

10 January 2017

Dear Parents

Happy New Year! I hope that you and your families had an enjoyable Christmas break.

Congratulations to:

- **Lucas Abbott** (7T) and **Laura Thackray** (8C) who have attained their **Gold Merit Awards**.
- Lillian Anderson (7C), Tashan-Rose Stockdale (7C), Laila Broadbridge (8C), Nadine Hartzenberg (8C), Gabriel Towers (8S) and Alicia Otter (8T) who have attained their **Silver Merit Awards**.

The **Y8 Options and Parents' Evening** is on Wednesday 18 January, 6.00 pm – 9.00 pm. An appointments form is attached to this letter and a hard copy has been circulated today in registers. A curriculum booklet outlining the various GCSE subject courses and choices will be distributed at the meeting, when further information will be given about the structure of the middle school curriculum and subject choices put in context for certain careers. The talks start at 6.00 pm followed by appointments with individual staff beginning at 7.00 pm. Please note that pupils are encouraged to attend this meeting with you and must wear full school uniform. The final deadline for option choices is Friday 24 March.

As you will be aware, internal examinations are taking place over the next week for Y7, Y9, Y11, Y12 and Y13. **Y11 will receive all of their results on Tuesday 31 January, pd 3**, rather than receiving them in subject lessons (as will happen for other year groups). We have found that doing this replicates the experience of results day more closely for Y11 and it is valuable to see their results all together. Staff will therefore not be returning or going through papers until after this date.

Attached to this letter is a flier for the BBC One prime time series '**Eat Well For Less?**'. Applications are now open and they are looking to attract applications from families who would like to save some money on their weekly shop and eat more healthily. The show follows MasterChef's Gregg Wallace & award winning greengrocer Chris Bavin on a mission to prove that it is possible for families to save money on their food budget without scrimping on taste and nutrition. They hope that by analysing the shopping habits of UK families, they can help to show where we can source the best and cheapest quality food.

Finally, I would like to welcome **Mr Dunthorne** to Queen Elizabeth's this term as a temporary teacher of Physics and also **Mr Reyes Vera** as temporary teacher of Business Studies and Teaching Assistant.

Best wishes



Miss A Francis  
Headteacher



#### CHARITY WEEK

This year's **Charity Week** starts on Monday 30 January. Our chosen charity is 'When You Wish Upon a Star'. Each lunchtime that week, forms will be organising events to raise money. Friday 3 February is our **Non-Uniform Day**, for which a payment of £2 needs to be made on the day.