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Dear Parents

Congratulations to **Eleanor Gower (10S)** who recently achieved a distinction in her Grade 5 LAMDA Verse and Prose exam and a distinction in her Grade 7 LMC Music Theatre Singing exam.

The individual **photographs** from Wrates are being distributed to Y7-Y9 today and will be distributed to Y10-Y13 tomorrow. If you would like to order photos please return the order form, along with payment, to the school office by **Tuesday 4 October** or order photographs online at www.wrates.co.uk.

Our **Open Evening** is on **Thursday 6 October**, from 5.30 - 8.30 pm and we are grateful to the large number of pupils who volunteer to help on this evening with tours, lessons and departmental work. Students are expected to stay on-site between the end of school and the start of Open Evening, and a free hot meal is provided. Permission slips for helping with Open Evening have been distributed to pupils and should be returned to subject staff (if helping in a department) or form tutors (if helping with tours) by **Friday 30 September**.

Today, guests from Lincoln College, Oxford are giving talks to Y11 and Y12 who are considering **Oxbridge**. Y13 are busy completing applications for university currently. We were pleased that 3 of last year's Y13 gained places at Oxbridge and many others at top universities. For your interest I have attached a list of destinations of last year's leavers.

As you will be aware, the checking process for **free school meals (FSM)** has changed. This is partly because an estimated 4,300 Lincolnshire pupils who are entitled to FSM do not receive one. In addition to your children having a free meal in school each day, the school receives extra funding, known as the 'pupil premium' to support their education, so it is really important that you apply if you are entitled to this benefit. Pupils on FSM are also entitled to free trips when these form an integral part of the curriculum. For county to check eligibility they need to know the national insurance number, name and date of birth of parents. If you have not already done so, and think you may be eligible, please complete the attached form and return it to the school office no later than **Wednesday 28 September**.

Yours sincerely



Miss A Francis
Headteacher



Celebrating Success

Thank you to our guest speaker Heather Roach, past pupil and recently retired Deputy Chief Constable of Lincolnshire, who joined us for Speech Night last Thursday evening. Her speech was inspirational and she has kindly offered to provide advice for students interested in a career in the police force.

Pictured (L-R): Vice Chair of Governors, Julia Barker, Head Boy, Heather Roach, Head Girl and myself.

