



Big Six Bonanza

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Welcome!

Welcome to the first edition of the Big Six Bonanza for the academic year 2010-2011. Every month we will endeavour to bring you a taste of life in Big Six as we keep you updated with all the latest shenanigans and goings on. Grab a cup of tea, sit down, relax and enjoy!

Settling In

It hasn't taken long at all for the new Big Sixers to find their feet and already they know their way around the buildings and have sussed out all the day to day routines.

As the term progresses there are more and more opportunities opening up for students to get involved in. Primarily, extra-curricular activities are beginning to develop with Big Six getting involved in not only the wealth of sporting and musical clubs on offer but also climbing club, Warhammer club, quiz club, science fiction society and homework club; not to mention visiting the Biology lab and its friendly creatures during lunchtime.

This is the current clubs timetable (though it is liable to change throughout the year)...

	Lunch	Afterschool
Monday	Junior choir Squash Hockey (girls) Science Fiction Soc. Chess Club	Homework Club Rugby Cricket
Tues	Netball Junior band Climbing Club General Knowledge	Homework Club Hockey (girls) Badminton Homework Club
Wed	Quiz Club Intermediate band	Football (boys) Warhammer Club
Thurs	Netball Hockey (boys) Games and Reading	Running Club Homework Club Badminton
Friday		

NOTICES

Swimming is takes place on Tuesdays...don't forget your kit!

NEXT MONTH

Find out about our visit to Birmingham Art Gallery

Subject focus: DT

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This term we are studying World War 2. After a brief introduction, Big Six have been split into random groups of three and have been given a 'key episode/event' from WW2 (including The Blitz, Battle of Britain and D-Day) to research and study. To present their learning for this part of the topic, each group will need to teach their findings to the rest of the class (including Mr. Guard and Mrs. Baker) in a 5-8 minute lesson. The lesson must demonstrate their own learning whilst also providing an opportunity to assess the learning of their fellow students. So, research is fully underway and the students are enjoying the challenge of creating short lessons to teach. Hopefully, before the end of term we will be able to squeeze in a visit to Cosford Museum to support further learning as we move on to study the Holocaust.

Multiple Intelligences

A few weeks ago, all Big Six students took a multiple intelligences test to help determine their learning strengths and preferences. Just as we don't all look the same, the way our brains work is different too and understanding these 'learning styles' can help a student to access their full potential whilst also allowing staff to plan lessons more efficiently to cater for different students' needs.

The eight different styles are:

Kinaesthetic—body smart;

Logical—number smart;

Linguistic—word smart;

Intrapersonal—myself smart;

Visual/Spatial—picture smart;

Interpersonal—people smart;

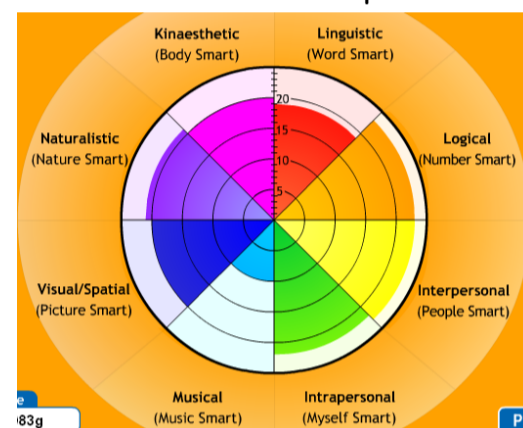
Musical—music smart;

Naturalistic—nature smart.

As a collective year group, Big Six currently have learning strengths in music, working independently and working as a team (people smart). As they begin Year 7 next year, a multiple intelligences test will be taken again and it is likely that

learning strengths will change as talents and skills develop.

Once the test has been taken a graph is produced showing the extent of strengths in different areas. Here is an example...



(Mrs Baker's multiple intelligences results)

Each of the Big Sixers have a graph on display in the classroom along with how the information can support their learning (which can also be found at the back of the student planner).

To find out more about multiple intelligences or to take a test yourself go to...

www.bgfl.org/multipleintelligences

Meet a Big Sixer

Every month we will be bringing you a short, sharp insight into the life of two of our Big Sixers

Name: Tom Pleydell

Form: 6Y

House: Kennedy

Favourite subject: PE and Games

Least favourite subject: Maths

Best thing about being in Big Six: Friends

Favourite food: Salmon with pasta

Hobbies outside of school: Football

Anything else we should know? Big Six is brilliant



Name: Karishma Mehan

Form: 6X

House: Lincoln

Favourite subject: Drama

Least favourite subject: Geography

Best thing about being in Big Six: Performing arts

Favourite food: Pizza

Hobbies outside of school: Drama

Anything else we should know? The sport opportunities are good as well

