

8 December 2020

Dear Parent

Congratulations go to:

- The following Lower School pupils who have achieved their **Bronze Merit Awards:**

Amelia Dixon 7C	Marley Ironmonger 7C	Bryony Boston 7S	Samuel Bowers 7S
Anabelle Bradshaw 7S	Caitlin Francis 7S	Henry Laverack 7S	Jessica Smith 7S
Harry Clarkson 8C	Cedric Lane 8C	Scarlett Markou 8S	Estelle Hynes 8T
Alicia Martini 8T			

- The following Middle and Upper School pupils who have achieved **25 Merits:**

Scarlett Burwood 9C	Ryan Dawson 9C	Douglas Chapman 9S	Holly Marshall 9S
Thomas Thornalley 9S	Dylan Twigg 10C	Jack Brown 10S	Charlotte Johnson 10S
Tyler Allen-Day 10T	Heemish Gungah 10T	Katie Foster 11C	Nicholas Hamilton 11C
Eloise Lane 11S	Gabriella Perry 11S	Harriet Santus 11S	Kiara Sweet 11S
Laura Jeanes 11T	Phoebe Murtagh 11T	Eliza Taylor 11T	Izzy Brabbs 12C
Kitty Evans 12C	Alice Pridgeon 12C	Matilda Mossop 12T	Ella Tuplin 13S

- The following Lower School pupils who have achieved their **Silver Merit Awards:**

Imoghen Lamb 7C	Noah Simpson 7C	Myles Lane 7S	Hadyn Whitham 7S
Freddie Dale 7T	Harriet Beeton 8C	Mortimer Woodhall 8C	

- The following Middle School pupils who have achieved **40 Merits:**

Jacob Mycroft 9C	Lucy Housman 9T	Dacel Darnbrough 10T	Myles Elliott 10T
Georgie Johnson 11C	Eden Scotney-Spencer 11S	Lucas Abbott 11T	

- The following Lower School pupil who has achieved their **Gold Merit Award:**

Mason Blades 7S

- The following Middle School pupil who has achieved **60 Merits:**

Evelyn Green 9S

- Mrs Reyes who is has been appointed as a staff governor (not a parent governor as intimated in our letter last week!).



Christmas is coming ...
watch out for the Christmas Concert YouTube link on the intranet!



Y11 and Y13 Examinations: The national situation regarding the operation of the end of year examinations for years 11 and 13 is starting to become clear: it is obvious from the initial planning documents that the intention is for the exams to proceed as published.

We now have the dates for each exam and will release them in due course. It is looking like the exams for each subject have been spread out in time to ensure that if one exam in a subject is missed as a result of Covid-19, a grade can still be awarded. If a student misses all of the examinations in a subject for a Covid-19 related reason, there is an extended contingency window planned, rather than a single day as there would be in a normal year. At this stage, any student who has missed exams in the main series as a result of Covid-19, it looks like the plan is to allow students to sit a single exam in that subject during the contingency period. The final day of this contingency period has been published as the **16 July 2021**. As a result, all students should ensure that they can be available throughout this entire time period. I am personally heartened by this news: I believe that examinations will suit our students and give them the opportunity to prove themselves in the way that they deserve.

As further details emerge, we will of course share them. At this stage I was simply enthusiastic to ensure that we shared the last day of the contingency period in order that you could make appropriate plans as families.

Our January Exam Timetables are attached for Y9, Y10 and Y11-13.

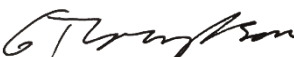
Adjustments to the Covid-19 Plan

- We are instigating a cold weather protocol in line with our wet weather protocol in terms of use of form rooms at break and lunch.

Now that the Winter season is in full swing, if you would like to order a **School Sports Fleece Jackets**, our final order for this year will be placed by Wednesday 16 December. If you would like to place an order, please complete the attached form and return to the school office with your payment by the date above by cash, cheque or via the school uniform shop: <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=383>

Please note that the last day of term is **Friday 18 December** and **Monday 4 January 2021** is a Staff INSET day, with the Spring Term commencing on **Tuesday 5 January 2021**. And finally, may we remind you that donations to the Alford Storehouse Food Bank are requested by **Wednesday 9 December**.

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Mr G Thompson
Headteacher

