



## TERM 6 NEWSLETTER

### TERM 6 NOTICES

1. End of Term – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 12.25pm
2. Exam results:
  - A Level – 16<sup>th</sup> August
  - GCSE – 23<sup>rd</sup> August
3. First Day back for Years 8-11 and Year 13 - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.
4. New Year 7 and New Year 12 are back on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August.

### Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you are all looking forward to a wonderful summer. I know the students are ready for the break after the longest term of the year and the sweltering heat of the last 2 months. We can only hope the good weather continues for the holidays. Please note that we finish this Friday at the earlier time of 12.25pm.

We have had a tremendous year with a transformation in the progress of our Year 11 group who rose to every challenge given to them. Their application and hard work was really impressive to see, and I am really looking forward to their results this summer. If your child is in one of the younger year groups, please be talking to them about having the highest aspirations for their education and the doors that this can open for them.

Next year we will be significantly increasing the career guidance across the school, which will link in with the conversations you have at home about aiming for the very highest level of educational achievement. Next year will see the school have its first applications to Oxford and Cambridge Universities for over a decade.

### Ofsted Monitoring Inspection

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018 we received an Ofsted monitoring visit, and I am delighted to attach the full Inspection report. The report reflects the enormous amount of hard work the staff and students have undertaken and also the support that I know many of you give to your children. While there is still room for development to achieve a 'Good' grading, with your support in maintaining high expectations at home, I am confident we can achieve it together.

### Staff Leaver/Joiners

There are a number of staff moving on this year and amongst the longer serving staff, those leaving include Mr Adkins (PE), Mrs Linton (Science) who is retiring and Mrs Moretsele, who leads our Visual Impairment Provision. I wish those staff leaving all the best for the future. We have been successful in recruiting for Science and Maths this year with Teaching and Learning specialists being brought in for both subjects. We have also had to increase staffing in History due to the ongoing success and popularity in GCSE options. I believe the staffing we have in place for next year is the strongest it has ever been and, with a considerable investment in recruitment into trainee teachers, the supply of high quality teachers will continue over the next couple of years, in what is an incredibly competitive market.

## George Perfect

It is rare that I single out one student above others, however George Perfect, from our current Year 13 group, stands out in particular due to his significant contribution to the school over the last 4 years. George has successfully led our own Student Council for the last 3 years, supporting and designing change while surveying student views on a regular basis. His contribution to the school community continues to be above and beyond what is expected, with hours of his own time given to changing the experience of students across Medway, in his role as Chair of the Medway Youth Council. George is willing to challenge the status quo, to get the best for students on all sorts of issues, and has frequently held elected members of the local council to account on a range of issues. He has received plaudits from all Medway Secondary Headteachers for his confidence and ability to speak in front of large and diverse audiences – in fact the quote ‘Every school needs a George’ sums up their view. In addition to starting University, George will also be looking to stand for local council elections over the next couple of years, with aspirations of becoming a Member of Parliament in the future – possibly at the next General Election. Whatever your politics, I know George will make a fantastic, hardworking and genuine MP, with his constituents’ views central to his work, and we want to say thank you publicly and wish him luck in the future.

## Exam Results

I am sure Sixth Form and Year 11 students will be getting nervous about their exam results, so please be aware of the following dates and times for results day collections:

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2018 A’ Level students – arrive between 9:30am and 12:30pm.**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2018 GCSE results day**

**Year 11 students – arrive between 9:00am – 11:00am**

**Year 10 students – arrive from 10.00am.**

**Year 12 re-sit students – arrive between 11.00am – 12.00pm**

For both results days, please enter the school via the gates by the Caxton building and report to G1, where you will be able to collect and sign for your results. If your son/daughter is unable to collect them, and parents wish to collect them on their behalf, your child must provide you with a signed letter of authorisation.

## Sports Day/District Sports/Rewards Afternoon

Harrier House were emphatic winners of this year’s Sports Day, with several year group wins from the House. There were also successes for several students in Year 8 at the District Sports competition, see below:

- Jack Enright - 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Javelin
- Iona Flynn-Wakelin - 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Long Jump
- Michael Martin – 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Shot Putt
- Lekan Samuel – 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Discus
- Andreea Stefanica – 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Shot Putt

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018, we also held our annual Rewards Afternoon, which is for students with the highest attendance and highest commitment to learning grades across each House. Students that were selected thoroughly deserved this Rewards Afternoon, and if your son/daughter missed out this year, they can start to build towards next year by focusing on their attendance and commitment to learning straight away on our return in September.

### Awards Evening

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018, we will be holding our annual Awards Evening in a revised format, which will celebrate the efforts and progress of students from the 2017/2018 academic year across all subjects. Letters have already been sent out to invite winners and their families to celebrate their achievements. It is a truly inspiring evening and we are in the process of securing a special guest for the presentation of the awards.

### Job Opportunities

#### Getting into teaching

We offer teaching experience taster days for those that are interested in finding out more about what it is like to be a teacher. If you, a friend or a relative have a degree and think you have what it takes, then please get in touch with Mrs R Barber on [rbarber@robertnapier.org.uk](mailto:rbarber@robertnapier.org.uk) who will keep you informed of when our taster days are planned.

#### Learning Support Assistant

We will be advertising for a Learning Support Assistant in September, so if you are interested in a role and have experience of working with students in any capacity, then please look out for the advert on our website.

#### Catering Assistant

Our caterers, Chartwells, have a position available in our Kitchen for a Catering Assistant working 3.5 hours per day, Monday to Friday and term time only. The role involves a variety of duties, however full training will be given so experience is not essential. If you are interested in the post please contact the Catering Manager – Amanda Irlam - for more details on 07817 624 626.

### 2018-2019 Term Dates

Finally, please be reminded that the new Year 7 and new Year 12 start on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2018 and all other year groups start back on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018**. The full 2018-2019 term dates can be found on our school website.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer break, and I look forward to welcoming students back in September.

Yours faithfully



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Headteacher