

Dear Parents and Carers

NEWS

A big welcome to our new Year 7's and a big welcome back to all our other pupils – it is lovely to see you all proudly wearing your new grey uniforms, well rested and ready to start the new year.

We also welcome a number of new staff who have joined us this term along with our Year 7's. Harry Veal joins us as a year 7 Tutor and teacher. Clare Clifford will be on reception and joins the administration team. Charlotte Vowles will be working in the Hub as a high level teaching assistant and we also welcome Hannah Gregory, Evie O'Sullivan and Deborah Williams to our team of teaching assistants.

Huge congratulations go out to our Year 11 leavers, our class of 2016, whose hard work and commitment was rewarded by excellent results across the board. 100% of pupils achieved at least 4 Entry Levels at Merit or Distinction grades and over half of students achieved at least 1 GCSE ranging from grades C to G. It was wonderful to see so many proud students and families on results day. All students without exception have also gained functional, vocational and life skills qualifications which have helped them gain places on appropriate post 16 courses. We look forward to catching up with all of them at our celebration evening to be held in early October.

Our breaktime and lunchtime clubs are up and running and a new one to the list this year is Yu-Gi-Oh! Which is being run by Mrs Dugdale at base club at breaktimes. I am not quite sure what this entails but it seems to be popular!

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

Tues 13 th	Roald Dahl Centenary and Reading event – please see message below	Sun 25 th	Greenpower Go Kart Race at Castle Coombe
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FURTHER AHEAD FOR YOUR DIARY

- Friday 30th September – Macmillan Coffee Morning -10.05 -11.00 am – **all welcome to attend.**
- Tuesday 4th October – Year 11 Transfer Reviews commence.
- Monday 10th October – Year 7 and Year 10 Parents evening 3.30pm onwards
- Wednesday 19th October - Harvest Festival 2.15pm – **all welcome to attend**
- Monday 14th – Wednesday 16th November National Film Week – cinema visits for all years during school day
- Thursday 1st December - Christmas Fayre morning – **all welcome to attend**
- Thursday 8th December - Christmas Production morning and afternoon performances – **all welcome to attend**
- Thursday 15th December – School Christmas Lunch
- Friday 16th December - End of term disco afternoon

IMPORTANT MESSAGES:

Safeguarding: Thank you to all parents and carers with regard to the new mobile phone rule in school. Pupils have responded exceptionally well to this rule.

End of Day Arrangements: Please read the letter from Mrs Parsons that is going out today,

Go Kart Donation: Many thanks to Mr Cousins (Adam's dad!) and Apex Scaffolding, who very kindly have made a generous donation to our Go Kart team this year. This will really help to keep us on the road and racing this year.

Breakfast Club: Just a reminder that this runs from 0855-0910 daily and offers great value breakfast options: Cereal 20p; Toast 10p; Milk/Juice/Hot Chocolate 15p. Just come to the kitchen in the hall for a great start to the day.

Roald Dahl Event: On Tuesday 13th September we will be celebrating what would have been Roald Dahl's 100th birthday. To celebrate we will be having themed lessons and a community reading event which will include visitors such as the Mayor and fire service. Pupils can dress-up as their favourite Roald Dahl character or wear yellow, his favourite colour, for a £1 donation. The money raised will go to Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity which supports seriously ill children and special nurses. We really hope that this will be a fantastic event!

Many thanks

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