



Head's Comment

Welcome to our first parent update of the half term. I am very pleased to introduce our first Learning Update, written by our students, for both students and staff. Please see the attached document. The aim of the Learning Update is to share best learning practice as seen by our students, to support teaching and learning developments across the school.

Cheryl Bedford has been the 'Learning Updates' Editor and Toby Humphreys has been responsible for its publication. They have both been very professional in all aspects of their work and a credit to the school, their parents and themselves. I can't thank them enough for their efforts and the many students, who took the time to interview staff, write articles and contribute to the learning content. Our student voice is showing itself to be proactive, purposeful and effective in developing the best learning practices across our school. I am excited to see how the termly 'Learning Update' helps develop classroom delivery over the next academic year
Thank you one and all for your effective Student Voice!



Assessment for learning



Whilst students have been busy capturing the best learning practices, our staff have been busy assessing the progress of our students over the first term and we are looking forward to sharing your sons' and daughters' achievements in our first progress report of the year in the next two weeks. We expect to deliver these reports to you by the week ending 20th November. This report will be in addition to the standard reports already received as parents and provides a snapshot of the learning progress made towards your sons' and

daughters' expected attainment target. The report will be on a single page and will provide a data summary for each subject as well as an attitude to learning grade. Full details of our annual reporting system to parents will be with you by the end of next week.

Motivational awards

The OneSchool Motivational Awards programme is a motivational initiative used to raise standards and motivate students across a range of personal and academic qualities throughout their school years. They celebrate the stupendous efforts of those who have set themselves to make a difference, however small, to change an attitude, to rechart their course and pursue a goal.

Award Structure

The Motivational Awards carry prestige among students globally and they elevate those whose progress in all aspects is an example to others.

Within the campus there are Gold and Silver winners for each award group, as follows:

1. **Upper Secondary (KS5):** Years 12 and 13
2. **Senior Secondary (KS4):** Years 10 and 11
3. **Junior Secondary (KS3):** Years 7, 8 and 9
4. **Upper Primary (KS2):** Years 5 & 6
5. **Lower Primary (KS2):** Years 3 & 4





The award winners for the academic year 2014-2015 for the motivational awards are:

- KS5 Gold Award – Fraser Purdom
- KS5 Silver Award – Cheryl Bedford
- KS4 Gold Award – Greg Bodman
- KS4 Silver Award – Hettie Hearn
- KS3 Gold Award – Lydia Tennent
- KS3 Silver Award – Courtney Robertson
- KS2 Upper Gold Award – Bethany Robertson
- KS2 Upper Silver Award – Jayden Hill
- KS2 Lower Gold Award – Jake Lawrence
- KS2 Lower Silver Award – Arnie Markham



Our Dux award winners for the highest academic achievement for 2014-2015 were:

- Caspar Douglass for GCSE results
- Fraser Purdom for A Level results

Congratulations should be offered to all our students who have worked to achieve their very best last academic year, their rewards will be seen in their future academic results and careers.



SIXTH FORM

Message from the Head of Sixth Form

I am excited and privileged to be given the opportunity to work with you and your children, to help them achieve their potential and succeed in the Sixth Form.

The thinking behind the development of the role of Head of Sixth Form was the need to have a single person dedicated to the guidance and development of Sixth Form students, ensuring that they have the skills and support needed to progress and achieve, as well as having someone responsible for holding the Sixth Form accountable for their attitude to learning, level of effort and attainment.

In order for the expectations and ambitions the school has for each student in relation to achievement and their position as role models within the school to be met, it is important that strong working relationships are developed between students, staff and parents. I look forward to speaking to you all soon and working together to achieve the best for our Sixth Form. **Rose Brereton**

Business Enterprise Launch

For our Business Enterprise challenge this year, we have decided to take a new approach to the competition. **Tenner Tycoon** will be launched on Tuesday 10th November. Teams will be given loans of £10 and the challenge is to make a profit by the 9th February which will then be donated to a charity of their choice.



Students will need to demonstrate enterprising spirit, financial understanding and risk analysis in order to make as much profit as possible which will subsequently benefit their charity. **Tenner Tycoon** gives an opportunity to take part in a well-supported, real life, exciting enterprise activity which both complements and enhances the existing business curriculum and gives them a taste of what running a real business venture could be like.

In addition to their start-up capital of £10, teams may decide to invite shareholders to invest, so parents invest wisely!! We will endeavour to keep you up to date with progress. **Amy Glover**

Rag Bag

Regrettably Ragbags have informed us that they can no longer provide a collection service for unwanted textiles and have made their last collection from our school. Thank you for all your donations over the past years. We will endeavour to find another organisation willing to collect donations in the near future.

**Student of the week.**

Lower School: Zena Markham in recognition of her outstanding performance in House Music
Upper School: June Taylor in recognition of her outstanding performance in House Music

**Future dates for the diary**

- Assessment Reports w/e 20th November
- Launch of the 'Young Enterprise Challenge' - Tuesday 10th November

Wishing you a warm and happy half term with your family and friends.



Sarah Hutt
Headteacher

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