

17 September 2019

Dear Parents

Firstly a big thank you to all students for another brilliant week. I am endlessly delighted by the commitment to work that I see and student's willingness to get involved in many of the extra-curricular activities that are taking place.

In that vein congratulations to:

- The pupils who successfully completed their **Silver Duke of Edinburgh** expedition in the Peak District at the weekend.
- **Jensen Windsor** (11C) who won the U15 Boys' National Cyclo Cross Championships earlier this month.
- **Florence Baxter** (12T) who is now seeded 10<sup>th</sup> in her age category for national schools' tennis rankings.
- The following pupils who have recently passed **music examinations**:
  - Lucas Abbott (10T) – Grade 3 Cello (Pass)
  - Thomas Barker (9T) – Grade 3 Alto Saxophone (Distinction)
  - George Elson (11T) – Grade 5 Music Theory (Merit)
  - Nicholas Hamilton (10C) – Grade 5 Alto Saxophone (Merit)
  - Molly Hunter-Clarke (13S) – ABRSM Piano (Distinction)
  - Oliver Olgard (13S) – Grade 5 Cello (Pass)

The individual **photographs** from Wrates are being distributed this week. If you would like to order photos please return the order form, along with payment, to the school office by **Friday 27 September** or order photographs online at [www.wrates.co.uk](http://www.wrates.co.uk).

The making of products is an essential part of **Design and Technology** and involves the use of many different materials. To ease administrative difficulties in collecting money for separate items, all pupils in Y7 are asked to contribute £20 towards the cost of materials they will use in textiles and construction lessons in Y7 and Y8. This will enable pupils to bring items home. Pupils who are entitled to free school meals will be exempt from this payment. Money should be brought to the school office or paid via ParentPay by Friday 27 September please.

In Y7, pupils took **Cognitive Ability Tests**. These provide us with additional information about our pupils' strengths and weaknesses. They enable us to offer support for each individual and to set appropriate targets



for them. No revision was necessary for these tests or for that matter desirable. If you have any queries about the tests, please do not hesitate to contact either Mr Felton (Head of Lower School) or myself.

Parents do much to support their children at school, working with us to fulfil their potential. I am also conscious that everyone is feeling the pinch, not just schools. We have, however, set up a 'QEGS Extra' Fund with the aim of building up funds that we can use to fill the gaps to which the public money we receive from the government can no longer stretch, enabling us to continue to offer the breadth in our curriculum and extra-curricular activities. If you would like to make a monthly donation to this fund, there are different options on ParentPay/Standing Order (see attached) so that you can decide what level of donation you would like to make.

Auditions for our production of 'Grease' have now taken place and I am pleased to announce the main cast as follows:

Anuoluwapo Odumade	Danny Zuko (11T)
Sandy Dumbrowski	Olivia Warburton (13T)
Kenickie	George Elson (11T)
Rizzo	Jessica Sims (11T)
Frenchy	Aimee Blows (12C)
Marty	Issy Lester (13C)
Jan	Becca Wilkinson (13C)
Sonny Laterri	Jacob Cheadle (11C)
Doody	Robert Kemp (13S)
Roger	Robert Husband (11*)
Eugene Florczyk	Emmanuel Ojo (9*)
Patty Simcox	Lucy Suckling (9S)
Johnny Casino/Teen Angel	Alfie Hobbins (13C)
Cha-Cha Digregorio	Ella Kerrigan (13T)
Vince Fontaine	Connor Smith (11S)
Miss Lynch	Evie Lancaster (12S)



We had four very successful matches in netball and football last week against Horncastle. While the results were not always as we would have hoped. I was tremendously impressed by the tenacity and teamwork that I saw students display. On those events we very much welcome any parents who wish to support our young people in these events to join us. It would be most helpful to me however if all parents could sign in and out at reception just so we know how many people we have on site in the event of a fire.



Finally, a reminder that applications for the **Sixth Form Bursary** are due in by **Friday 20 September**.

Yours sincerely



Mr G Thompson  
Headteacher



**Grease is the Word**

Our production of **Grease** will take place on Thursday 27 & Friday 28 February 2020. I am sure it will be a great show. Put the dates in your diary!

