

14 November 2017

Dear Parents

Congratulations to:

- Emilia Thornally (7S), Dacel Darnbrough (7T), Laura Jeanes (8T) and Emily Otter (8T) who have all achieved their **Silver Merit Awards** in the Lower School.
- **Nadine Hartzenberg** (9C) who is the first pupil in the Middle and Upper School who has also attained 40 merits.
- The following pupils who have recently achieved their **Bronze Merit Awards**:

George Chambers (7C)	Xanthe Rhodes (7S)	Oliver Watson (7S)	Tashan- Rose Stockdale (8C)
Myles Taylor (7C)	Georgie Robinson-Holt (7S)	Emily Willey (7T)	Liberty Barber (8T)
William Laverack (7S)	Archie Smith (7S)	Nate Freeman (8C)	Eliza Taylor (8T)
- The following pupils in the Middle and Upper School who have also attained 25 merits:

Maria- Alexia Badita (9C)	Leo Smith (9S)	Maddy Santus (10S)	Eleanor Gower (11S)
Jacob Howarth (9S)	Ellie Chambers (9T)	Luka Collett (11S)	Max Kurczewski (11S)
Harrison McDonald (9S)	Ellie Rainbow (9T)	Charlotte Evans (11S)	Keira Mager (11T)
Archie Pridgeon (9S)	Holly Wilson (9T)	Oliver Goolden (11S)	Annabelle Mansell (12C)
Harriette Rowden-Jones (9S)	Rosa Smith (10C)		

At last week's **Friends of the School** meeting Jane Banham stood down as chair and has been replaced by Anna Billett and Niki Bird. Jane has been an excellent chair and her work has been much appreciated. The Friends do an excellent job fundraising for the school and this year have agreed to donate nearly £5,000 to replace all of our sound equipment in the hall. This will make a significant difference to day to day use of the system and also for musical events and productions.

Next week is **Reading Week** and no home learning will be set. Instead, students will be encouraged to read for at least an hour each day. This will provide a great opportunity to either carry out wider reading for subjects or read fiction. Reading regularly enhances students' vocabulary and English skills as well as improving their general knowledge. It is something we encourage everyone to make a part of their daily routine. Two book reviews have been included on the next page which might tempt you.

I attach a list of **required text books for Y12**, following a few enquiries at the Y12 Meet the Tutors Evening. If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Daniels (Head of Sixth Form) or the appropriate subject teacher.



Cyclo Cross Success

Congratulations to **Jensen Windsor** (9C) who recently came fourth in the U16 group and won the U14 group in the Lincolnshire Cyclo Cross Championship league. This was only the second time Jensen had raced in this league and is a great achievement for this very promising cyclist.



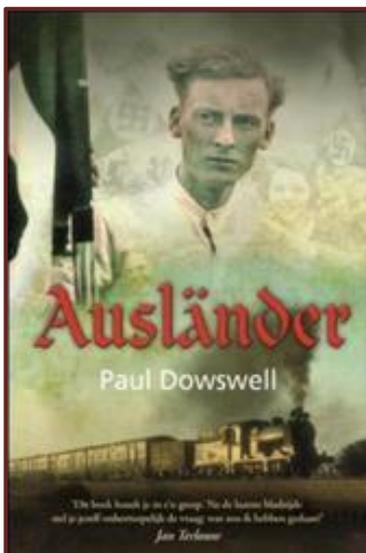
Finally some reminders:

- **Auditions for the Christmas Celebration** (on Thursday 7 December), organised by the Middle School Prefects, will take place this **Friday 17 November**, from 4.00 - 5.00 pm in the school hall.
- **Donations** are required for our **Christmas Fayre** on Sunday 3 December (2.00 - 4.00 pm). The Friends are also running a **chocolate tombola** at the Alford Extravaganza, so donations of chocolate products would also be appreciated.

Yours sincerely



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Ausländer by Paul Dowswell

Although he lives in Poland, Peter is a volksdeutscher (of German Blood) and, with his long blond hair and blue eyes, he looks like a perfect Aryan according to the criteria laid down by Nazi racial ideologues. When his parents are killed by the Russian troops he is taken for adoption by a Berlin Professor of Eugenics. Longing to fit in and feel secure he tries to fit in and like his adoptive family and be a loyal member of the Hitler Jugend, but a friendship with Anna whose parents have independent minds opens his eyes to what is going on around him. Dowswell is an accomplished historian and the characters in the book serve to represent different aspects of life under the Nazis, tension until the final page make it hard to put down.

Just Jealous by Anne Cassidy

Just Jealous begins badly – that corpse in the park, Elise’s soldier brother Andy imprisoned after a drunken brawl, the dreariness of winter – and mostly things get worse. For Elise, though, life will be different; surely her friendship with her neighbour, mixed-race Carl, will grow into something more. But challenges to the course of true love are more like the plot of **Othello**. The plot shifts from the tiffs and turns of a teen romance to something altogether darker when Elise discovers a gun in brother Andy’s bedroom.

