



Wimbledon College

Head Master's Summer Half-Term Letter to Parents

Friday 22nd May 2015

Dear Parents

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]

This Friday parents of boys in Years 7-10 should receive their son's grade card alongside their conduct report. As with previous grade cards you will see your son's target grade on it and by this point in the year you should be seeing him achieving grades close to his targets. If you, or your son, feel his target grades are too low or too high please speak to your son's Head of Line. May I remind you that if you wish to receive an up to date grade card at any point during the term please contact your son's Head of Line.

New College website

I am pleased to inform you that our new website will be going live over half term. It will have the same address as our current site. Please do take some time to explore the site as it will be a different experience to our current one. A lot of time and energy has gone into its creation and development and I would like to thank Mr Cargill and Mr Cull for all that they have done in preparation for the launch of the new website. We will continue to develop it and add more content over the coming months. We would appreciate your comments once you have had the opportunity to view the website.

Sixth Form Exams and arrangements after half term

As parents of Poetry and Rhetoric boys know the exam season is underway. There will continue to be support sessions taking place in school after half term and the boys have already received details of these.

Poetry pupils are due to return to school on the 8th of June. The 8th and 9th are faith development days. On Monday the boys are going to Heythrop College and on Tuesday they will be visiting various places of worship. Further information will be sent to the boys.

Poetry boys will have an academic Review Day on the 10th of July and the following week is their Work Experience/Careers week.

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. The boys' approach to their studies and examinations has so far been exemplary.

Please continue to support your sons with their exam preparation and revision during the remainder of their examinations.

End of Year exams [Years 7-9]

Details of the Lower Line exams [including dates, timetables and revision guides] can be found on the website. It is important that the boys get into good habits preparing for exams and this includes revising well in advance of the exams. By the time that they get to exam week they should really only be going over their revision notes. Please talk to your sons about this and encourage them to plan a revision timetable in the build up to their exam week.

Jesuit Missions - Nepal Appeal

I would like to thank everyone who has so generously contributed to our part of the Jesuit Missions appeal to support the work of Jesuits in Nepal, following the recent earthquakes. In particular I would like to thank those families who have donated on line and enabled us to also claim Gift Aid. We are still in the process of gathering in the last contributions from pupils however we are confident that over £5000 has been raised for the appeal.

Junior Maths Challenge

It was pleasing to see that 180 boys from Figures and Rudiments took part in this year's Junior Mathematics Challenge, and many of the boys have done exceptionally well. For the first time ever one of our pupils, Hubert Balos (Rudiments) has been invited to participate in the Junior Mathematical Olympiad, as one of the highest achieving participants nationally. A further five boys have been invited to sit the Kangaroo paper, the next tier of competition. They are Gianluca Fenocchi, Darragh Murray, Andrew Hickey, Gabriel Teclay (Rudiments) and Cameron Millar (Figures). In total eight boys were awarded gold certificates, 27 silver and 34 bronze.

International sporting honours

We are in the very fortunate position of being able to boast three international sportsmen in three different sports amongst our pupils this term. They are Joseph Clark [Rhetoric], Alex Kane [Rhetoric] and Louis Annesley [Grammar].

Joseph Clark

At Easter Joe competed in the Welsh National Long Course Championships and was victorious in the Boys 18 & over 100m Freestyle with a time of 51.84 seconds. He followed this two weeks later by competing in the 100m and 200m Freestyle and 100m Butterfly events of the British World Championship Trials. He achieved personal best times in the 200m freestyle and the 100m Butterfly event, where he just missed out on the final. Following on from these successes Joe has been selected to represent Wales in the Commonwealth Youth Games, taking place in September in Samoa.

Alex Kane

Alex, our 1st XV captain this year, has achieved national honours representing Ireland in their Under 19 Sevens team. The team lost in the semi-finals of the recent European Championships to France, who were the eventual winners. Alex has also been selected for 30

man training squad for the Ireland Senior Sevens. The group will be divided into elite and development squads, the elite squad being Ireland's full national 7-a-side team.

Louis Annesley

Louis has gained his international honours playing football for Gibraltar. He has already represented them at Under 17 level and has been selected for the Gibraltar squad competing in their European championship games taking place over the summer.

I am sure that you will join with me in congratulating the boys on their success and to wish them continued success in the coming months.

Athletics

We have had a very successful season so far. Years 7, 8 & 9 are all Borough Champions and the Senior team lost out to Rutlish by one point. Our Year 8 team have qualified for the National Cup Regional B Final. In another competition our Year 9 & 10 combined team have qualified for the South-East England A-final of the Inter Boys (U14 & U15) National cup South East England Finals of the National Sainsbury's Cup, which takes place on the 11th of June.

Cricket

Our cricketers have also been enjoying success this term and our Under 14 and 15 sides have both reached the last sixteen of their respective Surrey Cup competitions. We have also had success against Rutlish this season, with every A team winning, with the exception of the Under 15s. They meet Rutlish in the final of a local competition after half term.

T20

This evening our First XI are taking part in their first ever T20 match against Kings, at the King's College ground and in the style of T20 games it will be accompanied by coloured kit and music, etc. The match starts at 3.30pm. Please do come along and support the team if you can.

Arts Festival 2015

You are invited to join us at the 2015 Arts Festival which takes place in the week beginning the 29th of June. There are various events for the school community to enjoy and participate in. You will receive a flyer advertising the Festival with your son's Grade card. This also includes information about ticket sales. I do hope that you will be able to join us during the Festival to celebrate the creative talents of pupils and staff.

Music

This half term saw boys from Figures and Rudiments, who have been part of the College's Strings Project, perform in a concert at St Mary Magdalene, north London, with the OAE. The boys have worked extremely hard this year to develop their playing and the concert was a great success.

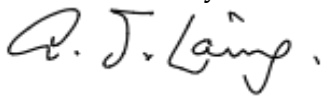
I would also like to congratulate all of the boys who recently received their instrumental examination results from ABRSM. Particular mention must be made of Eduardo Morais

From September all new pupils to the school will be expected to buy our new shirt. We are also encouraging boys who represent the school at either rugby or football to buy the shirt as it will be the College's match shirt. The shirt will be much easier to wash and dry and will be lighter for the boys to wear. The shirt is being sold directly by the manufacturers, *Serious Stuff*, who have a shop at Rosslyn Park. They will also be selling the shirt on their website. The cost of the shirt will be £29 for junior sizes and £34 for adult sizes.

To help parents they will also be in school on Saturday 13th of June to sell shirts to boys in all years, including our new Year 7 pupils. This is the same day as the Year Six test morning. As a consequence there will not be parking available on site during the morning. It will be available from 2.00pm.

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

Yours sincerely



Adrian Laing
Head Master

