

# Newsletter 16

22<sup>th</sup> January 2018

## Head's Message

Mock exams for Year 11 and 13 went smoothly. Thank you Mrs Crichton and other staff who helped organise this challenging process so well. We are hoping to be able to release the results of the mock exams to pupils individually on Thursday this week.

Please could I remind you that this Friday and next Monday (26<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> January) are home study days for all pupils as a result of the next round of National Staff CPD Days. Pupils will be set appropriate learning tasks to be done on these days. Thank you for your support with this.

### MAP Growth Testing

Thank you for signing and returning permissions for data to be transferred and analysed for the new MAP testing process. All One School pupils globally will sit these online tests every term. There are three tests – maths, reading and English language use. Below is a statement from One School UK:

*“Learning Made Visible*

*MAP Growth measures what pupils know and informs what they're ready to learn next. By dynamically adjusting to each pupil's performance, MAP Growth creates a personalised assessment experience that accurately measures performance – whether a pupil performs on, above or below grade level.*

*Timely, easy-to-use reports help teachers teach, pupils learn and leaders lead.”*

## 100% Attendance Competition

The number of pupils still with  
100% attendance now stands at  
143...

Our overall attendance figure for  
the school year is starting to move  
in the right direction at 96.5%.  
Well done...let's keep it up!

## House Competition – update

Here are the current standings as of  
end of last term!

1<sup>st</sup> Troopers – 1804 points

2<sup>nd</sup> Raiders – 1753 points

3<sup>rd</sup> Warriors – 1701 points

## EVENTS TO KEEP IN VIEW

JANUARY/  
FEBRUARY/  
MARCH

26<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> January –  
Home Study Days for  
all Pupils – National  
Staff CPD Day

5<sup>th</sup> February – Internet  
Safety Week

12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> February –  
Half-term

22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> February  
– National OSG  
Conference – home  
study for all pupils

1<sup>st</sup> March – World  
Book Day – KS2 Pupils

## The Man with the Orange Tie comes to Dunstable...

On the 19<sup>th</sup> January, Steve Beckles–Ebusua came to visit Xen. Steve - who is better known as The Man in the Orange Tie - is a motivational speaker and we were looking to advance our business through a collaboration.

With his orange bag, tie, socks, shoes and phone cover - Steve is as flamboyant as his outfit and it is easy to see why he has been such a success in motivating people. We were privileged to be able to receive an hour of his time. His themed colour orange is thought to be energising, bold, bright, vibrant and engaging - as Steve says “orange is a colour that invigorates me”.

Since Steve has been in the motivational service industry for some years; he had a great deal of valuable information to share with us and advice to give. After we had explained our business model, he asked a lot of questions which helped us understand what our business looks like to an outsider again. Later, after much laughter and talk, we headed outside to have some pictures taken with him to help both parties endorse each other’s services in the future.

It was enthusing having Steve to visit- and we look forward to more collaborations like this, with others. 😊

*Xen - Amos, Ashton, Brandon, Esther, Isla, Keira, Marlon*



## Key Stage 2 Awards

Congratulations to Tiana Hayman and Sebastian Rowles who received the Teachers' Awards last week. Tiana for displaying consistently high effort and exemplary behaviour and Sebastian for his excellent work in Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar. Well done!



Have a great week!