

24 January 2017

Dear Parents

Congratulations to:

- Keira Mager (10T), Archie Rainbow (10T) and Aaron Marsh (12T) who have all qualified from last week's County Cross Country Finals to represent the County at the **East Anglian Championships**.
- The following pupils who have attained their **Gold Merit Awards**:
Lauren Collingwood (7C) Helena Kurczewska (7S) Libby Arnold (7T)
Georgie Johnson (7C) Libby Stow (7S) Leila Hall (7T)
- Maisie Kendall (7S) and Ellie Rainbow (8T) who have attained their **Silver Merit Awards**.

The first round of our annual **Starspell** competition will take place during the week commencing **Monday 6 February**. For this round, students have a list of 20 words to learn and the test will include 5 extra words, not learnt, as a tie-breaker. Word lists will be distributed tomorrow and I have attached the lists for your interest. The semi-final will take place on Tuesday 28 February (after the half-term break) and the final will be on Tuesday 7 March.

This week is the **Y8 Ski Trip** in Italy and you can follow their blog on our intranet.

We are looking forward to next week's **Charity Week** in aid of our chosen charity – 'When You Wish Upon a Star'. Form stalls will take place in the hall at lunchtimes with Y7 & Y8 on Monday, Y9 & Y10 on Tuesday, Y11 on Wednesday and Y12 & Y13 on Thursday. On Friday it will be our annual non-uniform day (£2 charge) with a disco (50p admission) at lunchtime.

We will be submitting a further order for **School Sports Fleece Jackets** on Tuesday 31 January. If you would like to place an order, please contact Ms Aitkenhead in the school office. They are £26 each and payment must be made at the time of ordering and can be by cash, cheque or via Parentpay. I attach an order form.

Tickets for '**Oliver**' will be on sale from the school office from Friday (£6.00 for adults and £4.00 for concessions). The performances will take place on Thursday 2 March and Friday 3 March at 7.00 pm in the school hall. It looks like being a great production and we hope you will be able to join us.

Best wishes



Miss A Francis
Headteacher



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We have launched our own Instagram account today with a chance for Y7 pupils to reflect on their first term with us. Later in the week there will be a focus on life in the Sixth Form. To follow us please search for **qegsalford**.