



24th May 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a relatively short term but busy as always, and I am delighted that we have had so many successes and celebrations to share! We now have 27 students who have achieved their Gold award, 55 have achieved Silver and 59 have achieved Bronze. I am also incredibly proud of the six students Alfie Poots, Matt Kiy, Evie Massey, Hannah Henwood, Harrison Edwards and Diana Pascu who have been acknowledged with a Governor award in assembly today. They have all worked incredibly hard and I applaud their dedication to succeed.

Year 13 have now departed on study leave and will be completing their exams over the coming month. I am thrilled to announce that Megan Scott De Marcos and Aiden Campbell have been selected as Head Girl and Head Boy for next year taking over from Jess and Zion who have been outstanding. Details of the rest of the Student Leadership team will be shared in the parent newsletter.

Year 11 are now half way through their exams and we have all been impressed by the mature and committed way they have been dealing with their studies and revision. Please do encourage them keep up the hard work over the half term!

The recent Leavers Concert was a huge success and testimony to the incredible musical talent that we have at school. If your child is interested in joining the band, please do speak to Mr McDonough as new members are always very welcome!

Year 7 Winton house enjoyed a winner's cinema afternoon in the theatre this week, and Winton House students also won the "Non School Uniform Day" reward! We are looking forward to the "House Rounders" and sports day events taking place in the final term, and excited to see who will be crowned House champions! We have also launched a photography competition to students and staff, with the theme "Summer is Coming" and the winner will have their picture sent to Norden Farm for display!

Mr Mitchell's Year 9 boy's football team excelled themselves by winning the Berkshire League Plate Final; his Year 10 boys were defeated in the League plate final despite a sterling performance. Mr Gullick's Year 11 boy's football team were also runners up in the county cup final this year but have done incredibly well over the 5 years they have been together. Students have continued to impress in Athletic competitions with three Cox Green Students being crowned Berks County Champions, Imogen Wilson crowned twice in U15 100m and 300m, Luke Lom Hynes in U17 1500m and Abbie Jones in Junior Women's Triple Jump. Zoe Flitton has been making an impact in the skiing world winning a silver medal in the U14 girls club National event in Milton Keynes. Katie Crowhurst represented GB in the British Para Swimming in Glasgow and won Golds in two events, and Savnoor Gill won a silver medal in her category in the Universal Taekwondo Federation National Championships. We really do love to hear about student success both in and out of school, so please do share good news with us!

The Duke of Edinburgh scheme has been a huge success for the school, with 40 students on track to achieve the Bronze level, and 10 students on track to achieve Gold in our first year. Huge thanks must go to Mr Crowther, Ms Warner, Mr Mitchell, Ms Anderson, Mr Morris and Ms Killick for giving up their time and investing so much in our pupils. Most importantly, the students have thrived and enjoyed the experience!

We were thrilled to host the Makaton "This is Me" event for Manor Green School earlier this month and even more excited that the event was featured on BBC South Today! Over 500 people took part in the event, signing, singing and dancing to The Greatest Showman song, followed by some wonderful freestyle singing performances from students from local primary and secondary schools. It truly was a magical day and the sun shone despite the poor weather forecast!

We are delighted to share that Ms Thomas recently gave birth to a beautiful little girl and I am sure you will join us in sending her family best wishes!

With the warmer weather on the way our female students are now permitted to wear socks until the end of term. Please do ensure that skirts are knee length to ensure that students appropriately covered. All students in Years 7-9 must continue to wear their blazers until advised otherwise.

Following feedback from staff and parents, we will be tightening our policy on mobile phones from September. Understandably, some students have devices to enable them to be in contact with parents whilst travelling to and from school, but students must ensure phones are turned off and out of sight. Students caught in possession of a mobile phone (which is turned on) will have the phone immediately confiscated. This will allow students to have a break from Social Media and devices throughout the day, which has been proven to have a positive effect on mental health. We appreciate your support with this.

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.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the start of term on Monday 3rd June.

Yours sincerely

Frances Walsh
Headteacher

Dates for your diary:

- 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