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Headteacher's Blog Week Commencing 8th February 2021

I would like to start off this week's blog by saying well done to all of our students and staff at CODA. The quality and standard of remote learning is fantastic and you all need to be praised for that. This half term has flown by and I am delighted on so many levels. I hope that you all have a restful and relaxing break as you all deserve it.

My blog is a testimony to our ongoing excellence and is full of some of the successes. Absolutely fantastic! Well done to all, keep up the great work!

As a reminder, the school timetable is as it was, just completed remotely. Your teachers will be teaching every lesson via Microsoft Teams, including registration.

As another reminder, any student who gets a mention in my blog, gets awarded 20 additional Classcharts points and there are also 50 points available for attending each 'live' lesson.

Class Charts Success

I have to start off by saying well done to the whole school. The penultimate week of this half term saw the biggest ClassCharts scores.....EVER!

This included the first student to ever be rewarded with more than 1000 points in a week! Wow, simply wow! Well done to Jasleen K in Year 8 – this is amazing. Well done.

PE Success

Ms Kohut wants to say well done to the following students and staff. She said 'Firstly Well done to the following students and classes over the last few weeks. They have had the best engagement and have been super stars when answering questions and with getting work sent to me. Considering we have never met in real life it's a great start. Special mention goes to;

Tanpuneet S Yr7

Manraj H Yr8

Yll M Yr8

My 9A PE2, 9B PE1, 10A PE2 and 10B PE4.

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Secondly

Well done to the following staff and students on completing the January 5K challenge.

Miss Bulloch
Mr Cholerton
Mr Green
Mrs Holden
Mr Hughes
Ms Bell
Mr Stevenson
Mrs Beeson
Mrs Parkin
Ms Dacus
Mr Clennell
Simran B yr 7
Hadia Q yr 7
Lucas B yr 7
Millen W yr 8
Harman K yr 9
Pawandeep S yr 9
Ramandeep K yr 9
Arshmeet S yr 10
Michela B yr 10
Nika Al yr 10
Meek K yr 10

The challenge for February is to complete 200,000 steps across the month. Keep a daily record using a pedometer app, fit bit device, or I phone in medical app. Send evidence to Mrs Kohut nkohut@cityofderbyacademy.org to win a badge.'

Miss Bulloch wants to praise the following students. She said 'Miss Bulloch's PE Superstars who are constantly doing well in lessons, sending her evidence of their work and doing a fabulous job in PE!

Y7 - Ishveer B & Simran B

Y8 - William M & Soraya I

Y9 - Arshmeet S & Amber A

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Y10 - Mohammed I & Alicia W-L

Y11 - Lewis M & Talia Priestley

Miss Bulloch's BTEC Dance Superstars

who are contributing great ideas, asking relevant questions and really pushing themselves to achieve the best grade they can.

Y10 - Olivia A

Y11 - Kiya R'

Mr Cholerton - Pupils achieving great scores in the Hop Sock Challenge: Muhammad T, Liam B, Lerayah W, Bilal, Armanpreet S, Amisha B, Bhavanjeet R, Edward E, Jasleen, Mehardeep S, Muhammed B, Olivia S, Taranvir S, Seher M, Paige G, Tyler D, Amber A, Jaswinder K, Bohuslav C, Tyler C, Aaiya M, Lukas T.

Pupils achieving very good scores in the Basket Toilet Paper Challenge: Aishat M, Edward E, Muhammad B, Riya S, Taranvir S, Olivia S, Seher M, Victoria K, Lucie G, Lerayah W, Armanpreet S, Jake D, Liam B and Muhammad T.

Year 10 and 11 pupils have taken part in this week's Just Dance and Cha Cha Slide Plank Challenges: Alishba S, Sallimata N, Blake W, Paramveer T, Samuel P, Yara S, Malika S, Zenab I, Prince B, Salma K, Yaicika K, Jasmin S, Sian G, James K, Vinjeru M, Emma W, Jessica K, Anmolpreet S, Jilisa P, Rahmeen Z, Nela P.

Pupils in Year 10 and 11 have also been brilliant in taking part in work outs and a jog, cycle or walk. So many pupils achieved great scores in their quizzes, but a special mention goes to Helen C and David M this week.

Future Success in PE

Jack at Derby City School sports partnership has set up a virtual challenge platform using Playwaze. It's where all schools in city who would normally play interschool comps can remotely challenge each other across a range of different activities. We are going to put onto year group PE teams and promote in lessons. Look out for it everyone, this sounds fab!

Well done everyone, we are so proud of you.

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Character Development Success

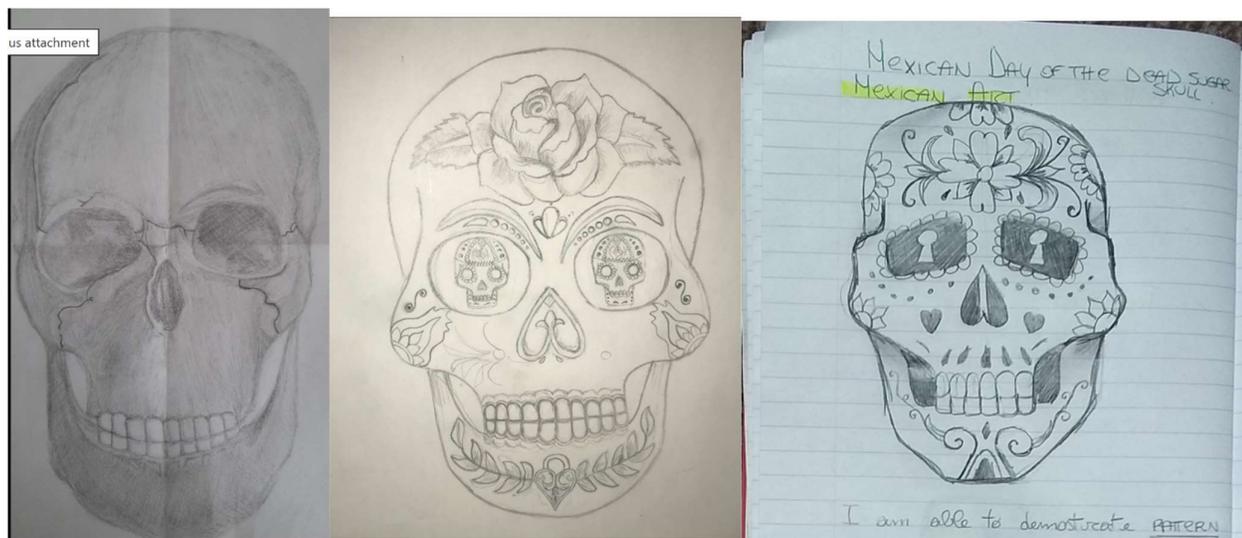
Mrs Eames wants to say well done to the following students. She said 'Recently we have been looking at resilience in Character Development. I challenged my form (7SE) to produce a PowerPoint slide on someone who has shown resilience. The following students rose to the challenge:

Safah M, Jasmine S, Leah B, Alija P, Isabelle W, Yuvraj S

I would like to say "Well done" to each of them.'

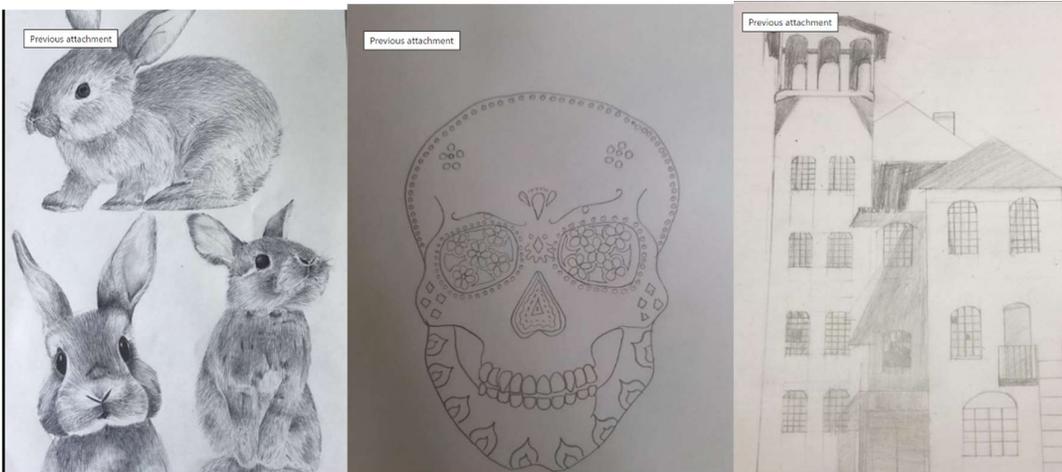
Art Success

Miss Wilshaw wants to say well done to the following students. She said 'Please see some of the amazing work that has been completed by our students this week... (Names and year on the images) Year 8 are currently studying Mexican Art and have been drawing skulls and creating their own day of the dead sugar skull pattern design. Year 9 are studying Science in Art and currently looking at the artist Ernst Haeckel, Harman has created a fantastic research page following her online lesson. Some fantastic independent drawings from year 10 GCSE art and graphic communication, a variety of individual projects with some examples from Jack and Tanisha, well done, keep up the good work.



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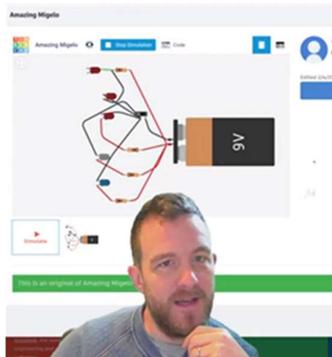


Well done to Riya S, Konika B, Layla B, Tanisha D, Jack D, Harman K, Emma W, Prabhjeet S, Annie T, Ella D, Soumya S and Allana C.

Technology Success

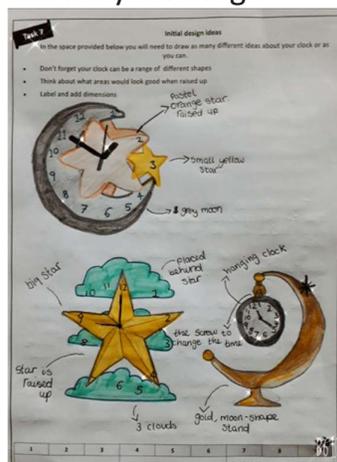
Mr Green wants to say a huge well done to Harris O for his fabulous work on the CAD program. Mr Green said 'Harris has been a star, look what he's made! Excuse my overuse of 'oh my word', I'll try to broaden my vocabulary in the amazement section.

Could take a screenshot if you wish for the blog. "Well done to Harris O who has really got to grips with TinkerCAD quickly and independently. This will enable him to simulate electronic circuits remotely!"



Miss Stead wants to praise the following students, she said 'currently I have a Yr.8 student, Quratulain (Annie) T. She has consistently been completing exceptional work. During live interactive lesson they are always keen to provide answers and to get involved in discussion. They have made the lessons a pleasure to teach knowing that such a high standard of work is being produced. They always email their work through on a timely manner, with very mature conversational dialogue.

I have attached the most recent received work. These are design ideas for the plastic clocks module. Could you kindly consider this for your blog?



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Geography Success

Mr Barker would like to offer praise to the following students for their enthusiastic participation in lessons over the last week:

Sadiyah P and **Harman K** (9A-Go1)

Dean W, Agyapal S, Holly G, Jaskirat S, Sarah-Amina Z (9B-Go1)

Tyler D, Hilda A, Dylan S and **Mohammad S** (9B-Go3); **Liam B, Jake D, Muhammad T** and **Lerayah W** (who also gave us a brilliant and very interesting live streamed starter on how to look after a baby tortoise!) (7A-Go2)

Mrs Redding would like to offer many thanks to the following 'Geography superstars' this week:

Deanna S 7AGg3: I would like to congratulate Deanna for her confidence in sharing ideas during our Live sessions, for her excellent answers and overall participation.

Jasleen K 8AGg1: Another wave on **congratulations** must go to Jasleen, as I cannot ignore the wonderful work sent through to me after 'every' lesson, the time and care taken to produce this is of the highest standard and for her eagerness to learn new ideas. Jasleen is so very deserving of Star status again, in fact this has been awarded every week since the start of lockdown!

What an achievement!

Ervin M 11X Gg: I would like to congratulate Ervin on his consistent approach to learning. He takes extra time to check his understanding and carries out all tasks in his usual positive manner.

Emma W 11XGg: Nothing changes in the high-quality work Emma is producing...all her notes are precise and detailed, and simply are a pleasure to read!

Year 11 Success

Mr Cholerton wants to say well done to a large number of Year 11. He said 'As well as most year 11s being brilliant engaging in online learning, there are so many that have applied to Sixth Form or College, I must have completed over 100 references in the last few weeks. I'm so pleased that they are working hard remotely with their school work and focused on securing their preferred next steps too.'

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I agree, well done Year 11 you are being fabulous, and I am sure your hard work will pay off in the future.

Mathematics Success

Mr Birkinshaw wants to say well done to the following. He said 'Mr. Birkinshaw would like to thank the following Y9 and Y10 pupils for their participation in the UKMT Intermediate Mathematical Challenge this week. This year the challenge had to be completed remotely of course, and the following pupils deserve a mention for 'taking the plunge' and tackling the problems during their maths lesson this week. The results should be available shortly after half term.

Well done everyone!

Y9	Sandip		Y10	Boluwatife
Y9	Parmeet		Y10	Nika
Y9	Meek		Y10	Leah
Y9	Jashandeep		Y10	Surpreet
Y9	Andrew		Y10	Michela
Y9	Ashley		Y10	Ella
Y9	Safeela		Y10	Jack
Y9	Harman		Y10	Isabell
Y9	Ramandeep		Y10	Jack
Y9	Sadiyah		Y10	Tyler
Y9	Jaskaran		Y10	Aleksandra
Y9	Sajan		Y10	Harkeeret
Y9	Anas		Y10	Gurleen
Y9	Pawandeep		Y10	Jaskiren
Y9	Abduarahman		Y10	Rashmeet
Y9	Charlotte		Y10	Karan
Y9	Tanya		Y10	Eryk
Y9	Agyapal		Y10	Jovan
Y9	Jaskirat		Y10	Luke
Y9	Jograj		Y10	Giya
Y9	Paramraj		Y10	Yara
Y9	Jayden		Y10	Leah
Y9	Dean		Y10	Michael

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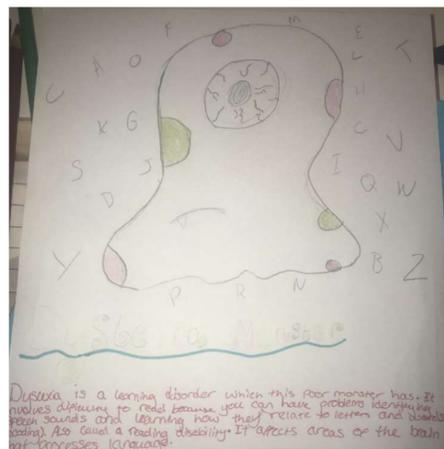
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Y9	Isabel		Y10	Warren
Y9	Sarah-aminah		Y10	Luke
Y9	Mussa		Y10	Kylie
Y9	Saphina		Y10	Jai
			Y10	Tanisha
			Y10	Oliver
			Y10	Ryan
			Y10	Gurveer
			Y10	Abigail
			Y10	Eddie
			Y10	Gurditt
			Y10	Blake
			Y10	Edgars
			Y10	Sahilpreet
			Y10	Mason
			Y10	Morgan

Personal Star

I was delighted to receive an email from Amber A this week. She has produced a poster to recognise and help other people with dyslexia. Well done Amber you are a star.



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Health and Social Care Success



Yr11 Health and Social Care - Lucy F & Amina P

Yr10 Health and Social Care - Kylie D & Alishba S

English Success

Miss Mallen wants to say well done to the following students. She said 'Please add the following to your blog:

10SM/ 10EN4 - Honestly, I love being your form tutor and your effort and commitment to your English lessons this half term has made me so incredibly proud of you. I can't wait until we are all back together and I think you're amazing!

11EN1 - Though they took me many hours to mark, it was worth every minute. Very proud of your recent assessments!

9AEN4 - Arshmeet S has sent me some amazing work this half term. Also, exceptionally proud of the effort from Kacey M. It's been lovely teaching you guys online!

8AEN3 - Miss Mitchell and I would love to say how lovely it is that Kobe has come out of his shell this half term! We have LOVED your contributions and you have really made us laugh!

7BEN3 - Always a pleasure to teach. I promise to branch out from horror stories soon 😊



Science Success

Mrs Fairclough wants to praise the following. She said 'Prince B is always ready for the lesson, sometimes he is early, he completes his work, responds in the lesson and emails me what he has done. Today he has attempted to answer some much tougher questions, so I feel he deserves a mention. I'm going to call home and praise.' Well done Prince, we are proud of you.

Mrs Russell wants to say well done to the following students. She said 'Well done to many of our Year 11 students for really great engagement in their Science lessons. Students who deserve a mention for making really good progress are Nicole G, Alexandra G, Nikola M, Priya J, Mohammed K, Buthaina Z, Milly S, Mohammed D, Samra J and Ryan A.'

Enzymes & Digestion

Learning outcomes:

- Outline the actions and roles of digestive enzymes in the human body.
- Describe the optimum temperature and pH needed for digestive enzymes to work
- Explain the effect of a pH above the optimum on an enzymes activity

Lipase enzymes are produced in the **pancreas** and the **small intestine**. Lipase is responsible for breaking down lipids (fats & oils) into fatty acids and glycerol in the small intestine.

Lipase digests fat into fatty acids and glycerol

Protease enzymes are produced in the **stomach**, the **pancreas** and the small intestine. Protease breaks down proteins into amino acids in the stomach and the small intestine.

Protein molecule made up of amino acids

Amino acid – a small molecule that can be absorbed

Amylase is produced in the **salivary glands**, small intestine and in the **pancreas**. Amylase breaks down starch into sugars in the mouth and small intestine

Starch – a long molecule made of many glucose molecules

Sugar molecules – small enough to pass through the gut wall

MFL Success

Wow, what a half term! C'est chouette! Das ist super!

1) We would like to praise all our online classes and in particular year 10 French & German and year 8 German

2) A special mention goes to all the year 11 pupils who have chosen to do an extra (or in some cases two extra) language GCSE(s), either in Italian, Panjabi or Spanish- Amritpal, Muskan, Riya, Anmolpreet, Amit, Harleen, Gurleen, Rameen, Sumit, Gurjot, Sukhmanpreet, Prabhjeet, Amritpal and Sophia.

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3) We would also like to praise the following individuals for consistently working well and pushing themselves

Year 7 - Zara N, Zahra S, Muhammad T, Lerayah W, Jasmine S, Connor L, Harmani D, Azaan A, Mateusz O, Sienna S, Logan T, Leo C, Hadia Q, Chris D, Kayla C, Maheer S, Rhiannon M, Neve B, Dylan H, Ishveer B, Sukhdeep S, Douaa K, Connor M

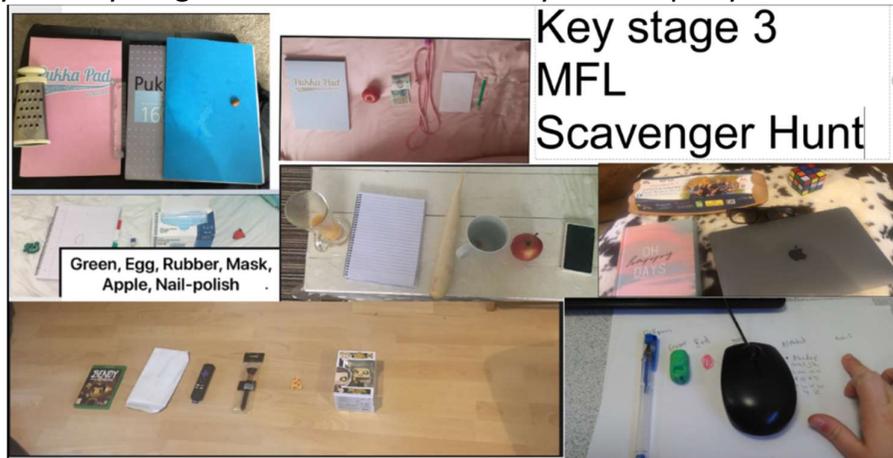
Year 8 - Yll M, Mahmoud M, Ruby D, Konika B Jasleen K, Charan S, Mehardeep S, Layla RB, Leyla R, Olivia S, Timon S, Edward E, Riya S, Tornie S, Charlie S, Hayden F, Mirela V, Phoebe M, Marcel W, Millen W, Jagveer G, William M, Aishat M

Year 9 - Jaswinder K, Harman K, Ashleigh HB, Andrew G, Jasmine D, Arshmeet S, Imogen G

Year 10 - Leah E, Alishba S, Harkeeret H, Gurleen K, Luke C, Gurveer K, Oliver F, Nika A

Year 11 - Gurleen and Harleen K, Amit K (F&G) , Jess R (F & G), Emma W, Muskan S, Zoha A, Sumit B, Rameen Z, James C, Inder P, Jake B, Muneeb H, Prabhjeet KS

4) Finally, a quick look at some pictures of our pupil scavenger hunt which we have done as the final activity for Key Stage three this week. See if you can spot your 'GERMAN' word.



PSHE Success

Our Year 10's did us incredibly proud today. Mrs Dacus arranged for a Police officer to do a Q&A with Year 10. Mrs Dacus, prepared a list of back up questions in case there were any moments of silence, but she needn't have worried! 🤖

Stars of the show included Bo, Prince, Ellie-Mae, Ethan R, Simran, Kylie D, Edgars, Danila (Daniel), Nika & Yaicika. They were all brilliant though and so polite, respectful and sensible with their questions.

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PC McGeachie passes on his thanks & says that we should be proud of the way our students conducted themselves. Questions were thought-provoking and in-depth. He also hopes this goes some way to showing the police are just people too! 😊

Well done everyone, we are so proud of you!

Business Studies Success

Mr Hughes, would like to praise the following students. He said '*Year 11 GCSE Business - Nikola M and Lewis M* for their wholehearted commitment to the course. They have very maturely understood and understood the importance of the year 11 assessments coming up and have shown great tenacity in embracing the revision that I am doing in each lesson.

Year 10 GCSE Business - Prince OB and Letisha D for enthusiastically and eagerly devouring all the business concepts and ideas I throw at them. Keep up the good work!

Year 9 Business Tech - Meek K and Jashandeep S for embracing this new subject and also being a stalwarts in form time 'keeping me in order' and asking intelligent questions.'

Well done al, we are proud of you!

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Class Charts Top Scorers

Last week's top scoring class charts students, who will be awarded 20 extra points are: -

Year 11 – Emma W (587), Amit K (485), Gurleen K (484)

Year 10 – Ella D (512), Lewis S (501), Yara S (482)

Year 9 – Amber A (688), Harman K (545), Arshmeet S (492)

Year 8 – Jasleen K (1031), Millen W (779), Mirela V (749)

Year 7 – Jasmine S (559), Muhammed T (487), Lerayah W (482)

Overall

First - Jasleen K (1031) - NEW RECORD!
Second - Mille W (779)
Third - Mirela V (749)

This week's top scoring class charts students, who will be awarded 20 extra points are: -

Year 11 – Emma W (414), Anmolpreet S (387), Muskan S (386)

Year 10 – Ella D (381), Lewis S (337), Paramveer T (316)

Year 9 – Amber A (466), Jasmine D (425), Arshmeet S (410)

Year 8 – Tornie S (722), Mirela V (706), Jagveer G (699)

Year 7 – Deanna S (514), Lerayah W (501), Muhammed T (483)

Overall

First - Tornie S (722)
Second - Mirela V (706)
Third - Jagveer G (699)

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