

SCHOOL RE-OPENS  
ON MONDAY 16TH  
APRIL

# Happy Easter



## Message from Mr Mellen

The end of the Spring Term seems to have arrived very quickly, although the weather forecast makes it seem like it is still the middle of Winter! It has been great to see the progress that most pupils have made across this term, supported by the hard work and dedication of staff and parents, and of course their own efforts. Year 11 students have a very short number of weeks until their first GCSE exam and there will be a series of revision sessions in school over the two week holiday period. It is also important to rest and relax for some of the time, so make sure that you do! We will end term with a final assembly and then students will be allowed to leave for the Easter Break. I am sure that this will be an eggsellent end of term and that we will see you all back on April 16th for a cracking Summer Term.

Stay safe and enjoy the break

Mr Mellen



Maths  
Business  
Quiz Night  
Year 11 Revision



At Cedar, the Maths department are always looking at creative & exciting ways to teach, here's a roundup of some of the activities they have been running last term.

## Trip to Bolton University

Last week a group of 30 Year 11 pupils visited Bolton University to participate in a series of maths workshops. The morning started with the pupils' being asked if anyone had ever completed a jigsaw with 50, 100, 200 and even 1000 pieces! She then introduced the first task – a 4-piece Jigsaw, where the task was to make a square. Of course, the students laughed and said it would be easy – but how wrong they were! You have never seen a group of 15 and 16 year olds struggle so much with a 4-piece jigsaw! Whilst some were able to complete it, most struggled. So what was the moral of the task? To encourage them to think things through logically, rather than just jumping straight to the answer.

This set the tone for the day, and each task was designed to enhance their exam techniques and resilience, as well as improving their maths skills.

To finish off the mornings activities, the students were split into teams of 4, and were given a task where the focus was to 'READ THE QUESTION'. They were given a set of clues, and had to find a series of different people's house numbers. The clues were things like 'Ozzie's house number is not a multiple of three' and 'Florence's house number is one after a prime number'. The students loved this, and got very competitive! One group were then given a more challenging problem which they managed to solve. When they were told this was an A-level problem, they were overjoyed!

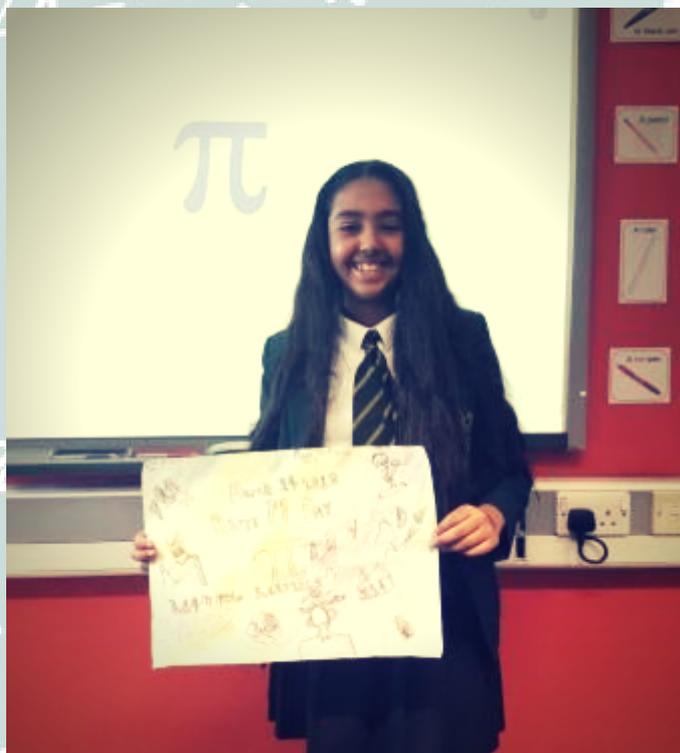
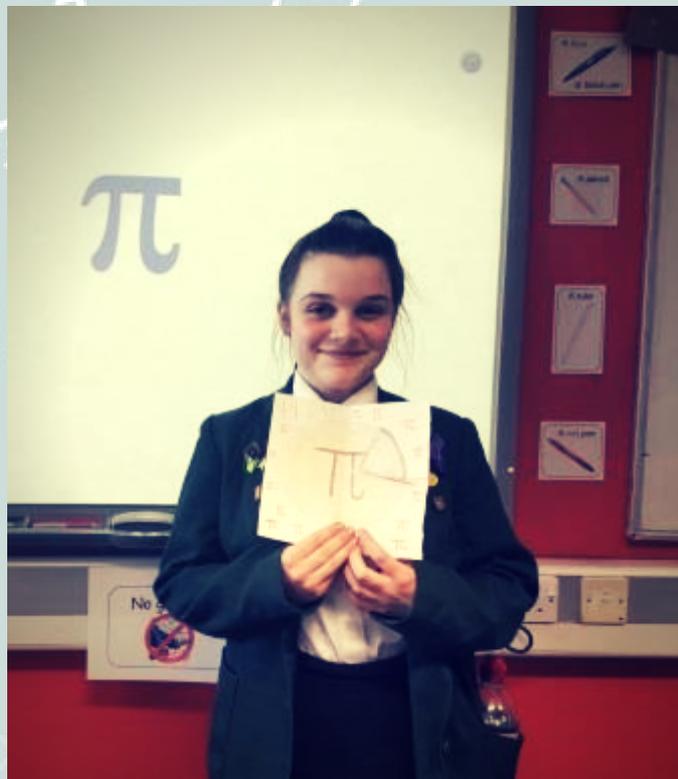
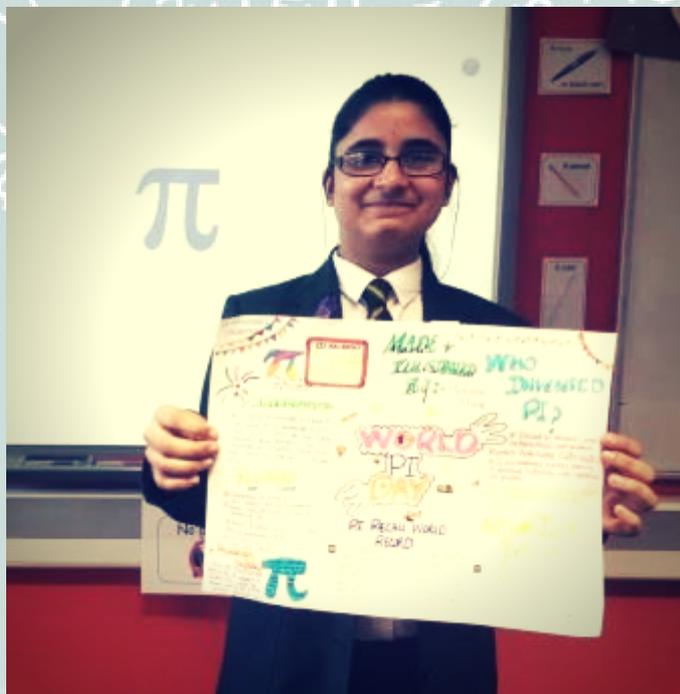
Perhaps the favourite activity of the day was the last game. Students were given cards with 3 numbers and they had to use every number only once to make a sum with the answer of 24. The task was to complete as many as you could in 20 minutes – and they got competitive! It was a very tight game, but at the end, the top three teams had to settle for a draw.

Overall, the day was a huge success. The students really enjoyed the day, and found it stimulating and challenging throughout. They all left feeling far more confident in their mathematical ability and were still arguing over who won the last challenge on the coach home.



## Competition time

Pi is a number that is just a little bigger than 3.14. It is the number you get if you divide the circumference of any circle by its diameter... so nothing to do with food! Nonetheless it's a big celebration in the maths calendar and last month pupils participated in a series of fun competitions on Pi day. Well done to Nada (Y7) Maheen & Avril (Y9) who were worthy winners of the poster competition, Azran Idrees took the crown in the 'Memorising numbers of pi' competition with an amazing 133 closely followed by Shafayet Hussain with an impressive 126 and finally Saleim Tesfay won the 'Dingbat' competition



## Challenge4Change Trip

The Y9 Princes Trust Achieve group recently took part in a visit to the Challenge4Change Activity Centre in Trafford Park. There were lots of activities on offer including the Balance Beam, Glide & Slide, The Tyre Pit, and the Zip Line, as you can tell from the names some of the activities were quite challenging and a little scary! Not to be put off, our Y9's showed the other schools what they were made of and excelled in many of the physical and teamwork challenges. It was great to see the confidence and communication skills building in our students as they undertook the challenges, the motivation, resilience and bravery shown by them all made the day a very memorable and enjoyable experience.



## Quiz Night 18



So with some intrepidation Cedar Mount hosted its first quiz night for parents/carers, staff and pupils last Thursday. The man with all the answers AKA Mr Mellen, had a series of fiendish and not so fiendish questions lined up to test everyone which included an acapella (anything for a sing-a-long) version of Waterloo, after a gruelling 8 rounds Mrs Hughes, Miss Pereira, Mr Lyons and the Witowski family scooped the top prize and took home a hamper of Easter goodies.

Thank you to everyone who turned up, took part and hopefully had a good time, your support helped us raise over £100 and will go towards school trips this summer and a new cheerleading kit for the girls. Watch this space for the next Parent/Carer event coming soon.



# Easter Revision Classes

<b>Tues 3rd April</b>	<b>12:00 – 3:00</b>	<b>English – Only attend if you're invited by text</b>	<b>Miss Boyd Miss Reid</b>
<b>Wed 4th April</b>	<b>12:00 – 3:00</b>	<b>English – Only attend if you're invited by text</b>	<b>Miss Boyd Miss Reid</b>
<b>Thurs 5th April</b>	<b>10:00 – 1:00</b>	<b>Business</b>	<b>Mrs Croft Mrs Watson</b>
<b>Fri 6h April</b>	<b>10:00 – 1:00 10:00 – 1:00</b>	<b>Spanish English – All Y11</b>	<b>Miss El-Khaddar Miss Ford</b>
<b>Sat 7th April</b>	<b>10:00 – 1:00 1:30 – 4:00</b>	<b>Chemistry &amp; Biology Food Technology</b>	<b>Science Miss Ahmad</b>
<b>Mon 9th April</b>	<b>10:00 – 1:00</b>	<b>IT &amp; Computer Science</b>	<b>Miss Jones Miss Singh</b>
<b>Tues 10th April</b>	<b>10:00 – 1:00</b>	<b>Chemistry</b>	<b>Science</b>
<b>Wed 11th April</b>	<b>10:00 – 1:00</b>	<b>IT &amp; Computer Science</b>	<b>Miss Jones Miss Singh</b>
<b>Thurs 12th April</b>	<b>10:00 – 1:00</b>	<b>Physics</b>	<b>Science</b>
<b>Fri 13th April</b>	<b>10:00 – 1:00 10:00 – 1:00 10:00 – 1:00</b>	<b>English – All Y11 Biology Spanish</b>	<b>Miss Ford Science Miss El-Khaddar</b>
<b>Sat 14th April</b>	<b>10:00 – 1:00</b>	<b>Biology</b>	<b>Science</b>