

# Parent Update

## Focus School Stoke Poges Campus

### Week Ending: 9th October 2015

#### Parents' Consultation Year 7 & Year 8

We held our first Parent consultation for Year 7 & 8 this week and were very pleased to have 85% attendance. If you were unable to make the consultation, please do not hesitate to contact Caroline Corio who will support you in gaining the necessary information. The initial feedback we have had from parents regarding holding parent meetings in the classroom and not the hall was very positive. We always welcome your critical eye over school held events as it supports the school in ensuring it delivers the best education for your sons and daughters. Please feel free to email [heather.tucker@focus-school.com](mailto:heather.tucker@focus-school.com) with any comments on the afternoon and particularly if you feel there are areas we could improve.



As our teacher performance cycle continues I have had the pleasure of visiting a Year 11 English lesson. Students were in the process of writing a historical piece of creative writing. I was very impressed by students' behaviours for learning. They were focused, engaged and there were many creative ideas for storylines. I would like to particularly mention Amos Markham, whose descriptive writing, penned in a prior lesson showed excellent creative talent. Well done Mrs Birks and Year 11; I look forward to reading one or two of your finished pieces in a future newsletter.

#### Laptops for P16 students



We are pleased to say our Sixth form students will soon be receiving their laptops to aid their learning. Laptop devices for all FLN students will be delivered to the Student Device Rollout Manager by 10<sup>th</sup> October and on the 26<sup>th</sup> October for the rest of our Post-16 students.

It's very important to the OneSchool philosophy, that students use their laptops appropriately and recognise them as a privilege and an educational tool to support their learning. To this end there are three ICT Policy Agreements that must be read and signed by both parent and student. All three agreements should then be returned to Alison Elliott, at school as soon as possible.

Please note laptop can only be handed over to a student once all three attached agreements have been signed and received back.

**Richard Silcock - SDRM**

#### Student of the week.

This week we have given the award to Elliot Robertson for his commitment to house music and his good citizenship for building a mixing desk for music. Rose Robertson has received the lower school for her commitment to her studies and persistent effort in doing her best.



As we are approaching the latter part of our first half term, we are looking forward to celebrating the first of our bronze merit awards and congratulating the majority of our students who have achieved 100% attendance this term.

#### The international classroom

This week we have seen two of our students fly to foreign parts to attend lessons at one of our international OneSchools. Hettie Hearn is attending the OneSchool in St.Vincents and Amos Markham will be attending the OneSchool in Rome. We look forward to hearing about their experiences on their return.

**House Music**

*I would like to invite all parents to the House Music event on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Performances will commence promptly at 12.40 pm and parents are welcomed from 12.25 pm.*

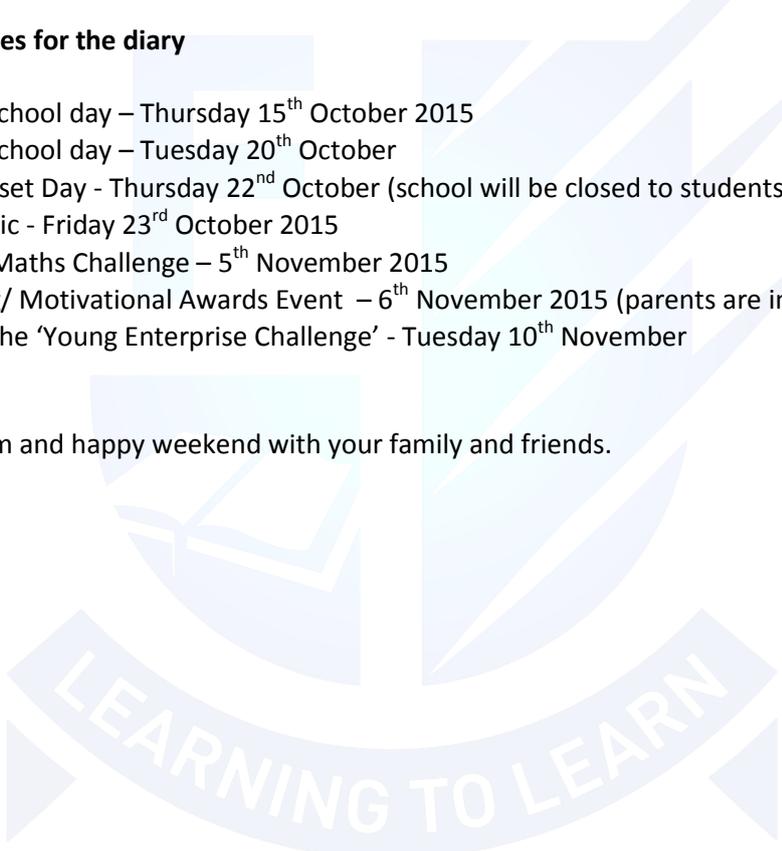
*It would be lovely to see as many parents as possible support our students in this event which is one of the highlights of the school year.*

**Up and coming dates for the diary**

- Extended school day – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2015
- Extended school day – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October
- Regional Inset Day - Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October (school will be closed to students)
- House Music - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2015
- UK Senior Maths Challenge – 5<sup>th</sup> November 2015
- Prize giving/ Motivational Awards Event – 6<sup>th</sup> November 2015 (parents are invited to attend)
- Launch of the ‘Young Enterprise Challenge’ - Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November

Wishing you a warm and happy weekend with your family and friends.

**Sarah Hutt**  
Headteacher



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