

17 January 2017

Dear Parents

Congratulations to:

- Harriet Santus (7S) and Laura Jeanes (7T) who have attained their **Gold Merit Awards**.
- The following students who have attained their **Silver Merit Awards**.  
Bethany Fox (7C)                  Harrison McDonald (8S)                  Harry Carter (8T)  
Kiara Sweet (7S)                  Alice Pridgeon (8S)                  James Gilliatt (8T)  
Kitty Evans (8C)
- All **Y13** students who have received offers from their chosen universities. This year students received some excellent offers.
- Those senior students who completed the **National Citizen Service Award** last year, which has led to the school becoming a 'Champion School'. This is a valuable programme for Y11-13 students and entails voluntary service as well as leadership training.

Next week, all Y10 students will be on **Work Experience**. This is an invaluable opportunity for them to learn about the world of work and develop further their employability skills. The placements are co-ordinated by Mrs Elliott and I am grateful to her for all her hard work in arranging these.

There is a vacancy on the governing body for a **parent governor** (trustee/director). The support of interested and committed parents is vital to the smooth running of the academy and I hope that you will consider taking on this important role. Any parent of a registered pupil at the academy may seek nomination, unless disqualified because of bankruptcy or criminal offence. Governors must be prepared to attend the six (termly) Wednesday evening governors' meetings, starting at 7.00 pm, during each school year, and may be asked to sit on sub-committees such as finance or salaries. They may also be asked to assist in the appointment of staff. Governors are linked with specific departments and are expected to take an active part in the public and social life of the school. Newly elected governors will, of course, be working alongside more experienced colleagues and will have the opportunity to attend governor training sessions.

The closing date for nominations is **midday on Friday 24 February**. The form is attached. If nominations are received from two or more candidates, all parents will receive voting slips and details about the electoral process. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact any serving governor or myself.



#### OXBRIDGE SUCCESS

Congratulations to Timothy Powell (13C) and Maxim Mower (who completed his A Levels last summer). They have both been offered places at Oxford University for September 2017.



I also attach a copy of the school's data protection **privacy notice** which clarifies arrangements regarding the transfer of information. This is particularly pertinent for Y11 and Y13 for whom we are required to share information on destinations with the Local Authority.

We will be offering some **Easter Revision Classes** during the second week of the holidays (10 - 13 April 2017) for students who will be taking external exams this summer and I thought you would appreciate as much notice of these as possible. A provisional timetable is attached to this letter. Lunch will be provided, free of charge, for all those attending both the morning and the afternoon classes. Nearer the time students in Y11-13 will receive a form asking them to indicate the sessions they will be attending.

Finally a reminder that **Y8 Options and Parents' Evening** is tomorrow, Wednesday 18 January, starting at 6.00 pm

Best wishes



Miss A Francis  
Headteacher



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