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News



Our Year 11s are now halfway through their PPEs (Pre-Public Examinations) and have, so far, been coping magnificently.

Sitting two exams most days, they have maintained excellent attendance, true resilience and steely determination in the approach they have brought to bear.

We sit PPEs to prepare them for the real thing in the summer.

Their approach to date is cause for real optimism—especially those foregoing World Cup football in order to revise!

Charity

Last week, we introduced the Festive Gift programme – an annual charity event in which all Star schools participate.

In line with this year's themes of spreading kindness and tackling food poverty, we are collecting food for Sparkhill Foodbank and non-food items such as clothing and toiletries for the homelessness charity Crisis.

Food /Drink – tins / cartons of fruit, veg, pulses and beans.
Packets of cereal, pasta, rice, noodles, biscuits and chocolates.
Bottles of pop, squash and juice.

Toiletries – shampoo, shower gel, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, moisturiser.

New clothes – warm socks, gloves, hats, jackets, coats.

Small gifts – pens, paper, colouring pencils, notepads,



Puzzle: Which is the odd word out?

Seriously

Happy

Ecstatically

Sadly



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Leadership

We are proud to have expanded our Student Leadership team this month.

We were already well-stocked with eager leaders in Years 7 and 8, but with the recruitment of older students a priority, we have appointed a full squad of new representatives in Year 9 and added to our existing Year 10 team.

Our leaders do a terrific job inspiring and reminding students how to behave and we wouldn't be as successful without them.

Literacy

The first year group to complete their Star Read Aloud book this year are Year 9, who finished *River Boy* in the last two weeks.

They are now moving onto William Golding's famous *Lord of the Flies* in Star Read Aloud sessions each day.

Some of Year 7 and Year 8 have also finished (*Refugee Boy* and *The Graveyard Book* respectively) and have now moved onto their new class readers: *The Ruby in the Smoke* and *Wonder*.

Look out for review competitions in the near future.

