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Teaching and Learning Newsletter HT2

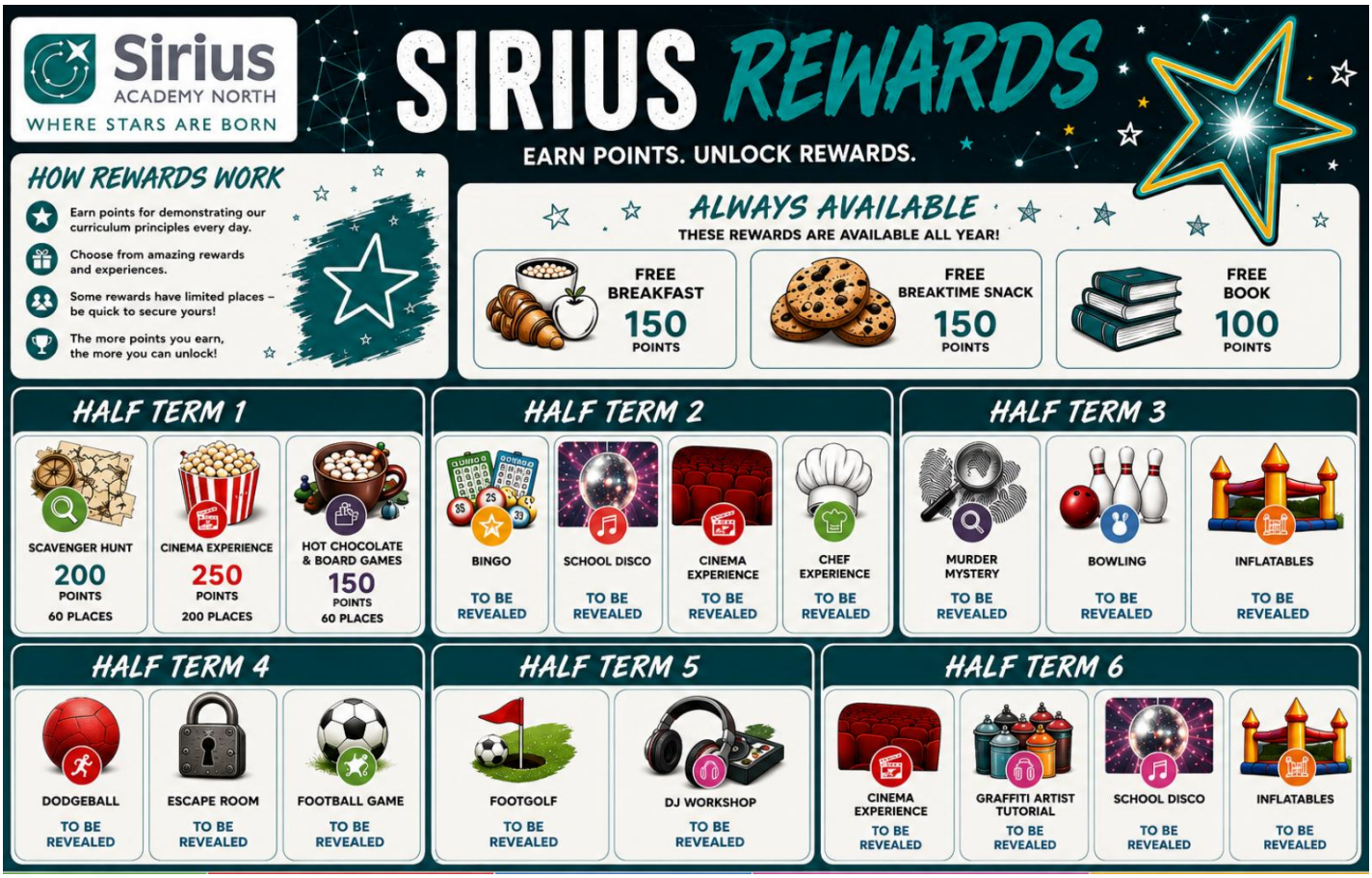
Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our **Teaching and Learning Half Term 2 Newsletter**. This update shares what students will learn about this half term, key rewards, personal development opportunities, and important whole-school messages.

What Students Are Learning This Half Term

	English	Maths	Science	Geography	History	RE	IT/Computing	Textiles	Food/Hospitality and catering	Art	Drama	Music	French	Citizenship	Engineering
Year 7	Writing Styles	Place Value	Structure & Function Of Living Organisms	Are our ecosystems exciting?	The Medieval Period	Christianity	Digital Media, Spreadsheets and Scratch	Romero Britto	Food safety	Formal elements	Charlie and the chocolate factory	Muse score	Personal descriptions	Money, media and personal safety	Blockheads
Year 8	My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece/Protest Poetry	Coordinates and Graphs	Waves	How has the UK economy changed?	The Suffragettes and the 20th Century	Judaism	Inkscape, Development for the Web	Ugly dolls	Introduction to Hospitality and Catering	Hundertwasser	Physical theatre	Reggae	My house	Personal Safety	Mood lamp
Year 9	Spoken Language	Equations, Inequalities and Formulae	Cells, Structure of the Atom, Energy	How are cities changing?	Battlefield Medicine and Medieval Medicine	Life and death	Data Science, Animation, Python	Nature	Food safety	Formal elements	Stage craft	Composition	Free time	Theme A – Living together in the UK	9 Enginee4ring disciplines
Year 10	An Inspector Calls Language Paper 1	Percentages	Particle Model of Matter, Infection & Control, Energy Changes	Why is global development uneven	Weimar Germany	Christianity	Computer Systems	Architecture	Hospitality and Catering provision	Portfolio development	Component 1	Component 2	Family and relationships	Theme B – Democracy at work in the UK	Technical drawings
Year 11	'A Christmas Carol' Language Paper 2.	Algebra – Sequences and proof	Forces, Rates of Reaction, Homeostasis	How do we investigate Rural Environments?	Weimar Germany	Islam	Pseudocode, Algorithmic Thinking	Supplementary portfolio piece	Mock NEA	Portfolio development	Component 2	Component 1	Where I live	Theme E – Taking citizenship action	Synoptic project

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Teaching and Learning

We were delighted to welcome **Pritesh Raichura** for a second visit to support our implementation of the Phases of Participation, with a particular focus on **Turn and Talk**. During the visit, Pritesh worked closely with staff to further develop strategies that promote high levels of student engagement, participation, and accountability.

Through lesson visits, coaching conversations, and professional dialogue, teachers reflected on how structured talk can deepen understanding and ensure all students are actively involved in learning. The visit provided valuable affirmation of the progress made so far, while also identifying next steps to strengthen consistency and maximise the impact of classroom discussion.

Homework

Regular completion of homework is an important part of success at Sirius Academy North. Homework helps students consolidate their learning, develop independent study habits and prepare effectively for future lessons and assessments.

- **Sparx Science** (all year groups)
  Set every Monday at **4.00pm** and due by **9.00pm the following Monday**.
- **English** (Years 10 and 11)
  Set every Tuesday and due in the following Tuesday.
- **Sparx Maths** (all year groups)
  Set every Wednesday at **4.00pm** and due by **9.00pm the following Wednesday**.

We appreciate your support in encouraging your child to complete all homework on time and to a high standard.

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Personal Development

The first half term saw the roll out of our new Expert learner scheme. This meant that for the first time, every student started the new school year with Expert learner status, and it was theirs to lose. This was a positive way to start the new academic year. We know that being an Expert learner impacts the grades of our students at the end of year 11, so it is vital that we have as many expert learners as possible.



- Our first Drop Everything And Read was a success. All students in year 7-10 took part in the DEAR event for period 6 Monday 5th October. More students brought their own book to school than every before, showing the growing love for reading.
- Year 11s took part in their first RSE (Relationship, sex education) day. This was a great success with high levels of attendance and engagement. This covered all if their statutory requirements and age-related expectations.
- Year 8 and 10 took part in the spelling bee. They all gave the spelling bee a go and there were 3 winners who were victorious in the end. Yumna, Alfie and Melody took the crowns for year 10.
- International languages day had everyone get involved and show inclusivity of our multi-cultural community. This was a day to celebrate our differences and acknowledge our different cultures.
- Enrichment clubs are in full swing, with numerous clubs running every single day for students to take part in.

This half term will see productions by the CAPA team, expert learner trips at the end of the calendar year, the legendary SANPAN, another spelling bee, subject specific trips, DEAR part 2, attendance takeover days and such more! Keep updated with all our activities and events on social media.

Proud Thursday

Every Thursday, students are able to be nominated by their teachers for having a no limits approach to lessons or exceptional pieces of work.

You will receive a text message after their nomination and the students will be given their certificates at the beginning of the day on Thursday, weekly.



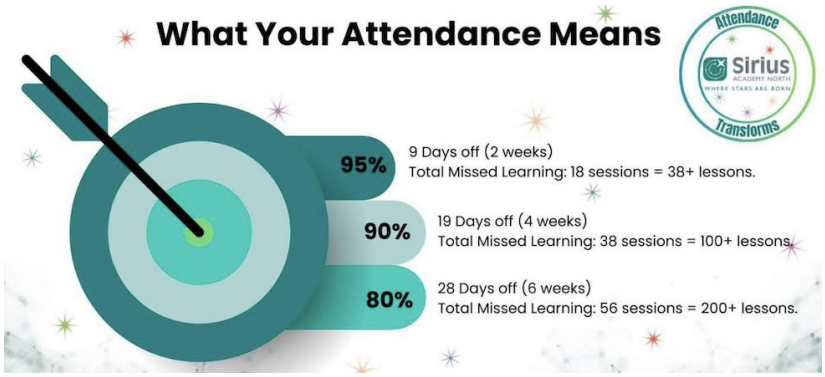


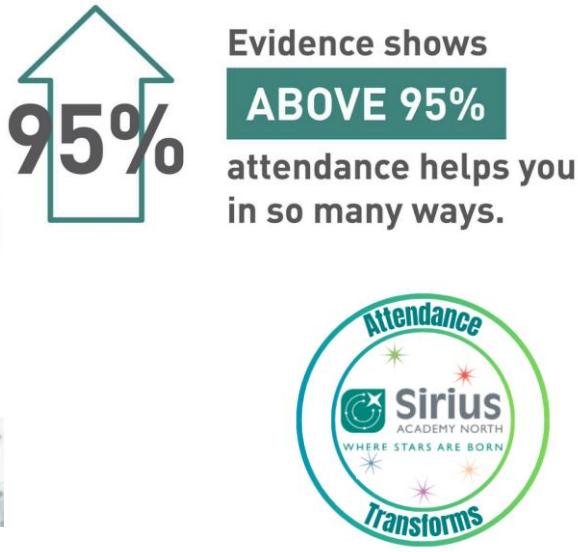
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Attendance Transforms

Attendance: The Ultimate Aim
At Sirius Academy North, we believe that excellent attendance is the foundation of academic success. This summer, our Year 11 students achieved the strongest GCSE results in the academy's history, and one factor consistently linked to high achievement was regular school attendance.
Every lesson provides valuable learning that cannot always be fully replicated outside the classroom. By attending school consistently and arriving on time each day, students give themselves the very best chance of achieving their potential and securing successful outcomes.
Quite simply, every day matters, every lesson matters and every student matters.

Attendance League Winner!
Congratulations to 9R3 (Team Willis) who have been crowned winners of our first Attendance Leagues competition. Their fantastic commitment to attendance has earned them a reward trip to Hollywood Bowl, chosen by the class as their prize. A huge well done also goes to our other finalists: 8R1 (Team Holmes), 11R6 (Team Wheeler) and 11R7 (Team Marashi). Thank you to all students who took part and showed the importance of being in school everyday. Your No Limits effort and commitment have been outstanding. Attendance really does transform opportunities, achievement and success.





Year 9 and 10 Mock Exams

Students in Year 9 and 10 will be preparing during lessons for their English and maths mock exams.
The exams start on Monday 9th November.
Individualised mock exam timetables will be given out in Lesson 1 on Monday 2nd November.

Year 7 and 8 Forensic Assessments

Students in Year 7 and 8 will be preparing during lessons for their Forensic Assessments.
The exams start on Monday 30th November. All assessments will take place in classrooms.
Please encourage your child to begin revising in preparation for these.

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Enrichment









Thank you

The first half term has been a highly successful one at Sirius Academy North. We have been delighted by the excellent engagement in our Year 11 Breakfast Booster and Lesson 8 sessions, alongside strong participation in our enrichment programme.

Our Year 11 students have made a fantastic start to the year, achieving encouraging results in their recent mock examinations, while the excellent turnout at Year 10 Parents' Evening highlighted the strong partnership between home and school. We were also proud to welcome so many families to our Year 6 Open Evening and showcase everything our academy has to offer.

As we move into the next half term, we ask for your continued support in ensuring excellent attendance. Every lesson matters, and students who attend regularly give themselves the very best opportunity to achieve their full potential.

Mr Anscombe, Assistant Headteacher