

Yousafzai House – Term 2 update

We have had another great term as a House! One of my own highlights each week is the House Assembly where we are altogether as a house celebrating each other's successes.

We have celebrated 35 individuals in the house, winning the weekly 'Marvellous Malala' nomination for being an outstanding member of the Yousafzai house. The following pupils were nominated as Malala's Greats - pupils who have been outstanding across the term:

7Y - Samuel Dixey and Jemimah Douglas; 8Y1 - Waide Watson and Daisy Wilkinson; 8Y2 - Eliza Shilton-Smith and Kenny Newbury; 9Y - Asha Storer and Bruno Thomasset; 10Y - Maisie Gyselynck and Seb De Montfort; 11Y - Ellie Griffin and Dan Powell

As a House, we have been focusing particularly on the way that we treat each other and the way that we speak to each other and how our words have power;

'The power to help, the power to heal, and the power to hurt. Use this power carefully.'

We have been encouraging each other to remember that our words can have real effect on others and that we need to be really wise in the way that we use them.

As a house we are pleased with our continued progress in the house competition. The cup stacking challenge was an incredibly exciting event! Despite some of our competitors having points taken off them for incorrect stacking, Yousafzai still managed to hold onto a win. We are very grateful for our sixth formers who do amazingly well each week in the Sixth form quiz. There are areas where we need to continue to improve. Our attendance has been dipping over the last few weeks so after a restful holiday, each Yousafzai member needs to be in every day!

There has been few key individuals who have been recognised at our celebration of achievement assembly this week for showing huge improvement in either attendance or behaviour. Those that have made huge improvement in their attendance either this year or this term are:

Waide Watson 8Y1; Ridwan Omar 8Y2; Maxwell Williams 9Y; Joe Betty 9Y; Florence Dunford-Cotterol 9Y; Ajay Dimambro 10Y; Daisy Tiley 10Y; Leah Dickinson 11Y; Jake Fox 11Y

Finally, some of our community leaders have been helping Ms Jefferson to raise money for the Zakhele fund - thank you to Bruno Thomasset, Rosa Thompson and Winter Powell for their hard work.

Year 11 have been busy with their mock exams and I am so impressed by how hard they have worked and persevered through a challenging time! Lots of Yousafzai

students were involved in the school production and it was an absolute privilege to watch them all perform and do such a fantastic job!

I am very grateful for the House Leaders, Ellie and Priscilla who have been helping out in organizing the end of term parties for tutor groups. We look forward to the new year where they will be spending more time in all of the house's tutor time.

Again, it has been an absolute joy to work with the pupils from Yousafzai House this term and to have the support of all of the parents or carers. May you have a wonderful and restful two weeks and have a very Merry Christmas!

Miss Andrews, Head of Yousafzai House