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Dear Parents

Form representatives for this year were presented with their badges in assembly last Friday. Student leadership is very strong at Queen Elizabeth's and form representatives play an important role. They represent their form on the Student Council, which is chaired by Joshua Wagstaff (Head Boy) and Emma Gatenby (Head Girl). Working with their tutor and senior students they organise fund-raising activities such as fetes and charity week and act as role models.

Congratulations to the following students:

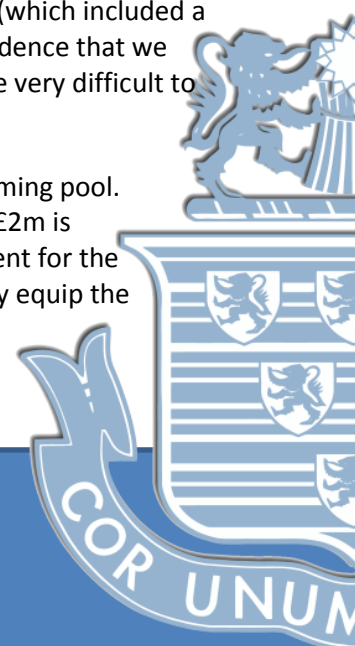
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Y7	Amelia Underdown <i>Deputy - Mani Ojo</i>	Xanthe Rhodes <i>Deputy - Dylan Ray</i>	Max Burrage <i>Deputy - Isobel Reetham</i>
Y8	Georgie Johnson <i>Deputy - Bethany Fox</i>	Eloise Lane <i>Deputy - Daniel Evison</i>	Libby Arnold <i>Deputy - Keane Saunders</i>
Y9	Asha Mettam <i>Deputy - Nicholas Ashe</i>	Lex Hardy <i>Deputy - Harrison McDonald</i>	George Elson <i>Deputy - Jessica Sims</i>
Y10	Lara Lewis <i>Deputy - Lottie Fry</i>	Olivia Warburton <i>Deputy - Holly Martin</i>	Emily Barker <i>Deputy - Sophie Gatenby</i>
Year 11 is represented by the Middle School Prefects			
Y12	Sid Morris <i>Deputy - Leona Stevenson</i>	Joe Croucher <i>Deputy - Alex Salisbury</i>	Lily-Mae Hales <i>Deputy - Kian Li</i>
Year 13 is represented by the Senior Prefects and House Captains			

Since my last update on the **sports complex**, the school's financial situation has changed. Further significant cuts to our budget have made it difficult to set a balanced budget and this creates difficulties in terms of equipping our new sports hall and fitness suite (funded by the government) which is planned to be open next September. Despite us previously getting planning permission for the sports complex (which included a swimming pool), Sports England have now indicated that there would have to be strong evidence that we could sustain a swimming pool financially which, in the current financial climate, it would be very difficult to show.

We have, therefore, with much regret decided that we cannot pursue our dream of a swimming pool. This is clearly a huge disappointment, but to receive a grant from the government for over £2m is nevertheless something to be celebrated. This grant, however, does not cover the equipment for the sports hall and fitness suite. We have, therefore, decided to use the campaign funds to fully equip the sports hall and fitness suite with state of the art equipment and develop a high quality all-weather area for sports such as netball and tennis.



**FORM REPRESENTATIVES
2017-2018**



The generous donations received by parents and friends of the school will allow the school to open new fully equipped sports facilities that would not otherwise have been possible. These facilities will not only enhance the education and enjoyment of present and future students, but will also be an important part of maintaining the school's future economic viability.

Our **Open Evening** is on **Thursday 5 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 this **Friday, 29 September**.

We are holding a **Meet the Tutors Evening for parents of Y7 pupils** on **Tuesday 10 October**, 5.00 pm - 8.00 pm in the Lecture Theatre. The purpose of this evening is to give parents of pupils in Y7 the opportunity to discuss with their child's form tutor how their son or daughter has settled into the school as well as attend a talk by myself and Mr Johnson (Subject Leader for Computer Science & ICT) on managing home learning, the KS3 Assessment Bands and use of the school intranet and e-safety. There will be four time slots for the talk: 5.15 pm, 6.00 pm, 6.45 pm and 7.30 pm. Mr Felton (Head of Lower School) will also be available throughout the evening. Y7 pupils should receive a hard copy of the appointments form tomorrow and need to make an appointment for you to see their form tutor and also indicate a convenient slot for the talk. I have attached a copy for your information. There will be a full Y7 Parents' Evening on Tuesday 13 March 2018 when you will have the opportunity to speak to all members of staff who teach your child. Please note that we do not feel it is appropriate for pupils in Y7 to attend these Parents' Evenings.

An **Information Evening for Y10 and Y11** and their parents will take place on Tuesday 17 October; Y10 at 6.00 pm and Y11 at 7.15 pm in the hall. These meetings will focus on how to succeed at GCSE and use of the intranet. To aid seating arrangements I would be grateful if parents of pupils in Y10 and Y11 could either **return the attached slip** Friday 6 October, indicating whether they are able to attend. Pupils are encouraged to attend this evening with their parents and should wear school uniform.

The first of our charity events are next month. On Tuesday 10 October we are holding a **non-uniform day** to support World Mental Day and YoungMinds #HelloYellow awareness day. Students can pay £2 to wear non-uniform, which should include at least one item which is yellow. The sixth form are also holding a bake sale that day and YoungMinds badges will be available, price 50p. Then, on Tuesday 17 October, we are having a **3-mile fun run** around Well. Students need to pay a minimum of £5 (through sponsorship) to take part and this must be paid in to the school office by Friday 13 October. Additional sponsor money should be collected from sponsors by Friday 3 November. A sponsor form is attached to this letter. In addition to these school events, Natascha Johnson, Orla Parr, Leona Stevenson and Yasmin Roussel are hosting a bake sale in Alford on Saturday 14 October in support of the YoungMinds charity. They are also running a raffle, the prize being a cupcake arrangement, and will be selling tickets for this during break and lunch times.



District Champions

Congratulations to the Y10/Y11 Tennis Team who won the KS4 District Tournament on Monday.

Pictured (L-R) Back Row: Helena Salisbury, Harry Chambers, Tarik Mallick and Phoebe Sutherland

Front Row: Florence Baxter, Joe Sheldon and Isabel Carr

Absent: Max Kurczewski

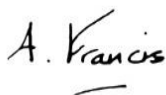
Auditions for our Y7-9 production of 'Beauty and The Beast' have now taken place and I am pleased to announce the cast as follows:

Prince	George Hendry (8C)
Beast	Dominic Norbron (8C)
Belle	Lucy Suckling (7S)
Maurice	Robert Husband (9C)
Gaston	Anuoluwapo Odumade (9T)
Lefou	Jazmin Rawlings (9T)
Silly Girls	Lily Chappelle (8S), Alicia Otter (9T), Bronwen Steer (9C) and Harriet Woodroffe (8C)
Lumiere	George Elson (9T)
Cogsworth	Lucas Abbott (8T)
Mrs Potts	Jessica Sims (9T)
Babette	Bethany Fox (8C)
Madame Del La Grande Bouche	Poppy Rowthorn (8T)
Chip	Nicholas Hamilton (8C)
Monsieur D'Arque	Connor Smith (9S)
Narrator 1	Nadine Hartzenberg (9C)
Narrator 2	Genevieve Atkin (9S)
Narrator 3	Libby Arnold (8T)
Narrator 4	Georgie Johnson (8C)

I have attached an entry form for the first round of the **Lincolnshire Schools Chess Association Grand Prix** series on Saturday 14 October.

Finally, a reminder that contributions for Y7 for **Design and Technology** of £20 should be brought to the school office or paid via ParentPay by Friday 6 October please.

Best wishes



Miss A Francis
Headteacher

