



15th July 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

It is hard to believe that the end of term is upon us! This ends my first academic year as Headteacher and I would like to thank the whole school community for making it such a pleasant and enjoyable one.

I was extremely proud of the Unity Festival hosted and planned by Mr Gullick and the Unity Team this week. The talent we had performing was beyond anything I could have expected and I think all who attended would agree that Terrell the Poet was a huge inspiration! The amazing array of outfits and food was so impressive and the dancing and singing performances blew us all away. Well done to all who participated.

Thank you to the whole school community for the success of our school sports day yesterday – the ice cream van was a roaring success and it was lovely to see Colin our Support Dog dressed ready for the event. I know a number of records were broken which is no mean feat in this hot weather! I must also recognise the superb artistic talent of Zoe Richard who designed our new house flags, which debuted at the event!

This year, students have shown their artistic flair with some incredible art and technology pieces in school and out and Daniel Briery impressed us all with his exhibit at the Henley Arts Trail this year. I have been amazed by the sporting excellence shown by students this year: students have shone in skiing, skating, weight lifting, rugby, football, athletics, cross country and rowing. In addition, students have excelled in dancing, acting and singing, with some incredible national opportunities coming their way.

Huge thanks to all of our community minded students who have volunteered and raised money for a number of charities this year, most notably Alexander Devine, The Maidenhead Lions, MIND, Children in Need and The Red Cross. I know that the support and mentoring our students give to the local primaries and the energy and enthusiasm for raising money and supporting these charities is greatly appreciated by all.

I know that students have loved the return to trips this year and have enjoyed days out to the Theatre, Thorpe Park, Women's Euros match, University visits, Southend, Geography field trips, Go Ape and the Imperial War Museum and next year will see even more trips added to the school calendar.

We were thrilled to be able to host Proms again this year for our Year 11 and Year 13 students and I look forward to seeing them on the results days on Thursday 18th August (A Levels) and Thursday 25th August 2022 (GCSE's).

Thank you to Mr Morris, Mr Shand and Ms Killick who have supported our Duke of Edinburgh scheme again this year. Schemes like this are an amazing opportunity for students and can only run with the support and commitment of staff.

Huge congratulations to the three winners of our Governor Awards this year Zsofia Milligan, Kuba Muszynski and Zoe Richard. This is the highest award available to students in the school and I hope that there will be more next year.

Sadly, we say goodbye to Ms Stead, Mr Hamid, Mrs Frank-Keyes, Mrs Darby, Miss Barton, Mr Hirst, Mr Keating, Dr Qureshi, Ms Yates, Mrs Kawka-Olejnik, Ms Kemp, Mrs Madeley, Mr Sparavalo and Miss Warner today – we will miss you all! We also wish Mrs Smith the very best of luck with her impending arrival as she is now on maternity leave. Congratulations to Mr Burrows who will start his new role as Associate Senior Leader for Humanities and Mrs

Brennan who will take over as SENCO. We return in September fully staffed and look forward to welcoming the new team.

Students have been permitted to wear school PE kit in this final week, but we will be making a return to full school uniform in September. Please do ensure that students adhere to the dress code and arrive with the correct items necessary for school each day.

Thank you all for your continued support of the school and I wish you a very restful and happy summer holiday.

Kind regards

Danny Edwards
Headteacher

Dates for the Diary 2022:

Start of Student Term for Year 7	Friday 2 nd September 2022 at 8.30am
Start of Student Term for Year 12	Friday 2 nd September 2022 at 11.30am
Start of Student Term for Whole School	Monday 5 th September at 8.30am
Term 1 Ends on	Friday 21 st October 2022
October Holiday	Monday 24 th – Friday 28 th October 2022