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SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for all of your support in a busy first week back at school. My weekly letters this half term will have a focus on the Quality of Education that we provide at Ridgewood. This week, I have outlined how we support our staff to deliver consistently strong lessons, and for the remainder of the half term, there will be a curriculum spotlight on different subject areas. As usual, I have provided key updates and reminders below too.

Parent Support Event

I wrote to parents and carers yesterday giving details of our first Parent Support Event on Thursday 28 November 2024. Please refer to this letter to find out further details and how to sign up for what I am sure will be a very useful and insightful evening. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Enrichment

Our sports teams continue to excel. This week, our Y7 Ridgewood Wolves football team beat The Hayfield School 8-0 in the Doncaster Cup and progress to the next round. Our Y11 boys have progressed to the Doncaster Cup Final, beating Hayfield on penalties. Our Y10 girls went to The Laurel Academy to compete in the Y10 Doncaster Netball tournament. They had 1 win, 2 loses and a draw. There was some excellent competition at the tournament and the girls did really well.

Remembrance Day

On Monday, we will be holding our 2-minute silence to remember and think of those who served/are serving in our armed forces. The silence will begin at 11.11am with a bell sounding to signal the start and another will sound after two minutes to signal the end. Outside, we will play the Last Post and reflect as our student leaders lay our poppy wreath. Poppies are available at student services and Post 16 reception for students to make a donation to the Royal British Legion.

Quality of Education

At Ridgewood, we strive to ensure every lesson taught is as effective as it can be. To achieve this aim, we have a comprehensive training programme and a wide range of opportunities for staff to continually develop their practice.

You will be aware that we do not hold detentions or enrichment on a Monday. This is because we hold staff training every Monday. This time is dedicated towards constantly refining the student experience, and ensuring that everybody leaves Ridgewood prepared for the road ahead.

Each of our Teachers and SEN Key Workers participate in our coaching programme. We have an 'open classroom' culture where we are all used to other staff dropping in to share best practice and learn from each other.



'Prepare for the road ahead'

Respect

Responsibility

Resilience

Our staff training programme was independently evaluated by the Teacher Development Trust and we were delighted to achieve their 'Silver' accreditation in September 2023. They recognised that 'leaders passionately support internal development and promotion' and we are now working towards their 'Gold' accreditation.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andy Bridge', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Andy Bridge
Headteacher