



*Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh*

Welcome to another Seva Standard. We've enjoyed a very exciting start to the summer term. It was wonderful to see so many friends and families of Seva join in our assemblies and the Nagar Kirtan. We received a note of thanks from the deputy leader of Coventry City Council; Cllr Abdul Khan. He expressed how impressive our school and more importantly our pupils are. This Sunday is the Coventry Vaisakhi Mela at the War Memorial park and we hope for good weather.

Last week we also welcomed Dr Michael Foale CBE to Seva School; a British-American astrophysicist and former NASA astronaut. He delivered an aspirational and I hope inspirational presentation to all our pupils using wonderful footage of missions in space, including the international space station and MIR. The key message to our pupils is that anything is possible and you can achieve the career of your dreams. The simple rules to achieve this is hard work and commitment at school, every lesson, every day. Go for it Seva and reach for the stars!

Following on from this we are working with ISSET ([www.isset.org](http://www.isset.org)) as we are considering the possibility of our secondary pupils next year for the 'Astronaut Leadership Experience'.

Enjoy the long bank holiday weekend and we will see pupils back at school on Tuesday.

Mrs. P Hammond  
Executive Principal

### Attendance

Attendance Year 7	SEVA Target	Attendance	Authorised Absence	Unauthorised Absence
September - April	98%	97.5%	1.9%	0.6%
Week beg 18 <sup>th</sup> April	98%	98%	0.8%	1.2%

### Seva Studies

The Thought for this half term is Courage.

I have courage, I am willing to try new things. I admit mistakes and learn from them. I listen to my heart.

I have the courage to do the right thing.

**dhheeraj dhharam guramath har paaeiaa nith har naamai har sio chith laavai**

Through the Guru's Teachings, I have obtained courage, faith and the Lord.

He keeps my mind focused continually on the Lord, and the Name of the Lord.

### Epraise

Epraise is still very popular with recent offers such as: translating Lewis Carroll's poem *The Jabberwocky*, a Royal Family collage, a Maths 'Granny is getting younger' challenge and a Science task investigating ultrasound. Points are being regularly awarded and students are striving to get their next coloured star pin to wear on their blazers.

## **Homework and effort in lessons**

As I am sure your child has told you, we are having a real focus on completing homework on time and working hard in lessons. I spoke to the students on Thursday of last week and the following sanctions were introduced:

- Every time a piece of homework is not completed on time or a teacher considers not enough work has been completed, the student will be issued with a C1 (in the behaviour policy). This is recorded on our data management system and analysed weekly by myself and Miss Devlin.
- Lunchtime detentions, after school detentions, school monitoring through daily monitoring cards and the removal of epraise points are some of the solutions that may be used for those who persistently do not make enough effort.

I am sure you will want to support your child and work with the school in our aim to achieve outstanding progress.

## **Doddle**

Doddle is being used by all members of the secondary team and checklists are in exercise books for each subject. Please go onto 'Doddle' with your child and support them to turn the 'red or amber skills' green. Resources are available and there is also a 'to do test' for your child in their area.

If you feel that your child needs extra homework then the learning checklists will give an indication of the 'gaps in learning'.

Students are being encouraged to become independent learners and they should be working and challenging themselves to 'turn green'.

## **Maths Challenge**

Our year 7 students participated in a national numeracy morning involving 200,000 pupils across the country. The Junior Challenge took place on Thursday 28 April 2016 and involved answering 25 multiple choice questions in one hour under strict exam conditions. The top 40% of students nationally will receive a gold, silver or bronze certificate and each institution will receive a Best in School certificate. Excitingly, 1200 students (top 0.6%) will be invited to participate in the Junior Mathematical Olympiad.

## **Revision evening for parents – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

As mentioned in the last Standard, the school will be holding a revision evening offering techniques and advice on how best to assist your child for 'Exam Week' beginning 20<sup>th</sup> June. We strongly encourage all parents to attend the revision evening in order to support your child with their learning and would be grateful if you fill in the attached reply slip and return it to school by Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

## **Trip to Warwick Castle**

Year 7 will have a trip to Warwick Castle complimenting the history curriculum but also to reward them for all of their efforts this academic year.

## **Dates for the Diary**

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Vaisakhi Mela at the War Memorial Park
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Exam week begins
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Warwick Castle trip

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**Remaining Term Dates:**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June to Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016

Teacher Training day – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

**From the students**

- It was wonderful meeting Dr Michael Foale last week and learning about what it's like in space.
- We were very proud to take part in the Vaisakhi assemblies
- We do hope we have done well in the National Maths Challenge as we've worked hard

Reply Slip – please return to form tutor on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016

**Year 7 Revision Evening – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Form: \_\_\_\_\_

Session 1 → 4:30pm-5:30pm

Session 2 → 5:45pm-6:45pm

Please indicate in the box the number of people that will be attending.

Parent/Carer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_