



Wimbledon College

Head Master's Summer Half-Term Letter to Parents

Friday 23th May 2014

Dear Parents/Guardians

I write to inform you of a number of items, which I hope will be of interest to you.

Report Card [Pupils in Years 7-10]

Due to this half term being so short we will be issuing your son's report card at the end of the first week back after the half term holiday.

Year 11 - GCSE Examinations

After half term Syntax pupils will only be required to attend school for their actual examinations and for the exam preparation sessions that take place prior to the exam. A timetable of sessions and examinations is available on the Syntax page of the College website. Please continue to support your sons with their exam preparation and revision.

Kevin Kararwa

As many of you will be aware Kevin, who was an old boy of the College and who had been suffering with Leukaemia since April 2012, died this week. I would ask that you remember Kevin and his family in your prayers.

He had in the weeks before his death set up a campaign to encourage more people to sign up to the bone marrow register. His goal was to achieve 2400 [100 for each year of his life] new registrations. I would encourage you to seriously consider becoming a donor. He also wanted to raise £2400 for the African Caribbean Leukaemia Trust and he established a Just Giving page, the web address for which is - Justgiving.com/KevinFinalWish.

Junior Maths Challenge

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the boys in Figures and Rudiments who took part in the Junior Maths Challenge this term. Overall the boys achieved 5 gold, 25 silver and 46 bronze certificates. Special mention has to be made of Alexander Peck [Figures] and Darragh Murray [Figures] who achieved the top two marks in the College.

Arts Festival 2014

You are invited to join us at the 2014 Arts Festival on Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th of June. The event is a celebration of all this year's amazing work from the Art and DT department, beautiful music from the Music department and the fantastic 2014 Lower Line play. This year our play is "Fawkes: The Quiet Guy" by Kjartan Poskitt - a comedy about the Gunpowder Plot with double crossing, treachery, secret plotting against Parliament and featuring a cabaret club, Guy Fawkes, a Jesuit or two and possibly some fireworks! We will round off the evening with a showcase of fabulous films from the A-level Film Studies group.

Tickets will be available shortly from the College Secretary and will cost £3.50 for the whole event - details will be on the College website. The event will start at 4.00pm on Wednesday 25th and at 5.30pm on Thursday 26th of June.

Travelling from Wimbledon to school by bus

We have been asked to ease congestion in the mornings at the bus stops in Wimbledon for buses travelling towards the College. After half term the boys will only be able to catch the bus [57, 93, 131 & 200] from the bus stop behind Morrisons. They will not be allowed to get on the bus at any other stop. It is only a short walk from the station to Morrisons and I have been informed that the stop will be supervised by both schools police officers and Safer Transport officers.

Another alternative is that the boys walk to school from Wimbledon. It should take them no more than 15 minutes and many boys are currently waiting longer than this for buses. It is also healthier for them to walk. I would be grateful if you would talk to your son about this change.

School Uniform

We expect very high standards of the boys uniform and I am very much aware that the vast majority of our boys are always smart and a credit to both the school and yourselves. However, with the warmer weather a number of boys have allowed their standards to slip. The boys are to wear their blazers at all times unless otherwise directed by a member of staff. Similarly top buttons should be done up and ties should be worn so that seven gold stripes are visible below the knot of the tie.

Shoes

I appreciate that many of you will be buying new shoes during the next half term or for September. Boys' shoes must comply with the school rules, which can be found in your son's diary. Trainers, casual shoes and trainer shoes are not allowed. I would like to emphasise that if your son comes to school with incorrect shoes you will be asked to replace them immediately.

I am sure that you will cooperate with us in these matters and that you will ensure that your son comes to school in correct uniform at all times.

Athletics

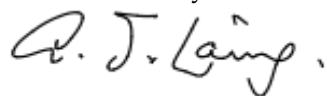
We have had a successful season so far. Years 7, 9 & 10 all won their respective team events at the Merton High School Athletics Championships and in addition both our Years 7&8 team and Years 9&10 team have qualified for the South East England Regional Finals of the National Sainsbury's Cup on the 11th of June. A number of our boys have also been selected to represent Merton in the Surrey Championships after half term. In our two regular matches against St Benedicts, Gunnersbury, Cardinal Vaughan, Orleans Park and Sutton Grammar School, our Year 9 and 10 teams came first, while Year 7 came first and second and Year 8 came second and fourth. Congratulations to all participants.

Cricket

Our season has started slowly and has unfortunately been affected recently by the rain. Our most notable victories so far include our developing 1st XI beating KCS 2nd XI and an exciting win over Wallington, with just one ball to spare, for our Under 13A XI. It is also pleasing to see that our Under 12s are developing into a very competitive squad.

Finally may I wish you a restful and safe half term break.

Yours sincerely



Adrian Laing
Head Master