



10th April 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of Term 4! Our Year 11 and 13 students are heading toward the home stretch and are now weeks away from their final exams. We have all been incredibly impressed with how hard they have been working and their engagement with the numerous support sessions that have been running across the school. In particular, the History department have had over 70 students at each of their after school GCSE interventions which is an amazing turnout! In addition, students have applied themselves to the recent Mock exam period with great maturity and I am sure we will see many students achieving impressive results which should boost their confidence.

The Sixth Form have excelled themselves by securing some amazing work experience opportunities and apprenticeships both in Year 12 and 13 and Mrs McKay has been delighted with the mature and proactive approach that our students have shown. In addition, we have a number of Sports Academy students who are over in the States looking at US University options which is an incredible opportunity for them. Mrs McKay is also delighted to share that two Year 11 students Sophia Hosey and Chloe Taylor have secured highly sought after paid apprenticeships in a local childcare facility so huge congratulations should go to both young women!

Sport continues to be an area of excellence for our students. Superstar footballer Megan Harper will be travelling to Spain as part of the U15 England Football team and both Year 9 and 10 boys football sides are through to the Plate cup this year! Imogen Wilson won "Athlete of the Year" at the Maidenhead Athletic Junior awards presented by RBWM Sports Development Officer Helen Preedy last week and Luke Hynes and Abi Jones both qualified for British Schools Cross Country in Leeds again this year and did exceptionally well despite the weather!

We now have a number of students who have been awarded their Gold badge for hard work and achievement, and I am thrilled to announce that two Year 7 students, Harrison Edwards and Diana Pascu, have qualified for the highest level which will be awarded by the Governors. Both students have been awarded over 1250 points and will be presented with a certificate next term.

Year 7 parents joined us for a very successful "tea and tour" afternoon last week and it was lovely to have such a huge turnout! Mr Edwards held an online safety event last week which was well attended and we were entertained by some incredible musical performances at Rocks Green! Staff and students work hard to put these events together so it is great to see so much engagement from our parents and carers, thank you!

Students have shown great community spirit this term with a number of charity events including cake sales and Red Nose day. I am so proud that our school has raised over £3000 in charity so far this year and this does not include the extra-curricular charity participation that students have taken on. Well done to all involved!

I am delighted to welcome Ms Williams (Learning Leader for Art) and Ms Choudhry (Computer Science teacher) who will be joining the school next term. Sadly, we will be saying farewell to Mrs Dridi who will be leaving us to work closer to home.

There was an incident within the community last week which has been shared by the Police. We would ask that students and parents/carers remain vigilant and if you have any concerns about any suspicious activity please do contact the local police.

Another reminder to ensure that students are correctly equipped and dressed appropriately for school each day. It really is essential to ensure that students have a positive start to the day!

Do remember that regular Headteacher surgeries are held throughout the academic year, so should you have any queries or concerns please make an appointment via my PA Ellen MacKenzie. Dates are published below.

Please do have a happy Easter break and I look forward to seeing everyone at the start of term on Tuesday 23rd April.

Yours sincerely

Frances Walsh
Headteacher

Dates for your diary:

- Tuesday 23rd April: Term 5 begins
- Tuesday 7th May: Headteacher's Surgery
- Thursday 9th May: Yr 12 "What Next Evening"
- w/c Monday 13th May: Yr 10 Careers Interviews
- Monday 13th May: GCSE and GCE A Level written exams begin.
- Thursday 23rd May: Yr 10 Parents Evening
- Thursday 6th June: Yr 7 Parents Evening
- Monday 17th June: School closes at 12.45 for Year 6 induction
- Monday 1st July: Headteacher's Surgery
- Wednesday 3rd July: Yr 11 Leavers Afternoon
- Thursday 4th July: Yr 13 Leavers Afternoon
- Thursday 4th July: Yr 11 Prom
- Friday 5th July: Yr 13 Prom
- Friday 19th July: End of Term