-Nov-17	09-Nov-17	10-Nov-17	11-Nov-17
			Year 9 Photography Trip				1st Fusion & SPARK/Ignite Rehearsal
W 3		13-Nov-17	14-Nov-17	15-Nov-17	16-Nov-17	17-Nov-17	18-Nov-17
		Yr8 Humanities Trip TBC				MS Assembly Yr7 Roman London Trip	
W 4	MS Assessment WK1	20-Nov-17	21-Nov-17	22-Nov-17	23-Nov-17	24-Nov-17	25-Nov-17
W 5	MS Assessment WK2	27-Nov-17	28-Nov-17	29-Nov-17	30-Nov-17	01-Dec-17	02-Dec-17
						Winter Fair MS Assembly MS school leader trip to Teach First	Fusion Rehearsal
W 6		04-Dec-17	05-Dec-17	06-Dec-17	07-Dec-17	08-Dec-17	09-Dec-17
						ARK Moderation Day	SPARK rehearsal & Performance @ Bargehouse
W 7		11-Dec-17	12-Dec-17	13-Dec-17	14-Dec-17	15-Dec-17	16-Dec-17
						MS Celebration Assembly	
W 8		18-Dec-17	19-Dec-17	20-Dec-17	21-Dec-17	22-Dec-17	23-Dec-17
		MAPP PRIZE P5 & 6	PSHE Cycle 1 Drop-down (pm)	MS MAPP Auction			

Closing

Wishing you all a restful half term. Please do ensure you children complete their homework in a timely fashion and don't leave it to the last day. Please also ensure they are ready to return on Tuesday 31st October no later than 8:19 so we can have a great start to the half term

Yours sincerely,

Mr Mvula
Head of Middle School