

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of the new year – we are planned and ready for productive and purposeful weeks ahead.

Parents who are not new will know that our **holiday dates** are different from some other schools, we have a longer break in October, but a later start to the summer holiday. The dates are [here](#) for your planning. Dates include PD Days and two Collaboration Days where students work remotely at home – we will share everything you need about these as they come closer.

Exam Results Days were both great this summer. A Level results saw students moving on to exciting University destinations including Oxford (Philosophy and Theology), Birmingham (Medicine), Lancaster (Law) and Degree Apprenticeships including at Moneypenny and in the Aeronautical industry.

GCSE outcomes gave students access to Sixth Form and college with lots of great performances.

We are very proud of all our students' achievements, the reward for hard work and focus from them, their families and the teachers we have here.

As always, we are at our best by working together, managing any concerns quickly. Your initial point of contact is your child's tutor and they will email you to introduce themselves to you. In your communication with the school, please be mindful of our policy [here](#). Staff are not able to monitor their mail through the day but will respond in line with our policy.



REMINDERS & NOTICES

STEM Potential Programme

Lillie Shrimpton, Lily-Ella Jenkins and Joseph Beard have been accepted onto the STEM Potential Programme, where they will work alongside Shrewsbury School and London Imperial College over this year. Well done to all three.



Gardening Club Upcycling

The Gardening Club have been turning containers into planters. Two members of the group adding the finishing touches. These will be planted up and added to our display. In addition, the group is working to fix up Water Butts, helping with water conservation.



Something to Aspire to – Maths Sparks Champions



Last year's Sparx Champions! With a combined score of over 150,000 XP points, they have earned their shiny new Sparx pins. Well done to Hannah Hodgkinson and Kate Hotchkiss now in Year 11 and Ellie Fitzgerald-Morris, Jake Fitzgerald-Morris and Hristo Kasabov now in Year 8. The Maths team are so proud of all your hard work!

Who will be at the top this year?

Year 9 Student Leadership



We were delighted to receive applications from Year 9 students to become deputies to support the Year 10 team. Students suggested ideas on new house competitions, supporting others to have healthy and positive mindsets and how they could make the school more sustainable in their applications. Emily and Henry are our new deputy head students, with 5 deputy house captains and prefects to support.



FOCUS

Lions Club Music Bursary of £1500

Congratulations to Adele Steele who auditioned and won the Lions Club Music Bursary of £1500 towards her music studies – this is thoroughly deserved for her gifted piano skills and musicianship!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Click [here](#) to view our upcoming events. Events at a glance:

- Year 12 new Parents Event – Thursday 14th September
- Open Evening, including Sixth Form – all welcome, Thursday 21st September
- Parent Learning Event - Welcome to GCSE – Thursday 5th October

Click [here](#) to view our term dates.



NEWS

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