



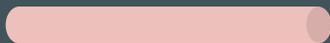
DREAM BIG, WORK HARD, STAY HUMBLE

MRS GIOVANELLI'S BLOG

EDITION 3



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Artistic, athletic and academic excellence.

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit." (Aristotle)

It seems that summer has finally faded away and as the weather has turned colder and rainier this week, we have been faced with some challenges in our new way of working. We are aware that classrooms are now getting colder, and we are in the process of looking at our uniform policy and other actions we can take as a school to ensure that students are still able to learn comfortably in well ventilated classrooms. A reminder please that at present we are currently providing face coverings for students who may forget theirs, but please reiterate to your child that this is their responsibility - we do not have an endless supply!

We are working hard with all our staff to continue to develop our use of Microsoft Teams. It is an excellent tool for making sure that students do not fall behind if they are unwell, but also for encouraging students to work independently at home by consolidating and practising the learning they have done in school. Please do talk to your child about their confidence levels in relation to this platform - we have student digital leaders and have produced help guides for students and parents, so if there is anything you are unsure of, please just ask.

Finally, you may see from our twitter account that over the course of the week, we really have seen evidence of our students' artistic, athletic and academic excellence. We were thrilled 2 of our very talented musicians were interviewed live on BBC Northampton on the afternoon show on Friday and had their single played. Their EP is released shortly, and they are definitely ones to watch for the future! We were also reminded of the talent of one of our alumni over the weekend - Callum Robinson who scored twice for West Bromwich Albion against Chelsea. And finally, we were delighted to receive news during the week that some of our sixth form students have been awarded either a £500 or £750 scholarship towards a degree programme in recognition of their outstanding success in the Level 3 Finance qualification. All these students really are living our motto of dreaming big, working hard, and staying humble.

I look forward to updating you again next week.

Mrs Giovanelli