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Dear Parent / Carer

We have had a wonderful start to the academic year, and I thank you, for your ongoing support and care. As you know, we are consistent in our approach in supporting all students to embrace our PRIDE Values – **P**ositivity, **R**esponsibility, **I**ntegrity, **D**etermination and **E**mpathy.

As part of this drive, we are launching a new rewards incentive the **PRIDE Pass**. Students will be issued with a PRIDE Pass when they have demonstrated one of our values. They will be able to trade these for a variety of school rewards. This will be officially launched after half term; we look forward to further acknowledging and celebrating the achievements of our children!

Thank you to all families for continuing to support the drive for regular **attendance and punctuality** to school. As part of our student leadership and student voice activities, students have requested the introduction of milestone certificates and additional **attendance focused rewards**. This will be included into our system on our return.

Safeguarding

The safeguarding of our children is our biggest priority. A key part of this work is to ensure students are **safe and happy**, and are empowered to make positive, safe choices. This month we have welcomed professionals to talk to students about County Lines, positive mental health, and drug awareness. Year 7 enjoyed 'Natural High' which educated through a rousing performance!

Within our **Personal Development** provision students have had the opportunity to explore aspects of online safety, managing anxiety and stress, eating disorders and how to create/ maintain positive mental health. We appreciate that these topics are sensitive and require carefully planning and delivery, to do this, we have created a bespoke staff training programme led by professionals across different specialisms. If you would like to find out more about our Personal Development curriculum, please visit our website.

HAPPY, SAFE HALLOWEEN/BONFIRE NIGHT – REMINDER FROM WEST MIDLANDS POLICE

Please find an additional letter attached with important guidance on staying safe during the half term break.

Black History Month

Year 10 students visited the University of Birmingham to celebrate Black Heroes of Mathematics. This was an opportunity to understand the pathways available to them. They met some inspirational adults, including Birmingham born Professor Nira Chamberlain. The children had the opportunity to hear his story and understand some of the challenges he faced, a truly inspiring trip!

We have welcomed the author David Olusoga, into our History lesson through a live stream link to discuss his book 'Black and British'. He talked about the importance of a diverse curriculum and broad enriching opportunities for children. David provided thought provoking questions and content around the curriculum offer in schools. Students enjoyed this opportunity to reflect on this aspect of diversity.



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English took the opportunity to share a poem called 'Punching the Air' by Ibi Zoboi. The poem explores how people should not be stereotyped and how our words can be used for hope and positive activism.

Although we embrace the opportunity to celebrate this time, we are proud that our provision ensures a blended and balanced approach across our curriculum for our children, families, and community all year round.

STEM Club

SGS hit the news this week with an article about an aspect of our **STEM provision**. The headline '*Driven students at Stockland Green School are getting behind the wheel of the electric vehicle revolution – by building their own car*', showcases one of the many wonderful opportunities open to our students! Well done to the students from Year 8-11 who have been involved in this project and to Mr Surridge for leading. Follow [this link](#) to read the full article. Remember our ambition is that every child attends at least one extracurricular club each week, please encourage your child to get involved!

Sporting Update

We have much to celebrate regarding our sporting fixtures this half term. Teams have represented SGS in netball and football fixtures across our Key Stages. Although not triumphant in all matches students have shown Determination, sportsmanship, and leadership skills. Well done to all involved!

Our Sports Leaders have led a primary event this month with Key Stage 1 children from our local area. This allows our students to develop key life skills, taking Responsibility for leading, organising, and inspiring others, we are very proud of this community work!

Uniform and equipment

We have been impressed with how students have presented themselves for school this academic year. I thank you for the support in ensuring that high standards in terms of dress are maintained. We will be conducting a uniform and equipment audit on our return to school to ensure all students are presented well and fully equipped to learn. Should any parents or carers be experiencing any difficulties in purchasing uniform or school equipment please contact the relevant House Pastoral Team on the emails provided, we may be able to help or signpost support.

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I would like to wish your child and family a safe and happy half term holiday. We welcome students back on Monday 31st October 2022 (timetable week 1).

Kind regards

Mrs Goode

Head of School