



Newsletter July 2016

Welcome to the final newsletter of an amazing academic year. We have been extremely busy here at the Grange over the past few months. During May and June students from Year 11 and 10 successfully completed their GCSE exams. This year we had a bumper number of students taking exams, and students managed the exam season marvellously. At the end of June we said an emotional and inspiring goodbye to our fantastic Year 11s followed by the Grange Leavers Prom, where students went for rides in a stretch limo and danced the night away. We would like to wish our Year 11s the very best of luck with the next part of their adventure. We are really proud of them, and hope that they will stay in touch, and be part of our extended Limpfield Grange family.

Students have been participating in lots of exciting activities over the past few weeks. The whole school trip to Camber Sands was a real highlight, with students really relishing the opportunity to go to the beach with their friends. Students also enjoyed a highly competitive Sports Day and our Swimming Gala. Both events were a huge success. Our Year 10 students had a week of work experience, learning new skills and developing new relationships. We received some glowing feedback from the employers, and were so proud of the girls. In school students from 7C performed a section of A Midsummer Night's Dream to a packed audience who were riveted by their performance. The girls demonstrated a good understanding of plot and character, and really brought Shakespeare to life. Students from Year 8 performed a variety of poems comprising of their own compositions and of poets through the ages. Their performances were fantastic. To finish the term we had a day of summer activities including rounders and another performance from rapper and friend of the Grange Tierz, which the girls enjoyed immensely.

In other exciting news students from Limpfield Grange have successfully completed their Bronze and Silver expeditions for the highly successful Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, with excellent support and guidance from Mr and Mrs Bunn, Miss Turnbull Mrs Eves and Mrs Tremaine. Students involved in the Bronze award completed a walking expedition in the Surrey Hills, and Silver participants completed their expedition in Wales in July. Well done to all of the girls involved – these are fantastic achievements!

At the end of this year we say farewell to a few members of staff. Miss Tozer leaves us to pursue a career outside of teaching. Mrs Colley, one of our Teaching Assistants, is retiring, and we would like to thank her for her hard work and best efforts during her time with us. Mrs England Smith, a Teaching Assistant, is also leaving at the end of term, and we wish her luck for the future. Also retiring is Mrs Thomas, one of our Domestic Assistants. We wish her all the best and thank her for all her hard work cleaning our school. In September we will be joined by Miss Palmer who will be teaching Maths; Sarah Taylor who will be working with the Residential Team as a Residential Key Worker with responsibility for Health & Wellbeing, and Justine Frost who will be working with the Residential Team as an Independent Lifeskills Supervisor, working with girls each week in the school kitchen to create meals for the residential students. We are very much looking forward to welcoming these colleagues in to our community.

Work continues on our next novel *M in the Middle*, which will be published in October 2016. Our first novel, *M is for Autism*, has been very well received indeed – and recently made The Guardians' summer must read list for children's fiction! It has also been translated into Spanish and Danish, and has remained in the best sellers list for children's books about SEN for the past 12 months. We are all very proud of M and can't wait until our new novel is published!

All that remains is for me to wish you all a happy and relaxing summer holiday. Students return to school on Wednesday 7th September 2016, and we have a FOGs Family Fun Day at school on Sunday 11th September between 12 – 3pm, to which you are all warmly invited. Have a fabulous summer!

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