



## Achievements Outside School

I often write in this newsletter about student achievements as it is good to celebrate and share the good news. I am aware that students do a lot that is not connected with school and often have successes and achievements for which they should be congratulated. These might be related to sports, art or music, community or church, or other areas of life. I would be happy to share these with the whole community in the newsletter if the details reach me, so I would encourage students and parents to not be shy about these personal achievements.

## Student Leadership

Leading on from the item above, we provide many opportunities for students to experience leadership in the school and, again, we aim to publicise these via the newsletter. These include Reading Buddies, Lunchtime Supervisors, House Ambassadors, House and School Council members, Learning Leaders, Sports Leaders, and many others. I would encourage as many students as possible to take up at least one of these opportunities: they are not only great preparation for adult life but they can be very valuable evidence on those university application forms!

## Year 10 Information Evening

Thank you to the students in Year 10, and their parents, who attended the information evening on Tuesday. We appreciate that there is a lot to understand at the moment with so many changes to exams and courses and we hope that this has been helpful. We will continue to provide relevant information to parents as the students proceed through their courses, especially as much is different to the exams and courses for the current Year 11. If parents have any questions at any stage please do contact us and we will be happy to provide the answers.

*Sean Hayes*

## Twitter

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**@sjfpeterborough**



## Reports 2016/17

As in previous years we will be sending out Assessment Point Reports to parents across the year for all year groups. The reports will look slightly different this year the main change being that we will include all Assessment points on one report so that you will be able to see the progress across the year as they are completed. There are also many changes to the data we are reporting as we move to no longer using Key Stage 3 levels and the new GCSE number grades start to apply. More on that to follow!

Report dates for this year are as follows:

### Year 7

9th December

16th Feb

14th July

### Year 8

25th November

16th Feb

14th July

### Year 9

25th November

27th January

14th July

### Year 10

21st October

3rd February

26th May

### Year 11

21st October

6th January

24th March

If you have any queries or concerns about your child's report then please contact their Tutor or Head of House at the School.

*Mrs S Gilligan, Assistant Headteacher*

## Open Evening

Year 6 students are in the process of applying for their secondary school for next year. We have been hosting visits from our feeder schools and I have been out to visit other local schools which usually send children to us. The next stage of the process is our

### **OPEN EVENING**

which is on

**Tuesday 4 October.**

All students in Years 5 & 6 and their parents are invited to this event which will start at **7.00pm** in the main Hall. Please spread the word!

Students will be dismissed at 2pm that afternoon so that we can prepare the evening. Some students have been invited to help and will have received separate letters with the arrangements for this: thank you to those in advance as they are our greatest asset.

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## Newsletter

Please can students add their name to front of the Newsletter when they receive it. If your son/daughter has not added their name in the space provided please can you remind them to do so as it enables us to return any misplaced Newsletters.

## Mick Fitzgerald, RIP

Please remember in your prayers Mr Fitzgerald who was Head of Maths here for many years. His funeral takes place at St Oswald's today and the school will be represented by Luke and a group of students. May he rest in peace.

## Police Cadets

We are about to start a recruitment drive for Police Cadets in Peterborough. We only have one Unit that meets at TDA every Wednesday from 1600-1800hrs. We are looking for young people who must be at least 13 years of age and no older than current Yr11 (16yrs). They must commit to attending every week and after the initial 10 week programme they will be expected to undertake a minimum of 3 hours volunteering every month. A uniform will be provided and there is no cost for this or their weekly attendance. They must be able to get to and from TDA for the sessions.

They will need to complete an application form in the first instance and then be part of a selection process. The cut off date for applications will be the end of September. If anybody is interested they need to contact me on my police email for an application pack. Thanks  
*PC Tony French, Safer Schools Police Officer*  
Email: [Anthony.french@cambs.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Anthony.french@cambs.pnn.police.uk)

## Catering

Parents, please be aware that there is NO limit on the amount of money your son/daughter can spend each day on refreshments at break and lunchtime. If you require the amount available to them to be set at a fixed rate per day, please put this amount in writing and hand in at Reception. A Meal Deal is available every day for £2.35 but this does not include drinks.

*Mary Austin*

## Year 10 Work Experience (Monday 27 February – Friday 3 March)

Following the launch of Year 10 Work Experience to both students and parents this week, the clock is ticking for the submission of forms. Students have until Tuesday 27 September to make their choices, complete forms and get parents to sign them.

## Bikes

Please can students push their bikes to and from the school gates rather than riding them at the beginning and end of the day.

## Reading Buddies

Reading Buddies has begun again this week. Forty year 7 students have been selected for this, along with a buddy from their tutor group. Students will attend the library twice a week during form time and use the opportunity to develop their decoding and comprehension skills as well as experiment with reading different genres and authors. This will help our year 7 students to develop their confidence in reading and improve their ability to access the wider curriculum. For our older students it is an opportunity to use their skills for the good of others and also develop their mentoring skills. In previous years this has been incredibly successful: last year 75% of students involved made more than expected progress with their reading.

The schedule for Reading Buddies is as follows:

### **Cambridge and Rochester**

Tuesday and Wednesday mornings

### **Beverley and Westminster**

Thursday and Friday mornings

Rochester will soon be raising money for Charity with Yellow Day fast approaching. We are looking forward to introducing our new year 7's to some of our fun money spinning ideas, with a non-uniform day, open mic, face painting, cake sale and even a 'Bake Off' competition.

One year 7 that is no stranger to raising money for charity is Mia Emery who joined us from Parnwell Primary. Over the summer Mia had her hair cut short to raise money for Charity. What a brave and generous young lady. Well done Mia.

Last year Rochester House raised £2413.05 for Marie Curie Cancer Care, The Refugee Crisis and Teenage Cancer Trust. This was the most we have ever raised, however this year we aim to make even more money for these very worthy causes.  
*Ms Stevens*

## Academic Tutoring

All form Tutors have now started Academic Tutoring meetings, which are an opportunity to meet one to one with members of their form to discuss how they are getting on in all subjects and set SMART targets for making the most out of their school life.

By now, students in Year 7 will have met with their tutors and written this term's targets on the tracker on page 10 of their diary. Please have a look at this target and consider how you as a parent can encourage your child to achieve their personal goals.

I will notify parents / careers each week, via the flash at the top of the newsletter, with which year group who should be meeting their Tutor. Expect to have a phone call from your child's Tutor after they have met with your son/daughter to keep you up to date with their academic progress.