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The Court Circular

Open Morning Friday



The Head's Lines

At last term seems to be back on schedule after the very awkward start. It is still very cold though—the sports staff in particular are working hard to make sure the fixtures happen.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Friday for our Open Morning for parents and grandparents. Please note that there are a few things to bear in mind:

1. No siblings in classes. There is a crèche for 3+ year-olds (pre-booking required), but siblings are not allowed in classes because this would disrupt.
2. Parking will be hard so please be inventive. There will be places in White Hart Lane in the village car park, and on the highways and by-ways.
3. Many parents will only come for the first hour—maybe a later start will be easier?
4. Please remember to be labelled-up (in the dining room) for security.

I shall be around and about to help, as will other staff if they have a free period. Do try to make a few minutes to attend.

Staff news—after twenty years as Deputy Head, James Porter has decided to hand in his office keys and return to teaching full-time. I shall certainly miss his help and wise counsel. We have a national advertising campaign in train to appoint a successor, either internally or externally, in the next fortnight or so.

Early results are good in exams. Again, the senior girls have a 100% record so far, with Isabelle Pelling and Eleanor Piper doing the double to Guildford High and Tormead. Caitlin Duncan has succeeded at Manor House and Jessie Morley to Cranleigh. Meanwhile, for the boys, Henry Roberts has made it into Lord Wandsworth College, Jamie Baudry to CLFS and Lawrence Oldham

to Box Hill. More results are pending.

RCPA news—unfortunately the Burns night has been cancelled due to a shortage of Scots. However, the popular quiz night will take place on Sat 13th March.

The RCPA big project this year will be to fit curtains and a lighting boom to the gym so that it becomes a more utilitarian space—fantastic! It should be ready for the 13th, we hope.

Some have asked RCPA reps why our holidays do not fit with other schools—not actually a question for them but for me. The answer is that this year all calendars are set back by a week (some have done it this Christmas and some will do it next). If we don't, we will be coming back too early in January. On the vexed question of matching other schools, we never do, quite, although we do match a majority most of the time. We do not often match the state schools, but they have shorter holidays but also shorter working days. Although it is no consolation, sometimes the Guildford schools don't even manage to tie-up. We do try not to be too much out of sync but cannot match everyone.

And finally...

Over a remote Scottish island a helicopter lost power and was forced to make an emergency landing. Luckily there was a small cottage nearby. The pilot walked over to it and knocked on the door.

“Is there a mechanic in the area?” he asked the woman who answered the door. She scratched her head and thought for a few seconds.

“No,” she finally said, pointing down the road, “but we have a McArde and a McKay.”

Headmaster's Commendations

First badges have been presented to Alex Cannell, Douglas Ollington and Ben Shatz

Certificates have been presented to Rhys Betancourth, Isabelle Carey, Nico Coetzee, Hope MacMillan, Stuart McCully, Cyrus Panthaki, Henry Roberts and Hayden Sears

Times Tables

Certificates have been presented to the following:

Level 5 Anya Devon-Berry, Joe El-Majdoubi, Tadd Seymour

Level 4 Thomas Brunning

Level 3 Olivia Goddard, Harry Main

From Mr Cockerill

Could all parents with children in Years 6 and 7 please return the Science Trip forms if you have yet to do so.

Those parents of children in Year 8 who are paying for the Snowdonia trip in instalments now owe the 2nd of the three post deposit payments.

Thank you.

Internet Awareness Training—Tuesday 9 February from 7.00 p.m.—9.00 p.m.

There are still some places remaining. Please return form with cheque to the school office.

SPORTS NEWS AND REPORTS

Ripley score first

Rugby

Monday 18 January

U9A v Lanesborough 10—25

U9B 10—20

Tuesday 19 January

U9A v Priory 30—0

U9B v Priory A 10—20

U8A v Priory 30—15

U8B 35—25

U8C 65—5

Girls' Hockey

Friday 22 January

U11A v Hoe Bridge 0—3

Monday 25 January

U9A v Danes Hill 3—4

U9B 2—0