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## Merit Update

Working from home has not stopped our students from having superb attitudes towards their learning. We have been so impressed by the work produced and the number of merits awarded and praise postcards sent home has reflected this.

Over 32,800 merits have now been awarded this academic year and we currently have 34 students who have 100 or more merits, 3 who have gained 150 merits (Wyn D, Hailey P + Dylan M - Year 7) and 2 who have gained 200 merits (Seren W + Kyra T - Year 7). Certificates, badges and trophies will be working their way to many of you when we return to school.

The House competition still sees Hawking in the lead.

Hawking	Holmes	Rowling	Attenborough
47.54	47.12	45.33	42.09

Below are the current leader boards for average merits in each year group. Well done to the leaders!

Year 8	
1st	8HR
2nd	8HC
3rd	8KM
4th	8TLY
5th	8AGR
6th	8SJ
7th	8JLL

Year 7	
1st	7AB
2nd	7CB
3rd	7CD
4th	7KS
5th	7NA
6th	7AH

Year 9	
1st	9AS
2nd	9AR
3rd	9SR
4th	9YC

Year 11	
1st	11JSM
2nd	11NO
3rd	11SO
4th	11KT
5th	11CMY
6th	11SCA

Year 10	
1st	10DNI
2nd	10CSU
3rd	10MM
4th	10RP
5th	10TF
6th	10VE
7th	10SE

## Lockdown House Local Scenery Challenge



## Year 9 Options

It's that time of year when our Year 9 students make the decision as to which GCSE options to pick. Students have already received a copy of the brochure and options table (which can also be found on the website). Option subject videos have gone live on the website to support students in their choices. Year 9s will have the chance to discuss options further at Parent's Evening on 3rd March, before being sent a google form to complete their option choices. The deadline for completing this is Wednesday 10th March. If you need any further information, please head to our Year 9 Options page on the school [website](#). Teachers are also available to answer any question you may have.



## Lockdown House Family Meal Challenge



## Safer Internet Day 2021



Safer Internet Day 2021 was on the 9th February and celebrated with the theme 'An internet we trust – exploring reliability in the online world'. Safer Internet Day inspires a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively. Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre, the celebration saw thousands of organisations get involved to promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people.

Each year in the UK, Safer Internet Day explores a new area or theme that is important to the young people we work with every day. Safer Internet Day 2021 celebrated the amazing range of information and opportunities online and its potential to inform, connect and inspire us, whilst also looking at how young people can separate fact from fiction. The campaign focused on how we can know what to trust online, supporting young people to question, challenge and change the online world. It explored how influence, persuasion and manipulation can impact young people's decisions, opinions and what they share online. We want to give young people the skills to support one another, and the strategies to spot and speak out against harmful and misleading content online.

Check out these [top tips](#) for young people aged 11-18 regarding staying safe online. There are also tips for [parents and carers](#).