

15 December 2020

Dear Parent

Congratulations go to:

- The following Lower School pupils who have achieved their **Bronze Merit Awards**:
Amelie Pearce 7C Harry Woollock 7C Ethan Power 7S Archie Walker 7S
Jedd Sykes 7T Lilly Murray 8S Casey Broddle 8T Amy Hutchinson 8T
- The following Middle and Upper School pupils who have achieved **25 Merits**:
Amy Boyack 9C David-Mihai Ortan 9C Edward Ashwin 9S Lauren Richards 9S
Megan Jackson 9T Deborah Brooks 10C Emmanuel Ojo 10C Nathaniel Freeman 11C
Daisy Price 11C Helena Kurczewska 11S Libby Stow 11S Haleemah Abdulraheem 11T
Harrison McDonald 12S Leo Smith 12S Rebecca Millward 12T Lara Lewis 13C
Sophie Gatenby 13T
- The following Lower School pupils who have achieved their **Silver Merit Awards**:
Kiarna-Jayne Prew 7T Oliver Mowbray 8C Madeleine Howarth 8S
- The following Middle and Upper School pupils who have achieved **40 Merits**:
Esme Howard 9C Emily Rigarfsford 9C Maisie Allen 9S Douglas Boston 9S
Isobel Cowley 9S Ruby Tildesley 9S Samuel Walker 9S Grace Sheldon 10S
Oliver Watson 10S Maisie Kendall 11S Emie Mettam 12T
- The following Lower School pupils who have achieved their **Gold Merit Awards**:
Oscar Watson 7T Charlotte Sumner-Wilson 8T
- The following Middle School pupils who have achieved **60 Merits**:
Isabel Abbott 9T Jake Whiley 9T Amelia Marsh 10C Lucas Abbott 11T

Use of Social Media: There has been another round of highly inappropriate horror-based content on various social media platforms, and no doubt there will continue to be periodically. Please be mindful that this sort of thing exists and to always be available to talk about it and reassure children, and to always discuss when they feel uncomfortable online. It is important that children and young people feel confident in disclosing to adults when they see or experience something which upsets them or makes them feel uncomfortable whether that is talking to a teacher, family member, Childline or Kooth. The following links put you in control:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-54974813>

<https://www.tiktok.com/safety/resources/for-parents?lang=en&appLaunch=web>



Adjustments to the Covid-19 Plan

No changes to report.

Free School Meals are available if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits: Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income-related Employment and Support Allowance, support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, the guarantee element of state Pension Credit or Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190 or Working Tax Credit. If you think you may be entitled to free school meals, please apply at: www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/freeschool-meals/

At the end of this term, we say goodbye to **Mr Lazenby** (part-time teacher of Computer Science). He has been a valued member of staff and we wish him well for the future.

The Christmas holidays are finally here, a reminder that the last day of term is **Friday 18 December**. I know all students and staff are very much ready for the opportunity to recharge and have a restful break. We look forward to seeing you all for the start of the Spring Term on **Tuesday 5 January 2021**. **Monday 4 January 2021** being a Staff INSET day.

I am delighted that we have made it through the first term, it has been lovely every week to reflect on the successes of so many of our students drawing attention to their achievements, both academic and the wide range of talents and activities that they are involved in, especially in this unprecedented year. I wish to take this opportunity to recognise our entire student body who make this school a great place to work. May I wish everyone a Happy Christmas!

Cor unum, via una



Mr G Thompson
Headteacher



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

