

Friday 14th June

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I write this letter to you, with the sunshine finally feeling like we are in June, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended our annual art exhibition last week. It was lovely to see students and families there, your support is always thoroughly valued by our students and staff. It was equally wonderful to see some of our future year 7 students there too, and year 12 students hoping to join us in September. We are very proud of the exceptional work that our students have produced as part of their final GCSE and A Level examinations, and proud of our reputation for excellence in this field. Once these students have received their grades as part of the external examination process, we will share the artwork on our website and through our social media channels as we have done in previous years to celebrate their achievements even more widely. I would like to give a very special thanks to Mrs Channer and the excellent art team for their immense contributions to the success of the exhibition. We are very fortunate to have professional artists as part of this faculty, supporting our students to develop their creative talents and securing our commitment to the Arts.

More Sporting Success!

It is impossible not to feel proud of our students' sporting achievements. The U13 Handball team had a fantastic day out at the England Handball National Schools Finals last Saturday, finishing 8th place nationally. Securing this position in a national final is an incredible achievement for a team competing for the first time in this event. Well done to all the team for their hard work, perseverance and commitment.

Continuing with their impressive track record, we would also like to congratulate the following students for their remarkable performances at the County Schools Athletics Champs in Corby last weekend:

- Claudia B: 1st place in 300m, 2nd place in 200m
- Alice B: 3rd place in Javelin, 4th place in Discus
- Elsie B: 3rd place in 800m
- Megan B: 3rd place in 75m Hurdles
- Emily D: 2nd place in 1500m
- Jess L: 2nd place in 800m
- Savannah M: 1st place in 100m



We are particularly thrilled to share the news that Savannah, Claudia, Jess, and Emily also qualified to compete in the Mason Trophy this weekend (again), representing NSG and Northamptonshire. Good luck, girls!

Not to be outshone of course, the Year 10 Rounders team also put in an astonishingly dominant performance in their recent competition, winning the District Schools Games tournament at Northampton Academy. The team finished 1st in their pool and triumphed in the final against Wootton Park School: a fantastic performance all round!

County Challenge

The County Schools Challenge is a partnership project run across secondary schools in Northamptonshire. Its aim is to support students to learn about important social issues while teaching them invaluable skills. With a different theme each year, students are encouraged to use a business approach to raise awareness and develop creative ways to tackle a social problem. Previous challenge topics include keeping young road users safe, healthy relationships, staying safe online and raising awareness of anti-social activities. Last week, we ran our in-house competition to identify a team to go forward to showcase their idea to a panel of judges at a 'Dragons' Den' style semi-final next week. Congratulations to 8WTN for winning the internal competition for the County Challenge. This year's theme is combating 'Violence Against Women and Girls,' and the team developed a strong proposal aimed at working with local businesses to create 'Safe Spaces' in the community. We are immensely proud of the level of research that this team conducted and their sensitive approach to complex issues that affect women and girls. I would like to wish them every success in the semi-finals next week.

'Girls in Mathematics Conference'

We were delighted to be one of a handful of schools nationally to be selected to host the East Midlands 'Girls in Mathematics Conference' yesterday, in partnership with AMSP (Advanced Mathematic Support Programme), which involved 8 other schools across the region. The event provided Year 10 students with the opportunity to network with female role models and learn about possible career pathways in industry and academia. The day included talks and workshops from inspiring female professionals and was thoroughly enjoyable. Students thoroughly enjoyed the day and, as always, our students were keen to give feedback on their experiences of the day, which were overwhelmingly positive.

Many thanks to the AMSP team and to Mrs Wragg, Head of Mathematics, and Mrs Carré, Deputy Headteacher, for ensuring the conference was a tremendous success. We hope to continue our partnership work with AMSP and these schools in the future.



Uniform Expectations

I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude for your continued support with our uniform expectations. Following Mrs Boddy's letter last week, it has been wonderful to see how committed everyone has been in ensuring our students look smart and feel proud in their uniforms. Your cooperation makes a tremendous difference and helps us maintain the high standards we cherish at our school. Thank you for being such an integral part of our school community and for your unwavering support!

For now, I wish you all a wonderful weekend!

With best wishes,



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