

July 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

As we approach the end of this academic year I see a lot of very tired students, ready for a well-earned break. When I think back to when the year group arrived, many of them anxious and unsure of what to expect, and compare them to the confident students that they are now, it makes me feel very proud. I have been particularly impressed over the last couple of weeks as a number of our students have volunteered to help out with our Open Evening and Primary Transition Days. It was lovely to hear the positive comments from the parents of our future students during our recent Open Evening. The way the students have presented themselves has been nothing short of exemplary.

Due to the computer system virus that we are currently experiencing in the school, I am unable to access progress grades and attendance data and comment on individual students. However, prior to this the year 8 team identified a small number of students that have maintained the highest effort and attainment grades through this academic year. To celebrate their success these students have been invited to a Reward Chip Lunch on Monday 15th July. The names of these students are Gabriella Bedford, Christian Galians, Lily Skinner, Karolina Macijauskate, Lucy Morbey, Evelina Ozola, Kiera Savage, Oliver Blomeley, Angel Dawson, Esme Parker, Coral Tilsley, Augustina Kurpyte, Atcville Michnovic, Sofija Vlasova, Thomas Hall, Kamila Dautesaite and Kara Rose.

I would encourage all students to use the start of a new academic year as an ideal opportunity to set goals with regards to behaviour, attendance, progress, effort and attainment. Can I also remind parents of the importance of regular attendance at school and to refrain from taking students on holiday during term time?

This term, as part of our SMSC Curriculum our main focus has been on Careers. It may seem early for year 8 students to be thinking about what they would like to do when they leave school but it is important for them to be thinking about their strengths and preferred subjects as it is during this academic year that they will be expected to choose their option subjects.

I would like to thank all parents and carers for their support over the past year and ask that you continue to support us by making sure that students return to school in September wearing the correct uniform. Please visit the uniform page on our school website for guidance.

I wish you all a fantastic summer break and look forward to welcoming students back to school on Wednesday 4th September, which will be week A.

Best wishes



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Head of Year