



## School Bulletin for Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Prize Giving Evening

Last night the school held the biggest occasion in our calendar when we celebrated the achievements of our students who excelled over the whole of the previous academic year. The awards recognised student progress, GCSE success and contributions to the whole school community.

Some 250 students, families, governors and staff enjoyed the evening in the Kent Hall where in addition to the presentation of the awards they listened to an interesting and inspirational speech by the Rt Hon Sir Hugh Robertson KCMG DL.

Sir Hugh, despite a memorable career, is likely to be remembered certainly by me, as being the Government Minister in charge of the 2012 London Olympic and Paralympic Games.

### “A Night to Shine”

Well done to Abbie Henderson who took part in the Pilgrim's Hospice Event 'A Night to Shine' and completed six miles to raise funds for the Hospice.

### Year 10 Art Visit

Yesterday some GCSE Art students visited the Turner Contemporary and the Powell-Cotton Museum (QUEX) as part of their course in order to enable them to experience the work of contemporary artists and to draw animals directly from the Powell-Cotton collection. We hope that this trip has inspired them to further develop their skills.

### Early School Closure Reminder – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October - Open Evening

Just a reminder that next Thursday we are holding our annual Open Evening for parents of children in Year 6 who are making choices about secondary education next year.

In order to prepare for this, **school will close on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 2:10pm** for all students. If the early closure causes transport issues, please let the school Reception know and we will arrange to supervise your child/ward until 3:00pm.

Despite the early closure, we are still expecting every student to attend school this day and the school will be open as usual on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October.

### British Values

The lead teacher produces each week for Tutor time a SMSC (spiritual, moral, social and cultural development), British Values PowerPoint, and we thought it would be helpful to share with parents and carers how they are promoted.

A copy of next week's Powerpoint can be viewed on the school website for your information.

## **Sports Results**

### **Football**

Our Year 11 boys' football team won against Homewood School 2-1, which was a well-deserved victory.

The Year 7 football team won 3-2 against Norton Knatchbull School 'B' last night.

### **Gladiators**

The first Year 7 and 8 Gladiators' event of the year took place this week, with Benchball being the activity. Our team of eight were fantastic working together as a team to plan the best tactics and this resulted in them winning two games, losing one and drawing one. Special mention to Ashleigh Prescott for being a sensational captain and motivating the team.

### **Basketball**

Varsity Team - Another tough game this week, after refreshing our defensive strategy ready to try something new we always knew it was going to take a while to get into our stride. The new focus is on full court press that meant that lots of energy was required throughout the course of the game. Our MVP was Diogo Araujo Simoes who had a fantastic work ethic throughout ensuring that the team maintained their energy. Unfortunately, after such a hard fought game the final score was a 78-70 loss.

The Varsity Team are now looking forward to **homecoming** on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October- Tip-off at 4:15pm- look forward to seeing you all there.

Regards,

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