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Message from Mr Mellen



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**Happy New Year and welcome back!
I hope that all of our students, parents and staff had a peaceful break over the Christmas period and that 2018 is successful and safe for all of use. The term started with a bang with the SSE Women's FA Cup 4th Round Draw being held at Cedar Mount (lots of photos and more details later in the newsletter). This was a great opportunity for a number of our students to take part in a once in a lifetime event. Well done to all involved. The opportunities are coming up thick and fast this term with 3 residential trips to Ghyll Head happening before half term and other students having opportunities via day trips and visits as well. Year 11 and the staff that teach them are working hard during this crucial term to ensure that they achieve the very best they can and it was great to see parents in for the Progress Evening yesterday. Parental support is vital for students to succeed in school. Thank you all for your support and I look forward to seeing you at an event soon**



FA Visit

There was a buzz of excitement on the first day of the new term when Cedar Mount hosted the fourth round of the Women's FA Cup draw. Pupils from Year 9 watched the event take place live with Blumartha and Jainaba from year 9 completing the envious task of drawing the numbered balls from the infamous velvet bag. Keira Walsh and Georgia Stanway from MCFC Ladies and current holders of the SSE FA cup watched on nervously as the theatre erupted into a huge round of applause and cheers when they drew against Brighton.

A lively question and answer session followed where pupils asked who inspired them, how they trained and what had been the highlight in their career, both agreed they still got goose bumps when representing their country but the best feeling was winning the league in 2017 and getting their hands on the cup!

After lunch, CMA girls took part in a training session with Keira & Georgia who provided tips on how to tackle, dribble and score a goal. Blumartha, Jainaba and Miss Bennett were whisked off to talk to the press and discuss how it felt meeting two international footballers and what it meant to both of them to take part in the draw, both were super confident in front of the camera!

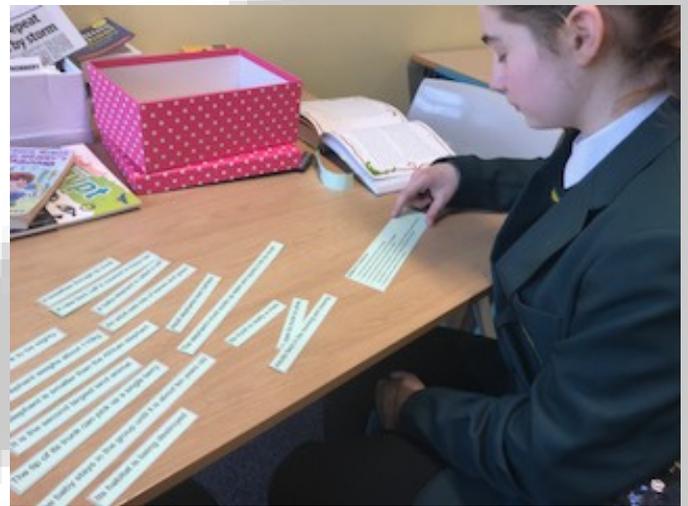
A big thank you to Teach First for organising the event and good luck City v Brighton on the 4th February.





SEN Reading Initiative

Reading is to the brain, what exercise is to the body. As a result of some local funding for reading, Cedar Mount SEND team are now using Grow@KS3 intervention to improve the reading ability of our KS3 students. These sessions are fun, interactive and effective. We have been very lucky to have a variety of books donated by friends, neighbours and businesses. One generous donation has come from how2become. These resources are on a variety of subjects, topics and interests including jobs, careers and pathways. Thank you to everyone who donates to the SEND department and enables our reading journey.



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