

UPCOMING DATES

2020 / 2021 Academic Year

Summer term

	June
25 th	INSET day (staff training) No pupils in school
	July
14 th to 20 th	Making Memories week
21 st	Last day of term and year

2021/ 2022 Academic year

Autumn term

	September
1 st – 3 rd	INSET day (staff training) No pupils in school
	October
22 nd	INSET day (staff training) No pupils in school
25 th to 29 th	Autumn half term holiday
	November
1 st & 2 nd	Autumn half term holiday
3 rd – 5 th	INSET day (staff training) No pupils in school
8 th	Second half term begins In new school building

The last half-term was the closest we have been to 'normal' school since March 2020, and the staff have enjoyed getting back into the swing of things. While we are still cautious and some restrictions are in place, we are looking forward to the new academic year when hopefully we will be able to focus solely on returning to the impressive rapid academic progress that pupils made before the interruption.

In this half-term we have invited visitors into the school again, and this week our Year 8 pupils met and listened to a talk from the daughter of a holocaust survivor. She visited us two years ago with her mother, but unfortunately her mother's health is no longer good enough to allow her to come too.

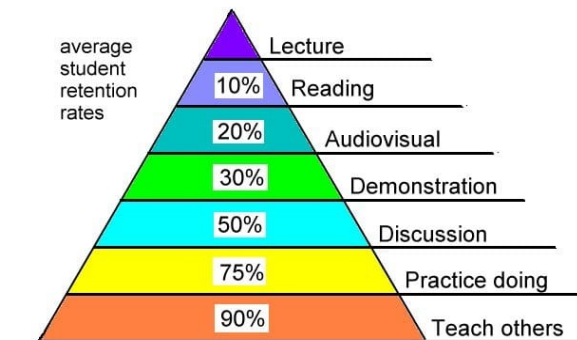
On Wednesday 23 June we have our My Futures, My Choice event where we have around 30 visitors coming to speak to pupils about their different careers. All the children will listen to four different speakers and will then be able to share what they heard with their friends. The aim of this event is to broaden pupils' knowledge of different jobs that they might be interested in, which will then be followed up in future years with more targeted visits, like the ones we did pre-lockdown for pupils who were interested in careers in medicine, physiotherapy, architecture, and engineering.

We also have the author, Adisa, coming to speak to all year groups early in July, and we are delighted to be able to return to our Making Memories week from July 14 to the end of term. Einstein described education as 'what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned in school', and these cultural experiences, along with the Character Education programme are so important in developing our young people into successful young adults.

Academically, we are in an assessment period, and I would urge all families to spend time with their children talking about how they are preparing to perform to the best of their ability. Pupils need to revise all of the information covered this year, and please remember that just reading over information does not commit it to long-term memory. If they can be tested by you, or teach you, then they are much more likely to remember it.

Please remember that there will be a parent coffee-evening zoom meeting next Friday evening, and note the term dates, which show the two week half-term in October to allow us to move buildings.

Learning Pyramid



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