



School Bulletin for Friday 29th June 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Thursday all our students received their timetables for the new academic year and, as from Monday 2nd July, they will advance to the next year group.

We enjoyed a truly excellent Sports Day at the Julie Rose Stadium yesterday. Once again, planning, preparation and implementation of the Sports Day events were outstanding. Special thanks go to the PE team and Mr Hake, who acted as our announcer. I am also very grateful to all members of staff for playing their part in ensuring that everything ran smoothly. Special thanks go to all form tutors who excelled in creating an exciting atmosphere of pride and belonging to both the Communities and form groups.

Our Sixth Form students and members of the Students' Leadership Team did a fantastic job supporting the activities, interacting and motivating the audience. Throughout the day we enjoyed some extraordinary performances as well as some amazing efforts by students who did their best to support their Communities' scores. A number of school records have been broken. The conduct of the audience was exemplary and our students filled the Julie Rose Stadium with music, colour, enjoyment and sporting spirit. All in all, it was a fantastic day.

The next few weeks will be very eventful. We are looking forward to meeting our new Year 7 students during the Transition Week which is starting on Monday 2nd July. Also, there will be formal opportunities to celebrate and to enjoy our students' creativity and success during the Evolution KS3 Showcase, Art Exhibition and Sports Awards Evening.

Life at The North School continues to be busy as ever and students and staff are working hard to make sure that the coming weeks help our students to flourish in every possible way.

Mrs Lawrence
Head of School

New Timetable

Just to remind you that on Monday when students return to school the new 2018/19 timetable starts and they all advance to their next year group. New timetables were handed out yesterday. This is an exciting moment when both staff and students reflect on the achievements of the passing academic year as well as looking forward to new challenges.

Transition Week

Next week we welcome some 200 primary school pupils to The North School as part of their transition journey before they join the school in late August.

Post 16 Travel Card

A reminder with the end of term and the KCC deadline approaching.

KCC have changed the process by which students are able to apply for a Kent 16+ Travel Card. The new scheme is now open and applications need to be completed by Friday 13th July 2018 to ensure the pass can be collected from your child's school on the first day of term.

We have a process in place to make it easier for our students to renew or apply for one and anyone wanting to obtain a Travel Card should see Mrs Ledner in the Sixth Form office.

Farewells

Last week the school held its farewell assembly for our Year 11 students and this week it was time to say goodbye with both an assembly and BBQ for our Year 13 Sixth Form students.

Both assemblies included a “music” video produced by the staff to the tune of The Proclaimers “*I’m Gonna Be (500 Miles)*” which will go on the school website next week. In addition to producing tears of laughter, it confirmed why most staff do not sing very often!

Sports Day

The Track events took place yesterday afternoon at the Julie Rose and all the competitors did well bearing in mind the wonderful weather that we experienced. At the end of the Field Events held earlier in the week the scores were Essella 962 and Mabledon 791.

Mabledon were unable to close the gap yesterday and the final overall scores were Essella 2078 and Mabledon 1568.

Record Breakers from the Field events were - Maisie (Year 7), Joe Sheppard, Kacper Pedich, and Arthur Mazeli. Further details and highlights will be included in the next Bulletin.

Basketball Awards Evening

The third North School Lions Basketball Awards Evening took place this week and proved to be a very emotional event for both the coaches and the players. A more detailed report will be provided next week.

Teach First

Teach First is a charity in England and Wales which trains thousands of teachers every year after five weeks of intensive training. Every summer, the training starts with an opening ceremony to welcome the new teachers. As a 2015 ambassador for Teach First, Miss Savage from our English Department was asked to speak at the ceremony to discuss the impact that she has had in her three years so far. Miss Savage invited Joseph Maher and Alisha James from her Year 10 class to accompany her and discuss their own experiences of having Miss Savage as a teacher over the past year as well as the impact she has had on their learning. Both students were a credit to their school and their families, talking on a stage in front of over 250 people with accuracy and confidence. Both students have since been entered into our Book of Commendation.



Student Success at Swalefest, Maths Challenge & Sport

Last week a number of our students represented the school at Swalefest which was a coming together of students from all the Secondary schools linked with or part of the Swale Academies Trust. The feedback was very positive.

Matt Baker, Luke Taffurelli, Kiera Lancashire, Eeliya Nayeri and Alex (Year 8) were successful in the Maths Challenge.

Archie Crocker won the football league a year under his age group.

Well done to all those students and they have now been entered into the Book of Commendation.

Kent County Show

The school will again be well represented at the Kent County Show that takes place at Detling next week. This is an event our Young Farmers look forward to each year and we wish them and the animals well. Next week we will update you on their successes.

Year 12 Students' Success

Year 12 students taking Personal Finance Level 2 completed their final unit exam last week. Results were received earlier this week and their achievements are outstanding with all students achieved a Grade B or above with six gaining A* and five gaining A. The students have all worked hard on the course and have gained a useful insight to the world of personal finance covering topics such as pensions, borrowing and saving.

Taiwanese Students

For the next two weeks we will be hosting 21 Taiwanese students as part of the Buddy Programme.

Each Taiwanese student is paired with a North School student and follow their timetable for the two weeks. It is an excellent programme that develops our students' communication skills and cultural understanding of the wider world.

Sports Results

At the District Sports held this week our Year 7 and 8 boys came tenth whilst our Year 7 and 8 girls came ninth. We came away with four individual medals: Amelia Barrett got gold, Maisie (Year 7) got silver, Ryan La Croix Bronze and Ethan Kelly Silver.

Regards,

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