

Dear parent/carer,

As we reach the end of the first half term, I would like to thank you for your support and hope you all enjoy the half term break. School closes for one week on Friday 21st October and reopens on Monday 31st October. Here are a few highlights from the academic year so far:

Macmillan Coffee Morning



Thank you to Mrs Athorne for organising the event and a big thank you to all parents/carers, students and staff for your support. We raised £501.34.

Rewards Trips 22

Taking over 600 students on a school trip takes a great deal of planning but I hope you agree it was a success and something definitely worth repeating. It was wonderful to see students and staff arriving back from Meadowhall, Go Ape and Alton Towers full of enthusiasm and tales from their day. Thank you to the parents/carers who expressed their gratitude via email and Twitter. Your feedback was much appreciated.

Year 7 enjoyed their team building day with Siemens too and we are hopeful that we will be able to repeat this again next year.



Superstar Draw

Please continue to congratulate you child when they qualify for the superstar draw. To qualify for the weekly chance to win a £10 voucher, students must have:

- 100% attendance for the week
- Earnt 60 reward points in the week
- Achieved no written warnings in the week

In addition to this, students who achieve 80 or above reward points, 100% attendance and no written warnings get a second chance to win as super superstars.

Please note, we are continuing to award certificates and pin badges for the cumulative number of reward stamps earnt but this is a way of rewarding students weekly for their effort.

Communication

We would like your feedback on how we communicate with parents/carers. Please look out for the short survey, after the half term break, where we will be asking for your views.

Head teacher drop in

Thank you to the parents/carers who attended the 'drop in' surgery. Your feedback is welcome and I am now in the process of responding to the points raised. The next 'drop in' will be next term.

Sports Fixtures

It has been great to see so many students enjoying our after-school clubs and fixtures. If you don't already follow the PE department on Twitter, take a look @TSS_PE. All students are welcome and the range of sporting opportunities so far has been: football, netball, rugby, running, cross country and badminton.



New website

Our new website is now live! Thank you to Mr Nichols and all the staff who spent time populating the content and making the switch happen. Please take a look. We think it is much more user friendly.

<https://thesnaithschool.org.uk>

Upcoming events in the next half term are:

- **Y10 Welcome to GCSE Night -1st November**

This is an evening for parents/carers to inform you about how best to support your child through their GCSEs. You don't need to book but to make car parking easier, we have split the event into two sessions.

5pm-5.45pm will be for students in: 10BFR, 10HAT, 10LFR, 10NSC 6pm-6.45pm will be for

students in: 10COL, 10RHL, 10SRH, 10THA

We look forward to seeing you there. Please note, students can attend.

- **Y10 Virtual Progress Evening – 10th and 16th November** - information will be sent at the start of next half term.
- **Y11 Mocks – Dec 5th -16th** information will be sent at the start of next half term including details on revision guides.

Enjoy the half term break.

M J Blackledge
Head teacher