



Newsletter February 2025

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2025. It has been a very busy half-term. Year 10 students are making good progress towards their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award by canoeing at Thames Young Mariners, in preparation for their expeditions during the Summer Term. Some students in Year 11 have been practising their independence skills in the local community. Meanwhile, Years 8 and 9 participated in SOLD activities to help build their resilience, problem-solving and communication skills, and Year 7 continued to settle into school life extremely well.

We welcomed Ofsted inspectors to Limpsfield Grange in mid-January for 3 days to inspect our residential provision. As a residential special school, we have an annual residential Ofsted inspection, and this year inspectors were particularly impressed with the student's confidence and assertiveness. Students told the Ofsted inspectors about the positive impact that boarding has on their lives, and were really proud and confident to showcase their new skills. It was a very positive inspection, and we will share the Ofsted report with you all once it is published.

This half term students have participated in British Sign Language workshops, as part of our extended curriculum experience. Students demonstrated incredible aptitude in learning phrases in British Sign Language and great powers of concentration. The British Sign Language workshops were so successful that we have booked a follow up workshop for students later this year. As part of our careers offer and WACI curriculum Year 10 students attended the National Apprenticeship Show at Sandown Racecourse, to develop their knowledge about the wide range of apprenticeships which are available to study aged 16 or 18. The broad range of exhibitors included the Army; construction companies; British Airways, major international retailers and the Metropolitan Police Service to name a few. Students thoroughly enjoyed speaking to exhibitors; they asked some challenging questions and had some great conversations about the pros and cons of each industry.

I hope that you have an enjoyable half term break, and I look forward to welcoming students back to school on Monday 24th February 2025.

With best wishes,

Sarah Wild

Headteacher