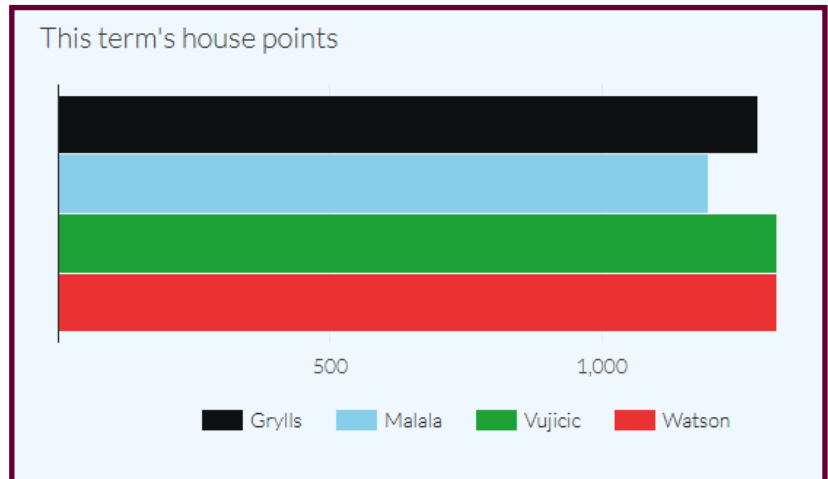


Dear Parents/Carers,

Good afternoon and we start by welcoming all our families back after the Easter break. The combination of the sunny weather and extended break hopefully led to a great holiday for all - with a range of activities and the chance to rest up. This is a lopsided term - half term is only four weeks away and then the second half of term is 7.5 weeks long - but what is consistent is the jam-packed nature of the whole term right from the off. The children will be busy with a huge variety of learning and wider experiences right through to July 23rd.

House News

Well done to Vujcic and Watson who have earned almost identical amounts of candle credits during this first week back. All is still to play for this term for the overall trophy with plenty of points available. All houses are still in the hunt!



Behaviour

As a school, we strive to provide an environment where all pupils have the opportunity to learn and grow, both academically and personally. We begin by taking every opportunity to celebrate our students demonstrating our core values and living out our vision. This message is central to everything we do. This is seen by awarding candle credits and other acknowledgments. Behind this and to support our mission, we use our EMS Way to help maintain a positive and respectful atmosphere for all.

Detentions form a part of our behaviour model and are vital to assist us in guiding pupils towards making better choices. Attending detention is an opportunity for students to reflect on their behaviour and talk to a member of the Senior Team.

There are several reasons why attending detention is crucial:

- **Accountability:** Detention provides an opportunity for students to take responsibility for their actions. By attending, they are acknowledging their behaviour and beginning to understand how it impacts their own learning and that of others.
- **Consequences for Actions:** Detention reinforces that actions have consequences. It is important for pupils to recognise that their behaviour, whether positive or negative, has an effect on their future opportunities and experiences.
- **Learning Opportunity:** Detention time can be used constructively. Pupils can reflect on their actions, complete outstanding work, or support them with homework deadlines.
- **Maintaining School Community:** By attending detention, pupils help preserve a respectful and productive learning environment for themselves and their peers. When rules are followed, the entire school benefits from a more focused and calmer atmosphere.

Please remind your child to attend their detention, as we log them all onto Arbor. Please remind them that this is an opportunity to make amends and move forward in a positive direction. The subject teacher, who issued the detention, will explain the day which their detention is on and their tutor will also remind them about their detention. If they fail to attend but are in school, they will only get one other opportunity to attend this detention before it is escalated to an after school detention. If this is the case, you will receive an email to advise you when this has been booked for. Please note that this extra lunch detention (due to the failure to attend) counts towards the maximum number of 4 per month, which then triggers a phone call from the tutor.

Bath Netball Trip

On Friday 4th April, Mrs Stocks, Mrs Poole and Miss Hoyland took a group of netball girls from all year groups to Bath. They watched Team Bath netball team play against the Birmingham Panthers. The final score was 54-47 to Team Bath. The girls thoroughly enjoyed it and are looking forward to going again next year.



A special mention goes to Courtney B who volunteered to take part in a netball shooting competition during half time and won it!! Well done Courtney!

