

9th September 2011

Dear Parents

Welcome back! I do hope that you all enjoyed a lovely Summer break with your families despite the weather not being terribly kind. The pupils have all settled in well to their school routine, and we are looking forward to a busy and productive term.

RESULTS

Congratulations to all our pupils who sat external exams at the end of last year. They have all attained superb results!

The profile assessments of our EYFS pupils were excellent, reflecting the hard work and commitment that our youngest pupils put into their work last year. At Key Stage 1, 100% of the pupils attained or exceeded Key Stage expectations in English and Maths with 94% success at Key Stage 2. All our Year 9 pupils took GCSE Media Studies two years early and over 75% of them gained A* - C grades. S10 also sat their GCSE in Media Studies and Gateway Science with excellent results.

Year 11 gained an outstanding set of GCSE results with 92% gaining 5 or more A* - C grades, with 41% of these being A* or A. The results statistics are on the website for your information.

CALENDAR

I have enclosed a calendar for the term, please note any dates that apply to your child. There are Parents' consultations for all Year groups this term, two for the Primary department. It is a busy term for trips and visits, along with our Christmas events. We are organising a "World Day" for the Primary department on November 10th which should prove to be a lot of fun! Full details will be sent out nearer the time. We are also re-introducing class assemblies for all year groups, with parents being invited along to the presentations given by the younger pupils.

POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

I have enclosed a list of pupils who have been elected to hold positions of responsibility within the school. Many congratulations to them all!

INDIVIDUAL/FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS

These will be taken in school on Monday, September 12th. Please ensure

that your child looks their best!

11+ TRAINING

We will be beginning our 11+ training this term for pupils in Years 4 – 6. Some of the work will be taking place in class, with Mrs Howland running an after school club for 11+ once a week for Years 4 and 5. We will be writing with further details next week

UNIFORM

Please ensure that your child has the correct pieces of uniform, and most importantly, that they are all CLEARLY NAMED. We have an enormous amount of lost property for a small school, and most items that are found have no name in them! As the winter draws near, please ensure that your child has the correct outer coat. Primary pupils are required to wear the regulation coat from our suppliers, and maroon school hats and scarves. Gloves should be black. Senior pupils are required to ensure that all coats, hats, gloves and scarves are PLAIN black with no exceptions.

I have this week had to remind several girls that make up and jewellery is NOT permitted to be worn to school, and that skirts are to be the correct length. Please support us in these important uniform matters.

PUNCTUALITY

Please ensure that you leave plenty of time for your journey to and from school; already this week we have had far too many pupils arriving late for school. Registration is at 8.40am daily.

STAFF CAR PARK

May I please remind you that in fairness to all, no parents are to park in the staff car park at any time. Please use the school car park, or alternatively non restricted parking areas in the surrounding streets.

2012 S7 ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

Our entrance exam for 2012 S7 will be held on Saturday, November 5th at 9.30am.

OPEN MORNING

We will be holding our annual open morning on Saturday October 8th, 10am – 12.30pm. If you have any friends or relatives interested in our

school, please encourage them to come along.

DATA COLLECTION

Please find enclosed a data collection form for this academic year which asks you to confirm your permission for your child to be photographed, and also requests any update on your email information that we hold. Please return these forms as soon as possible to the office.

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend.

Kind Regards

Mrs J Lawrence