

17 April 2018

Dear Parents

I hope you had a really good Easter break.

In our final assembly last term I had pleasure in announcing the new **senior student leadership team**:

**Head Boy:**

Sid Morris

**Deputy Head Boys:**

Hugo Fry & Oliver Hull

**Senior Prefects**

Amy Hancock

Amy Leitch

Ifeoluwa Odumade

Arya Pilani

James Pridgeon

**Head Girl:**

Orla Parr

**Deputy Head Girls:**

Natascha Johnson & Darcie Radford

**House Captains**

Cecil: Ely Miller & Tom White

Spanning: Harriet Oliver & Oliver Stafford

Travers: Lily-Mae Hales & Kian Li

Members of the student leadership team play a crucial leadership role within the school and I look forward to working with them.

Congratulations to:

- Madeleine Hynes (7T) who has attained her **Platinum Merit Award**.
- Heemish Gungah (7T), Katie Foster (8C) and Libby Arnold (8T) who have attained their **Gold Merit Awards**.
- The following Middle School pupils who have attained **60 merits**: Maria-Alexia Badita (9C), Laila Broadbridge (9C), Harriette Rowden-Jones (9S), Abigail Wyman (9S), Alex Mitchell (9T), Ella Tuplin (10S) and Sadie Stevenson (10T).

Head Girl, Head Boy & Deputies



House Captains



Senior Prefects

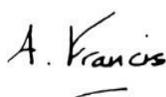


We will be submitting a further order for **School Sports Fleece Jackets** on Friday 20 April. If you would like to place an order, please contact Ms Aitkenhead in the school office. They are £28 each and payment must be made at the time of ordering and can be by cash, cheque or via Parentpay. I attach an order form.

There will be a **Celebration of Film Music and Musicals** on Tuesday 1 May in the school hall. Tickets are available from the school office (Adults £6 and Concessions £4).

Finally, a reminder that this year's **World Challenge** group are holding an event to raise money for their trip to Nepal this Friday, 20 April. Tickets are £7.50 for adults and £6 for concessions which will include a two-course meal with both meat and vegetarian options.

Best wishes



Miss A Francis  
Headteacher

### Whole School Literacy Focus: punctuation Term 5 – colon (:) and semi-colon (;)

- The **colon** is used to introduce items in a list e.g. the ingredients needed are: chocolate, milk, bananas and ice cream.
- The **colon** can also be used to introduce a sentence which explains something about the previous sentence e.g. the student was furious: the teacher had lost his coursework.
- The **semi-colon** can be used to break up items in a longer list e.g. she enjoyed chess which her dad had taught her; played the piano which she had been having lessons in since she was six; visiting her local wildlife sanctuary and reading science fiction novels.
- The **semi-colon** should also be used to join two sentences of equal importance which are related in meaning e.g. The cat sat on the mat; the dog sat in the basket.

### Whole School Literacy Focus: easily confused words Term 5 – affect/effect

- **Affect** is a verb meaning to have an effect on someone or something or make a difference to them e.g. the weather may affect the plans for House Athletics. As a verb, it can take different endings e.g. he affects, we are affecting, she affected.
- **Effect** is a noun meaning (1) a change that is produced by an action or cause e.g. the effect of his actions; (2) an impression produced on a spectator or hearer e.g. the news had a positive effect.
- **Effect** can also be a verb meaning to bring about or accomplish something, but needs an object for it to make sense in this usage e.g. none of the doctors could effect a cure.