



Newsletter October 2016

Welcome to the first newsletter of the academic year. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome new parents and carers to the Limpsfield Grange community. Our Year 7s have settled well into life at Limpsfield Grange, and it was wonderful to meet so many new parents at our FOGS Family Fun Day event, and to speak to so many members of our wider community at our Parent Information Evenings in September.

During the summer we celebrated our Year 11 GCSE results. The girls achieved some fantastic GCSEs qualifications in a wide range of subjects, and for the first time at Limpsfield Grange 100% of students passed at least one GCSE qualification, with 45% of students gaining at least 1 A-C GCSE qualification, and 15% of students gaining 5 A-Cs including English and Maths. We welcomed the Year 11 leavers back for our traditional Pizza Evening to catch up with them in October, and it was fantastic to hear about their new adventures at colleges and specialist schools. We wish them lots of luck for the future.

The past few months have been really busy at the Grange with students being involved in a wide range of activities. Students spoke, in September, about their experiences of anxiety and stress at the second Mental Wealth Festival in London, organised by Baroness Hollins. Delegates commented on how powerfully the girls described their experiences. Miss Phillips and Miss White were invited by the deliver training about safeguarding vulnerable girls to colleagues from across Surrey at the Babcock Behaviour and Safety meeting, to share our best practice with others schools.

This month students in Key Stage 4 completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition, walking through the chilly Surrey Hills. All girls completed and passed the expedition which was fantastic! Robyn Steward has been in school working with students on ideas for a new book, which will help people with special needs to understand puberty. Students from all year groups contributed great ideas about what would be helpful to know about this area. This week researchers from the University of Central London have been interviewing students this week about their experiences of friendship and how they feel about their lives, for the international Quality of Life project.

This week has been particularly exciting with our first whole school Halloween disco on Tuesday, and our new novel "M in the Middle" being published today. We are very proud of our new book, which has already attracted attention from the Guardian newspaper and BBC Radio London. We hope that you enjoy M in the Middle, which is available to order on Amazon or to buy from school.

A note for parents of Key Stage 3 students – we will continue to not set homework for Key Stage 3 students until Christmas. We will start with our new approach of setting personalised homework for students in the areas of achievement, communication, interaction and wellbeing in the New Year.

In terms of community news our next FOGS events will be our annual Games Night on Saturday 26th November 2016. Our next Parents Evening will be for parents of students in Year 7 on Tuesday 15th November from 5pm.

I hope that you all have a peaceful half term. Students return to school on Monday 31st October 2016.

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