



Newsletter July 2024

Dear parents and carers

Firstly, I'd like to thank you all for your continued support of the school in light of the recent news about the cancellation of our expansion project. We are, understandably, bitterly disappointed to have received the news.

At the end of June, we bid farewell to our Year 11 students, following their exam season. Our Year 11 students had worked incredibly hard to prepare and take their exams. Over their final weeks, it was great to hear the students reflect on their time at Limpsfield Grange. The Year 11 students celebrated the end of their time through going out on trips into the local community, and enjoying some fun school-based activities. I wish them lots of luck for the future, and very much hope they will stay in touch with us.

Our Year 10 students completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition - canoeing on the River Wey and camping overnight. Students really rose to the challenge of the expedition, building resilience and confidence and developing some independence skills. The expedition taught the students the value of perseverance and determination and the value of working together. The Year 10 students worked incredibly hard and were absolutely fantastic on the expedition; we are very proud of them.

During the run up to the General Election we ran a democracy week. Students in Years 9 and 10 analyzed political manifestos whilst students in Years 7 and 8 identified the six main issues facing the UK today. Students ran their own hustings and we held our own election, with results mirroring the General Election results. We also welcomed political candidates into the school, including Claire Coutinho MP for East Surrey and Tom Bowell prospective candidate for Labour. Both Claire and Tom reported that the thoughtful and insightful questions from the students at Limpsfield Grange were the best they were asked whilst campaigning. It was an incredible week and students across the school were a credit to the school. In this busy half term, other interesting activities have included singing workshops for students in Years 7 -10 with the Starling Arts group, and a Year 10 trip to Legal and General HQ in Hove to see the wide range of roles available in the work place.

At the end of this term we say goodbye to a few members of staff. Mrs. Walford retires from her role of Outreach Lead after 24 years of service in a number of roles at Limpsfield Grange, and we would like to thank her for her hard work and dedication over nearly a quarter of a century. Mira Viertio our General Assistant returns to her native Finland this summer, and Mrs. Williamson, TA, will return to her former local teaching post next academic year. We wish them well for the future.

I hope that you all have an enjoyable summer break. We are really looking forward to welcoming all of the students back on Thursday 5th September 2024 for another exciting year at Limpsfield Grange.

Best wishes

Sarah Wild
Headteacher