



Achievement Awards 2018

Last year we launched our Total Achievement Award. It is open to every student and there isn't a cap on the number of students who can win. Over a period of six-months, students' academic progress along with their positive behaviour and embodiment of the school's Values, is measured. At the end of the period, all students who have achieved excellence, by demonstrating outstanding behaviour standards and exceeding their school targets are rewarded with a trip to Disneyland Paris!



Last year just two students achieved the Gold standard. This year, I am delighted to report that seven students have qualified. They will be off to see the latest Marvel rides and meet Mickey in April. Many congratulations to all of them.



Fire!

We finished off the ½ term’s Britishness and community learning programme with a visit to the local Fire Station. Students received a presentation about the 999 services and were shown, up-close and personally, what happens in a fire station when the call comes in. There were also able to experience the ferocity of the water hoses and actually take a short ride in a fire truck. Many thanks to the brilliant fire crew in Haverhill who were so generous with their time and who help keep us safe 365 days a year.



More Music

Students, under the guidance of a member of the LSO team, created a steel drum symphony in January. They were taught a four part piece by the end of the afternoon. opportunity to play each of had a great time.



that sounded totally wonderful All students got the the calypso instruments and



Work Experience requires Resilience and Respect

In addition to our 6th-formers, Year 10 students have had experience of the world of work

We are very fortunate to have some wonderful vocational experience opportunities locally. This year so far, students have been supported by staff to work in the local village shop, at the local Foodbank, a farm and a large-scale growing nursery.

Year 10 student have been able to spend time at a nearby junior school, working alongside the PE teacher and in a retail outlet: in both cases, they have made us very proud indeed.

This work also contributes to a Vocational Qualification that students can complete, at the level that suits them.



Qualification Success

ARTS

Four students: Connor, Kai, Andre and Dennis, all achieved their Bronze Arts Award this ½ term: something they have been working on since the summer term 2017. This Level 1 qualification requires students to participate in an Arts event, improve their skills in an artistic venture of their choice, teach someone else an Arts skill they have learnt and research their personal hero from the Arts world. Every single portfolio was unique and covered topics such as Body Orchestra, Charcoal Drawing, Theatre and African Drumming. These qualifications not only introduce young people to areas of the Arts they may be unfamiliar with, encouraging their curiosity and developing creativity but they also require students to work independently and demonstrate resilience as they hone their chosen crafts.



ENGLISH FUNCTIONAL SKILLS

The first formal examinations of the year took place this half-term and we are thrilled for Dennis and Connor in their achievement of their Level 1 English qualifications, with flying colors!

SPEAKING AND LISTENING

GCSE and Functional Skills examinations both require students to make formal presentations to an audience and take part in formal discussions. This half-term the school was externally moderated by the examination board. Kai, Andre, Dennis and Connor participated in fantastic debates about the way disposable plastic was destroying the environment and what should be done about it. Their formal presentations to their peers focused on healthy eating, the evil of take-away food and health necessity for young people to be active as possible. Their work was a real credit to the school.



Dates for you Diary

Spring term

Half term Monday 12/02/18 to Friday 16/02/18

Spring term last day Thursday 29/03/18

Summer Term

PD Day (School Closed) Monday 16/04/2018

Summer term begins Tuesday 17/04/2018

Summer half-term Monday 28/05/2018 to Friday 01/06/2018

PD Day (School Closed) Monday 04/06/2018

Last day of term 24/07/2018

Achievement Award Trip to Disneyland Thursday 12th April to Saturday 14th April

Arts Extravaganza – our Spring Concert Wednesday 28/03/2018



