



## Newsletter May 2023

I would like to start this newsletter by wishing our Year 11 students the very best of luck with their exams. Year 11 have worked very hard to prepare for their exams against a backdrop of disruption over the past few years. So far, the 2023 exam season has gone smoothly. Good luck Year 11 – I hope your exams go well and that the final few weeks you spend at Limpsfield Grange are happy ones.

Students this term have been out and about in the local community. Year 7 recently visited the High Street in Oxted to look at facilities and amenities. They also practiced their social communication and independence skills through talking to staff in shops and ordering drinks in a local café, which for some students was very challenging. We have also worked closely with Animal Arc, providing an opportunity for students to work with a wide range of animals including capybaras and skunks, which students have enjoyed immensely.

Our Year 10 students have developed their independence through their practice Duke of Edinburgh expedition, canoeing on the Thames and camping out, learning to cook on a Trangia and working with others as part of a team. It's been wonderful watching students develop their personal resilience and a deeper understanding not only of themselves, but of their classmates, as part of the process.

This term we have been working with students across all year groups on careers and planning for the future, as part of the Independence strand of our WACI curriculum. We have partnered with Innervate to provide careers advice and guidance lessons and 1:1 sessions to help set career goals, and what they would like to study when they leave Limpsfield Grange.

This half term we have welcomed two new members of staff to the Limpsfield Grange team. Mr Roberts, our new Chef, and his incredible cooking has been very well received by everyone and Mrs Kenyon has joined us to teach PE.

I hope that you have an enjoyable half term break. I look forward to seeing the students back in school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

With best wishes

*Sarah Wild, Headteacher*