



Head's Blog July 2019

Well here is my final blog of the academic year and first I would like to thank all parents and carers for your continued support in helping our school in becoming one of the best schools in the local area. The working together in partnership is key to ensure that your child has the best opportunity to succeed in whatever they wish to achieve.

Again, lots has happened in our community of the last few weeks, both in school and out of school.

One of our aims this year was to increase our involvement with the local community and I am pleased to report that, under the guidance of Mrs Felsing, a group of year 7 pupils visited the local care home and read out their poems to some of the residents. This was such a successful event for both the residents and our young people that there are already future visits planned in the Autumn term.



Some of our year 8 pupils under the leadership of Mrs Tideswell had the wonderful experience of going on a local barge trip along the canal. Again, future visits are planned in the next term for our pupils



The rewards trip for the year 8 pupils to Chester Zoo was enjoyed by all and once more our pupils were praised for their superb behaviour.

One of the many highlights this month was the year 9 Graduation Ceremony and of course the year 9 graduation party that followed for our graduates.





The year 10 year group completed all of their Pre Public Exams this month and were rewarded by their Head of Year, Mr Charlesworth. For their hard work and exemplary behaviour during this stressful time they were given a special treat of relaxing in a lesson with a free ice cream, enjoying social time with their teachers. A well deserved treat for the year group!



In the penultimate week of term, 36 Year 10 pupils visited Berlin under the leadership of Mr Charleworth and Mrs Lovatt. This was a very hectic week with visits to Brandenburg Gate, the Reichstag landmark, the Bunderstat and many other interesting places. My thanks to the staff for planning and supervising this thought provoking visit for our pupils. We have received a very complimentary letter from the tour guide of the trip stressing the professionalism of our staff and the enthusiasm of the pupils. They are a credit to our school.



Berlin 2019

The year 11 Prom was well attended by the year group and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. The staff at the venue once more complimented the pupils on their behaviour and the respect for each other. Even one of the employees asked if there were any jobs going at the school as he would love to work with us!



Year 11 Prom 2019

This year's sports day was held on Monday 15th July with the whole school involved in interhouse competitions throughout the day ranging from our more traditional athletics

events to tug of war and egg and spoon races. My thanks go to all the staff for getting involved in this whole school event and to the PE staff and the year 10 and year 11 helpers. Congratulations to the Culture house on becoming this year's champions!



As the summer term is coming to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of the expectations in terms of behaviour and uniform as we are starting to think of the next academic year. You can access the end of term letter sent to parents last week by clicking on [this link](#).

This term we would like to wish Mr Cox, Mr Bahia, Mrs O'Leary and Miss Roberts all the very best in their new teaching posts. A special thank you goes to Mr Smith Head of Maths who is retiring this term after 22 years of service at our school. I would like to wish him and his family a long and happy retirement.

In September, there will be changes to the way your child is placed in sets in years 7 to 10, so please do not be alarmed when you see their new timetable in September. In each year group there will now be two top sets, G1 and M1, two second sets G2 and M2 and so on based on the most recent performance and attitude to learning data recorded. If you have any concerns or questions regarding the new sets then in the first instance, please contact your child form tutor by email. If this is not possible please contact the school and ask if the form tutor can get back in contact with you.

Finally a reminder that the school will finish early on Friday this week at 1pm. As with previous early closures, pupils with free school meals will be able to collect their food at breaktime in the café area or from the table in main reception at 1pm

Forthcoming events:

- Tuesday 3rd September: school opens for the Autumn term
- Wednesday 18th September : Year 6 open evening 6pm to 8pm
- First parental forum meeting: Thursday 10th October where there will be a presentation from our new Director of Maths
- Wednesday 13th November: GCSE certificate evening 6 pm

Again, thank you for your support in my first year as Head of School and I would like to wish you and your family a peaceful and safe summer break.

Mary Hobson – Head of School