

Dear Parents and Carers 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

This week we had a fitting end to a fantastic half term with an evening of Denes has Talent. 11 finalists battled it out through song, dance and piano performances to show how talent has been discovered and nurtured in the academy. I did not envy the judges their daunting task in finding a winner. As far as I am concerned, every single participant deserved to be crowned the winner, however eventually the judges decided on a final three. I am delighted to share that Alyssa H came third with a stunning performance of the rock ballad Don't Stop Believing. Scarlett H came second (again) with a powerful performance of Hostage by Billie Eilish and our Head Boy Jamie C was announced as our overall winner following a mesmerizing piano performance of The Theme from Interstellar

**Votes for Schools** - This week students have been voting on "Should opinions be shared as part of news reporting"?. The results of this discussion can be found <u>here</u>. The votes for schools has been causing a lot of fantastic discussion within form groups so we will continue this further into next term.

PSHE topics for after half term are;

Year 7 – online friendships & bullying

Year 8 - gangs.

Year 9 - promoting wellbeing,

Year 10 - organ donation.

Year 11 - relationship abuse

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This half term is often a time for Halloween parties and bonfire events. Please take some time to remind your children about how to keep safe at these events.

Yours sincerely

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