



17th March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

## Phone System

We are aware there has been recent issues with our phone system which may have inconvenienced some parents who were calling in to school. This includes the queuing system being faulty as well as lengthy call waiting times.

We believe we have resolved this issue and would like to thank all of our parents for their patience and apologise where this has caused an inconvenience.

## Comic Relief

We have had a fantastic day here at Coundon Court raising money for Comic Relief! We will share the total amount raised in the briefing next week. It has been fantastic to see such community spirit from all the staff and students in their efforts to raise money for such a worthy cause.

"WOW! Thank you to all our wonderful students, parents and staff who supported Comic Relief this year.

We had a group of very keen Sixth Form students and staff who baked delicious cupcakes which had an array of red-themed cake topping to delight the eyes and tastebuds.



Our Sixth Form Reps were really keen on bringing in a sporting element this year and you could find dozens of students take a shot at the basketball hoops down in the new gym.



Cheers of elation could be heard from the courts as our students tried their best to blast a ball past our up-and-coming Year 7 goalies.



In tutor time, students worked in their house teams to get a high score for the special edition Comic Relief quiz.

Final amount raised will be shared next week.

Whether it was bringing a pound for non-uniform, buying a cupcake, or volunteering - Thank you to everyone for helping us in this term's fundraising challenge.

We are always grateful to have such a supportive community.

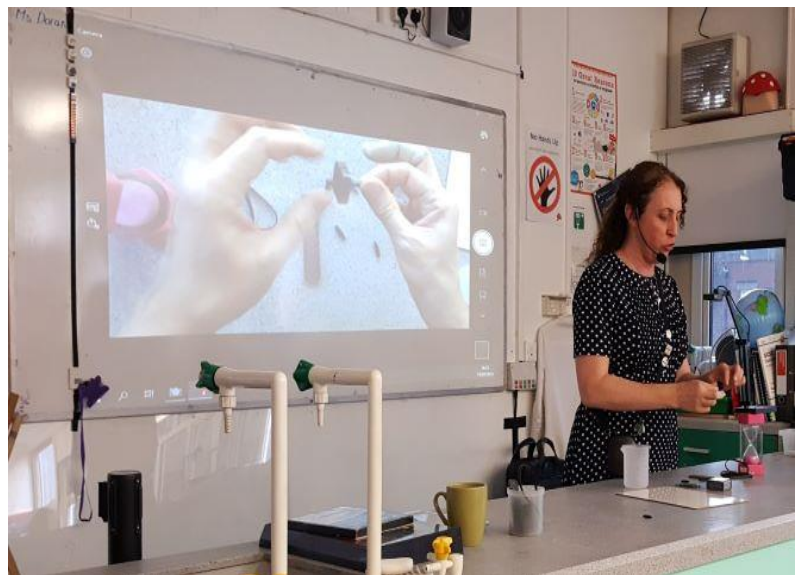
## Science Department

On the 13<sup>th</sup> March a group of teachers from some local feeder primary and special schools came to Coundon Science department for a training session. The Local ASE (Association of Science Education) representative also attended.

Ms. Hall showed off her range of reptiles, tarantulas, giant snails, and small mammals that are regularly part of clubs and lessons at Coundon. Pupils get to see, touch, and interact with these creatures giving them a greater understanding and respect for them.

Ms. Harrison delivered a session on “Science on a Budget” for primary teachers. She showed the apps and online resources that simulate some of the topics that are covered in primary and secondary.

Ms Doran demonstrated programmable Lego Robots and taught the visiting teachers how to make a fighting Vex IQ robot. For the last 5 years Coundon has supported the ASE by maintaining a set of VEX IQ robots that go out to local schools. The class-set of robots are available to borrow and Coundon staff and students help the primary teachers get their clubs and lessons running smoothly.



Thank you to the following teachers for delivering the teach-meet evening and providing support for our local schools.

## Congratulations to our Maths “Sparx” winners this week!

YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11
Daniel O Efthymios K Iqra S Corey J Riley C	Samuel O Robert H Alex B Jan F Amulya S-D	Justin K Eugine A Arvinee S Abdulrahaman B Jaweria R	Janey V Harleen R Eesy Z Shai M Eloise c	Pranati P Millie R Fynne I Nivisha P Joshua T

## Intermediate Mathematics challenge.

Congratulations to our Year 9 and 10 students' for achieving Bronze and Silver Medals in Intermediate Mathematics challenge!

YEAR 9	CERTIFICATE	YEAR 10	CERTIFICATE
Joss O Omer A Mohamed A Layton B Cole C Lucy D Azzaladiin I Qasim J Imran K Hansika M Mitchell N Benjamin V Ella W	Silver-Best in Y9 Silver Bronze Bronze Bronze Bronze Bronze Bronze Bronze Bronze Bronze Bronze Bronze	Isobel B Corey H Yuyao H Shayan N Diyana A Yavus A Pavnik B Libby B Penny C Sophie G Yasin M Amber N Harleen R Shanae S Mustafa T Lily W	Gold-Best in School Silver Silver Silver Bronze Bronze Bronze Bronze Bronze Bronze Bronze Bronze Bronze Bronze Bronze

## Year 9 Options Evening

We were delighted to welcome Year 9 students and their families to the rearranged Options Evening on Tuesday this week.

It was brilliant to see so many students around the Old House involved in positive conversations about their future.

Please remember that completed final Options forms need to be returned on Friday 17th March.

## Netball-Year 7 & 10

The year 7 and 10 netball teams were in action again this week against Cardinal Newman; Monday saw two great matches with the year 7 team gaining victory by one goal and the year 10 team narrowly losing by 2.

Well done to all the girls who battled the wet and very windy conditions. A great effort!



## Football-Year 10

On Monday, the Year 10's played their 1/4 final cup game against Stoke Park School. It was nervy first half until a mad last 10 minutes of the half where we scored four goals.

Second half was a lot tougher where Stoke Park were rewarded two penalties and scored a third.

Luckily, the boys dug in and scored another goal to make the final score 5-3.

The goal scorers for Coundon Court were Luke G who scored 4 goals and was Man of the Match.

Navyan N score the fifth goal.

We now await to see who our opponents will be in the Semi-Finals.



## Year 8 – Gratitude Round 2

In Year 8, we believe in our core values of Kindness, Hard Work and Respect. This week we have demonstrated these values by taking a moment to pause and thank all of the incredible staff that support us every day – teachers, progress managers, cleaners and the catering team. Gratitude is about focusing on what's good in our lives and being thankful for the things we have. Student volunteers from each tutor group helped to select the best thank you cards and distribute them across the school. The Year 8 Team thoroughly enjoyed reading through all 340 of them! A massive well done and thank you to the entire year group 😊



Dima A, Oliver M, Zahira A, Adam A, Niamh D, Oliver C, Elizabeth L, Isaac E, Ninnah W, Daniel B, Aarushon K, Kaitlyn H, Casey B, John M, Harry H and Eamon I.

### Tutor Star of the Week

YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 10	YEAR 11
Tia B Jaiden R Lacey C	Valentin D Chloe K Benjamin C Isla C Matteo M	Khea L Emily P George-Alexandru P Blake B Joshua A Joseph E Alexandru C Megan D Yuyao H Oliver B Rosie C	Stella W Izzy P Kyra G

Yours sincerely

Mr C Heal  
Principal

