



DREAM BIG, WORK HARD, STAY HUMBLE

# MRS GIOVANELLI'S BLOG

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# Showing Our Best

"Doing the best at this moment puts you in the best place for the next moment." (Oprah Winfrey)

As we approach the end of the first half-term of this academic year, I continue to be impressed by the attitude of our students. More so than ever, given the current climate and restrictions within which we are working, it is important that our young people 'live' our core values of aspiration, responsibility, respect, and care. There have been so many instances of this over the last week and it's been a pleasure to walk around the College seeing these.

I do want to say a particular well done to our Year 11 and Year 13 students who sat their trial exams this week. The attitude and determination which all students demonstrated during the exams was commendable and as a Year 11 teacher myself, I have been incredibly pleased with how students have performed - especially given the unprecedented end to their Year 10 studies. We treated all student to an ice cream at the end of the day on Friday and although a little breezy, it was well received!

I also took the opportunity this week to review our attendance data for the term to date. Again, the resilience that our students have demonstrated can be seen in our positive attendance figures which sit well above the national average figures. A huge thank you for your support and confidence in how we are managing the current situation by ensuring our attendance remains high.

In addition, I want to let you know that we have had to use no external supply teachers this term. As an issue which you raised when Ofsted came to visit us in December 2019, I am pleased to say that we are already seeing impact from the actions and work we have undertaken in relation to this. We are all in agreement that our students learn and thrive most when they are taught by staff they are familiar with and who we know provide a good quality of education.

The quotation I have chosen this week really does sum up how optimistic the College feels at the moment - there is a definite sense that we are all working hard and doing our best to ensure the success of our entire school community.

I look forward to updating you next week.

Mrs Giovanelli