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## News



Star's civic leadership will come to the fore once again this winter with the launch of its annual Festive Winter Gift Programme. Throughout December, the trust's charitable action will gain added impetus as pupils and staff across the Star family pledge to support thousands of vulnerable people in their communities.

Pupils and staff will be volunteering their time to fundraise and foster close relationships with those around them. They will make a positive difference in many ways including preparing and distributing hot meals, donating and delivering gifts to care home residents,

## Charity

Last Friday, we spent time reflecting on the needs of the child as part of our Children in Need programme.

On top of this, we conducted a quiz, which was won by 7A who maintained a staggering run of 23 correct questions in a row—the longest winning sequence of any tutor group in the Academy.

Our Beat the Boss challenge was won by Mr Andrews who managed to complete an astounding 53 push-ups, beating fellow staff and students alike.

But the most important news is the amount of money raised. We will announce this soon. In the meantime, we raised £96 for the British Legion through our Remembrance Day activities.



**Puzzle:** Which is the odd word out?

Angry

Incensed

Serene

Splenetic



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## Leadership

**W**e are still building our Air Cadet Unit. With the recent addition of 35 Year 8 recruits, our total now stands at 54. Fantastically, this is split evenly down the gender divide with 27 boys and 27 girls participating.

We have 13 cadets in Year 9 and 5 in Year 10. But there is room for more and looking forward, we want to build an even more impressive corps in future years.

## Literacy

**T**his year, students in Years 7–9 have already had a dose of Reading Wise, our online vocabulary acquisition platform. This replaces our beloved Bedrock and students this year can learn new vocabulary, sharpen their comprehension skills, work on decoding and phonics if needed.

Now Year 10 can claim a slice of the action.

Login details are available and all students in Year 10 should now be logging on to complete three units each week. Each unit only takes 10 minutes and supports their study of the Power and Conflict cluster of poems that they are studying for their GCSE English Literature paper 2.

