



Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers, Staff & Governors

We have had a very successful open season thus far, culminating in our evening event, more details of which are contained later in this newsletter. Over the five sessions we welcomed over 700 families which is fantastic and demonstrates the continued interest local parents - and many further afield have in our school. Our annual Macmillan cake sale at the open evening raised over £300 - with thanks to FONs.

As always we have been busy in lessons and out of school but we want to take the chance to say well done to those of our new year 7s who took part in the summer reading project. There were some excellent responses with work of real quality - a sign of enthusiastic engagement and great things to come.

One of the areas we have focused on in our presentation to prospective parents is the need for there to be respectful communication between parents and staff. Increasingly, and there are already examples this school year, we are having to contact parents who have caused upset and distress for staff who have had cause to contact them. Regardless of the content of the message we do expect a civil and courteous response from parents and guardians. As headteachers we will support our staff when they are not treated with respect. We are clear about what we expect from students when they come to our school and also expect parents to support us in reinforcing this.

Best wishes

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Co-Headteachers

Last week Y10 Citizenship visited Parliament. They went through a tour and a workshop which they enjoyed. Ms Hussain was especially impressed with their knowledge, they pretty much answered 98% of the questions correctly from the tour guide! They were also grossed out to learn that the speaker's chair used to have a toilet below it where he'd relieve himself when debates carried on for a long period!



Open Evening

We ended our open season with open evening and it did not disappoint. It was a lively celebration of creativity and learning. Humanities brought history to life with monks, kings, and vikings, while geographical fieldwork filled the corridors. English transformed old books into poetry, the Norwood Voice shared its views, and the Library offered a warm welcome. FONs raised funds for Macmillan with cakes, and the wellbeing garden's chutney and cheese quickly disappeared. Year 7 students Joe and Ajlal did a fantastic job sharing their speeches to prospective parents and students.

Science wowed with fiery experiments, and ICT explored computer hardware. Performing Arts hosted a popcorn cinema and band performances, while Drama reenacted the Titanic and Dance delivered energetic shows. MFL's bistro rewarded French and Spanish speaking with croissants and pastel de natas. PE soared on trampolines, and Maths entertained with fun games. Visual Arts impressed with self-portraits, a halo photo booth, and robot demonstrations.

Open Evening was a bustling success, filled with excitement from every corner of the school.

Hot Chocolate with the Heads this week

Congratulations to:

- Year 7 - James Shackelford
- Year 8 - Aysha Dilshad
- Year 9 - Victoria Smith
- Year 10 - Otto Ballam
- Year 11 - Jason Peterson
- Year 12 - Augustine McGlue
- Year 13 - Silvia Hogiu



