

July 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

End of year Newsletter 2016-17

Concert

Congratulations to every student who performed in the Summer Concert this week. There was some incredible talent on display and a wide variety of music. Sadly, this was the final performance for our Year 13 Musicians and for those year 11s who are leaving Wood Green this year. There are too many to name individually but you have been a fantastic group who have nurtured the talent of younger students coming through. You will be missed.

Thank you too to the many staff who make such events possible.

Sports Day

The weather forced a quick rethink of Sports Day this year. This meant that we had years 7 to 10 out together for the first time which actually led to a great atmosphere. Cornbury won both the Year 7/8 and the Year 9/10 competitions this year, but there were some close events and it was good to see so many students putting in effort and encouraging others. Again, thanks to staff who organised this event.

Leavers

As ever, July is a time when we say farewell to students and staff. To students who are leaving us we wish you every success in the future.

The staff leaving us this year are:

- Mr Meadows, after 12 years as Head of Geography is moving to a new post at the Warriner School, Banbury.
- Miss Davidson, after 3 years as Head of Drama is leaving to teach in Grand Cayman
- Mrs Sayles, after 2 years as Teacher of Mathematics
- Mr Austin, after 1 ½ years as Head of Wellbeing (Nuffield Health)
- Miss Corson, after 1 ½ years as Wellbeing Advisor (Nuffield Health)
- Miss Colin, after 1 year as Teacher of Science
- Miss Henderson-Slater, after 1 year as Teacher of English
- Mr Reed, after 1 year as Teacher of PE
- Miss Evans, after 1 year as Teaching Assistant

- Mrs Woodhead, after 1 year as Teaching Assistant
- Mr Williams, after 9 months as Music Technician
- Mrs Ali, after 7 months as Teacher of English

Thank you all for your contribution to our school.

Nuffield Health Project

For two years we have had the privilege of working with Nuffield Health on a pilot wellbeing project. The project was to place a Head of Wellbeing into a school and to evaluate the impact. Terry Austin has been our Head of Wellbeing since January 2016 and has made such an impact on our school. With Terry, we were fortunate to be given a second Wellbeing advisor, Charlotte Corson. Charlotte's main role has been to trial a Junior MOT with students in Years 8 and 9 which students say has made a real difference to their wellbeing. Terry and Charlotte have gone far beyond what was expected and have become full members of our Wood Green family. This week marks the end of the pilot and we say thank you and farewell to Terry and Charlotte. The pilot is being evaluated through interviews and questionnaires and we expect to receive findings in the Autumn. These will be shared in Parliament and with national Wellbeing groups putting Wood Green firmly on the Wellbeing map. Our challenge is to build on the great work Nuffield Health have started in our school.

Important Safeguarding Information – is your child staying safe this holiday?

Over the past few weeks schools have been working closely with the local neighbourhood police to address incidents of anti-social behaviour in Witney, most noticeably Madley Park, and the surrounding area. Unfortunately, some of this behaviour which has included theft, verbal abuse, vandalism and fire-setting has been traced to young people of secondary school age. As we begin the summer holidays and free time is in greater supply for young people there is an increased risk of young people becoming more involved in such incidents "for a laugh", and so it is even more important that parents know where their children are. The police have been very clear with us that they are increasing patrols in the area and already know the identities of some of the individuals involved.

If you are concerned about behaviour in your neighbourhood at any time but particularly over the summer period, the police ask that you ring 101, or 999 in an emergency.

If you are concerned for the welfare of a young person or would like advice about something, again you should contact 101 (police). Advice on safeguarding issues can be found on the Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board's website at www.oscb.org.uk

And finally...

Thank you all for your support of the school this year. I am very excited about the year ahead and look forward to sharing our plans with you in the new school year. Term starts on Wednesday 6th September at 8.25am. Students should go to their tutor rooms except for our new year 7 students who will meet in the Hall and our new year 12 students who will meet in the Sixth Form Common Room. In the meantime, I wish everyone a safe and very happy summer holiday.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher