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Head's Message

Thank you for your support in facilitating the latest two home study days for your children. This arrangement allows for valuable personal professional development to take place for the school staff. I am pleased to report that I have witnessed staff engagement in some excellent work over the last two days.

Teachers of Year 11 and 13 are meeting this week to review the outcomes of the mock exams and agree action plans for individual pupils as appropriate. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the mock exam results for your son or daughter please contact Mr Heady about Year 11 pupils or Mrs McNally about Year 13 pupils.

MAP Growth Testing

Pupils will begin the MAP testing this week. Sessions have been arranged that minimise the disruption to normal lessons. Year 11, 12 and 13 pupils will be using the PE session on Wednesday afternoon for testing this week.

"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."

And the winners are.....Dunstable Campus!

Last Thursday (25th) we attended the Young Enterprise Expo at Exchange Place with all 26 other Young Enterprise groups from the UK. The whole day was a competition with judges walking round the stands and marking us on many aspects, from how well we knew the product, to our sales strategy and how we were sustainable in relation to recycling and the environment.

Thankfully there were some quick thinking minds around to ensure that the judges had an answer no matter what.

Overall there were three main competitions: the Business Plan and pre-documentation, the Stand, and the Presentation. We won Gold for the Business Plan, Silver for the Stand and Bronze for the Presentation!! This put us in a fantastic position and allowed us to clean up with a first place overall. Team Dunstable!

Special thanks have to go to Isla and Esther for putting together the winning Business Plan and also to Amos and his henchmen who made the stand such a standout success. Also a massive thankyou to Marcus Magee for helping us prepare and to Matthew Calder and Brenda McNally for being there all day with us.

So a massive thank you for all the support we've had so far. Please keep it up and spread the word about Xen to any business as they all need our services☺ .

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



100% Attendance Competition

The number of pupils still with
100% attendance now stands at
124...63% of the school

Our overall attendance figure for
the school year has fallen slightly
again to 96.3%...let's all aim to
keep attendance up!

KS2 Calendar Dates

Dunstable KS2 Open Morning will
now be on **Tuesday 13th March**

There will be Dunstable KS2
Parent Consultation Meetings on
Monday 19th March – campus
closure for KS2

EVENTS TO KEEP IN VIEW

**FEBRUARY/
MARCH**

1st February –
Intermediate Maths
Challenge

5th February – Internet
Safety Week

12th to 16th February –
Half-term

21st February – Year 11
and 13 Full Subject
Reports to Parents

22nd and 23rd February
– National OSG
Conference – home
study for all pupils

1st March – World
Book Day – KS2 Pupils

5th March – Parents'
Open Meeting at
Northampton Campus