



Newsletter May 2017

As I write the newsletter this morning our Year 11 students are sitting their GCSE English Literature exam. As many of you will already know there have been significant changes to the GCSEs in English and Maths, with GCSEs in these subjects becoming much harder than in previous years. Students this year will gain 9-1 GCSE passes in these subjects, with the threshold for all grades becoming much higher. Our Year 11 students have been working very hard to prepare for their examinations, and we wish them lots of luck for the next couple of weeks. Congratulations are due to our Year 10 students who took their GCSE RE exam earlier this month. The experience of taking a GCSE a year early was really useful.

Girls have been busy this term experiencing learning out in the community. Our Year 8 students have visited the Science Museum in London. Members of Years 8 & 9 attended the Chiddingstone Literary festival to listen to an author talk about how to write a novel (something that we know a little about!). We have worked with the Prospero Theatre Company over the past few weeks, developing approaches to mindfulness and working on calming strategies. Year 7 students have visited the local Synagogue to develop their understanding of Judaism. Girls in 7R have visited the British Wildlife Centre as part of their Outdoor Learning curriculum, which they enjoyed immensely. We have also participated in some sporting and creative arts activities, with Year 7 and 8 students attending a Surrey Cricket Day at the Kia Oval, and students competing in the "Day of Dance" in Guildford.

We have also been working with partner agencies and schools. Students from Limpfield Grange presented at an assembly for Year 7 students at Oxted School about autism, and we later worked with staff at Oxted School raising autism awareness. Our local community police officer gave a talk about online safety and social media to students in Years 9, 10 and 11. This is an area of ongoing focus for us as a school, and I would encourage parents to monitor their daughter's use of social media closely.

In mid-June we will be welcoming a new Maths teacher Lucy Millard to our team. We are looking forward to working with her.

I am pleased to announce that this year we have raised £1452.75 for our chosen charities. This is a remarkable achievement for such a small school. Well done everyone!

Year 11 students are welcome to attend the GCSE revision day at school on Friday 2nd June, and all girls will be welcomed back to school on Monday 5th June 2017.

With best wishes,

Sarah Wild, Headteacher