

25 April 2017

Dear Parents

Congratulations to:

- Eloise Lane (7S), Harriet Santus (7S) and Leila Hall (7T) who have achieved their **Platinum Merit Awards** for gaining 100 merits this year.
- Ruairidh Biggar (7T), Charlie Price (7S), Adsaiya Sanganithy (7S), Rosie Wimsey (8C), Gabriel Towers (8S), Laura Dexter (8T) and James Gilliatt (8T) who have achieved their **Gold Merit Awards**.
- Harvey Boxall (7T), Max Russell (7T), Leo Smith (8S) and George Elson (8T) who have achieved their **Silver Merit Awards**.

Congratulations also go to **Orla Parr (11S)** who has recently completed her **Silver Student Leadership Award**. This bespoke award scheme aims to develop the necessary skills and opportunities for students to take a leading role in the school community, their local communities and ultimately, perhaps, at a national or even international level. There are three levels for the awards. The **Bronze Award** is open to all years. The **Silver Award** is open to Y8-Y13 and applicants for this award must complete a 10 hour service project (unpaid) and hold a student leadership role eg form rep, team captain. The **Gold Award** is open to Y9-Y13 and applicants for this award must complete a 20 hour service project (with an individualised personal leadership challenge) and give a 10 minute presentation to senior staff and students. They must also hold a formal student leadership role.

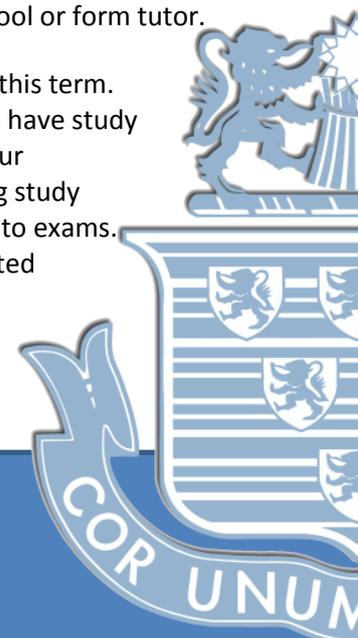
Individual Examination Timetables for Y7, Y8, Y9 and Y10 will be distributed to pupils over the next week and year group timetables are attached to this letter. Y10 have their creative/practical exam next Tuesday 2 May and then their main exams begin on Monday 8 May. Y7 exams begin on Monday 8 May and Y8 & Y9 exams begin the following week on Monday 15 May. Y12 exams start after half term on 12 June. Preparation for these will take place in lessons over the forthcoming weeks and it is important that all students devote sufficient time at home to revise thoroughly. If you have any concerns about your son or daughter's preparation for these exams please do not hesitate to contact their Head of School or form tutor.

The **external examination timetables** (with rooms and start times) will be distributed later this term. **Y13 Study Leave** begins after half term and there is also the opportunity for some of **Y11** to have study leave at this point. Most Y11 will probably work best in school; however, if you feel that your son/daughter will revise best at home after half term please can you write to me requesting study leave. There will still be days when all Y11 are required in school for revision sessions prior to exams. Neither year group are required to attend school once all of their exams have been completed but Y11 have the **Sixth Form Induction Day** on Friday 30 June.



Silver Student Leadership Success

Orla Parr (11S)



We have received a few queries regarding **Academic Referrals** on the school intranet so I thought it was worth clarifying the purpose of these. They are triggered when a student is given a projected grade 2 levels (or more) below their target grade, or where their projected grade is one level below their target grade across several subjects. Academic referrals enable senior staff to monitor intervention to help a student reduce the gap between their target and projected grades. When we are particularly concerned we will contact you and meet with your child to discuss strategies and support. As target grades are aspirational, an academic referral is not necessarily a significant concern: it simply provides a mechanism for staff to ensure we are addressing any potential underachievement.

Sadly **Mrs Tebbutt** (Teacher of French) leaves us at the end of this week. We thank her for her hard work this year and wish her well for the future.

Finally some reminders:

- The deadline for return of Y7 Cadbury World reply slips and money is this Friday 28 April.
- Triathlon Club members who wish to enter the chosen events or order a tri-suit need to do so by this Friday 28 April.

Best wishes



Miss A Francis
Headteacher



Old Elizabethans' Dinner 2017

Members of Y13's Leadership Team enjoyed joining the Old Elizabethans at their annual dinner on Saturday.

