



School Bulletin for Friday 20th July 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

End of Term

As I am sure you are all aware, this term ends next Tuesday - 24th July - when the school finishes at 12.25pm. The school starts again on Wednesday 29th August when we welcome back our returning Year 8-11 students and our new Year 7 students.

This is the last Bulletin of this year and we hope that you have found it interesting and informative. If you have any suggestions for other items that you would like covered please email me. The next edition of the Bulletin will be on Friday 31st August.

We wish you and your family a relaxing and enjoyable summer.

Evolution Showcase - "sell out"

The Showcase took place on Wednesday and was a complete sell out with a number of parents, guardians and family having to stand at the back of the Kent Hall. The show was a stunning success and a tribute to all the students who took part or helped behind the scenes together with the dedicated staff. The show ended with all the 140+ performers on the stage where they performed a surprise farewell organised by a departing Sixth Former David Richardson to Miss Langston and Mrs Weber who are leaving the school at the end of this term. Pictures of the evening will appear on the school website in the near future.

Governors Meeting

Last week saw the final Full Governors meeting of the year and the Governors welcomed Helen Brown the new Parent Governor who was recently elected by the Parents/Carers. Governors considered the following areas of school business – current performance, plans for the new academic year, as well as monitoring of the budget.

Basketball Awards Evening – Report from the "Coach"

The North School Lions Basketball Academy recently hosted their Third Annual Lions Basketball Awards Evening as players from the current Varsity, Junior Varsity, Lady Lions and Junior Lions teams celebrated the successes of the 2017/18 season with their families, teachers, team sponsors, North School senior leadership and Lions Legends of seasons past. The Kent Hall was transformed into a gold and blue wonderland that paid tribute to the history of The North School Basketball Academy, with an abundance of iconic items from Lions Basketball lore making up the décor.

Twenty three prestigious individual and team awards were presented and in a Lion's Basketball first, the audience became the voting panel for the new 'Play of the Season' award. After being wowed by a compilation of breath-taking plays from the 2017/18 season, voters were shown a shortlist of clips and asked to choose their favourite before votes were tallied. The winning play, nicknamed 'Brotherly Love' showed the Parnell brothers demonstrating awesome skill and court I.Q to outwit a bemused ACS Cobham team on route to a famous victory in 'The Jungle'. The Team of the Year trophy was awarded to the Varsity Lions for a third straight year and the audience were captivated by the story of their amazing victory at the Copper Box Olympic Arena in the London Basketball Association's Men's College Invitational Tournament as told through the players' eyes in the form of a vlog!

There were inspirational speeches from departing 'Seniors', Ross Bampton, Adam Wernham and Emmanuel Ephenus-Agostinho who fondly recalled their Lion's careers to a delighted audience who showed their respect and appreciation with thunderous applause. All three student-athletes are University bound (Wernham to Brunel University; Bampton to the University of East London and Ephenus-Agostinho to the University of Worcester or University of Guelph).

The end of the evening was dedicated to Samuel Fournillier, who tragically passed away in January after a courageous battle with leukaemia and the final award of the night was the unveiling of the Samuel Fournillier Scholarship. The scholarship is a £250 grant awarded to one of the Lion's graduating 'Seniors'. It was Emmanuel Ephenus-Agostinho who was voted as the student-athlete who would receive the award in recognition of the outstanding leadership and determination that he has demonstrated throughout his career with the Lions.

Lions Head Coach, Andrew Sunderland commented '*What an extraordinary night. This season has been a real roller-coaster, but Lions Basketball is built around family and there was an overwhelming sense of that on display tonight. I could not be more proud of our graduating Seniors. They are not only fantastic basketball players but they are outstanding young men whose leadership, loyalty and excellence are immeasurable. I am beyond excited to watch them continue to shine at University and I cannot wait to see them back in the Jungle! We will be a young and inexperienced team next year but never count out the magic of Lions Basketball. The next generation have learned invaluable lessons from the Lions Legends and I know they will be ready to leave their mark in the history books. I have the best job in the world!*'

At the end of this Bulletin is a list of all the winners together with photographs of two of the awards.

Student Leadership

Following an application process and an interview the school, this week, appointed for the two communities their student Principal and Vice Principal for the new academic year. I had the privilege of being on the interview panel and was "blown away" by the maturity and confidence shown by all of the applicants who all did themselves proud and will be a credit when asked to represent the school.

The appointed Leadership is:

Essella

Principal – Lily Ward
Vice Principal – Callum Budden

Mabledon

Principal – Alicia Drury
Vice Principal – Cameron Hutchins

Sports Awards Evening – report from Miss Kray

Thursday 12th July saw our Annual Sports Awards evening. A prestigious event held at The North School where the Kent Hall is transformed into a formal prize giving ceremony with refreshments provided beforehand. This year we were pleased to be joined by Millie Knight, Double silver medallist in the 2018 paralympics in skiing events. The evening was enjoyed by over 70 students and their families who were there to celebrate the successes in Sport from across the year and the evening was opened by our very students who all spoke confidently and this was followed by a beautiful singing performance by Imogen Richardson. The students all looked immensely proud and confident when receiving their awards and it was a pleasure to see them rewarded for their hardwork and dedication throughout the year. Specific congratulations to Iain Bremer, Amelia Barrett, Aaliyah Kamara, Szymon Rejmus and Harvey Hutson who were all presented with individual awards at least twice!

A full list of which students were nominated for each award with the winners being highlighted in yellow.

Summer Visual Arts Show

This took place last night and was the last major event at the school for this academic year. It showed the creative flair of our students a number of whom had exhibited at the recent Trust wide Visual Arts Exhibition. The show included both Fine Art and Photography with the judging being undertaken by Mr Prebble and myself. The winners were:

GCSE Fine Art

Gold – Gemma (11M)
Silver – Lara Stephens
Bronze – Molly Booth

GCSE Photography

Gold – Jasmine Taylor
Silver – Tegan Carter
Bronze – Rachel (11E)

A Level Photography

Gold – Thomas Anderson
Silver – Lily Atley
Bronze – Jasmine Harvey

Affordable Refurbished Bikes

The local community interest company - CycleCircle – who deliver Bikeability to primary schools in Ashford on our behalf run a Bicycle Recycling Programme at Goldwyn School with the support of Kent County Council. The programme has been running for just over a year and has recycled almost 400 bicycles back into the community at affordable prices.

The sales take place at **Goldwyn School** (TN23 3BT) on the following dates for the rest of 2018.

- Saturday 21st July (10.00-13.00)
- Saturday 15th September (10.00-13.00)
- Saturday 20th October (10.00-13.00)
- Saturday 1st December (10.00-13.00)

Regards,

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