



A word from the Head

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Dear Parents

Thank you to parents who responded to my ponderings about the length of our school holidays. The general view, I think, is that we should try to keep in tandem with other local independent schools. We do try, but we will try harder!

Many congratulations to Ms Newman, who ran the London Marathon last Sunday, raising money for the Motor Neurone Disease Association, completing the run in just over 4 hours. Another person raising money for charity is Rachel Rose in Year 11, who recently spent a week (5 days) taking part in an event to raise awareness of poverty for Live Below the Line. Rachel was sponsored to live on £1 per day of food for the week. She raised money for Malaria no More, and has so far raised more than £840. The main event takes place in May but, because of looming GCSEs, Rachel did the week just before Easter. Well done, Rachel.

Congratulations also to Lili Fletcher in Year 9, who has been highly commended for her entry into the Step Into The NHS Competition, a co-curricular Careers and Biology venture. Entrants chose an NHS career and then prepared a job advertisement for the role and a job description or a CV of the ideal candidate for the position. Lili looked at the role of a paediatrician in a competition that attracted more than 1000 entrants.

I am so impressed by a magazine compiled by historians in Years 9, 10 and 11, entitled 'Heroes'. Edited by Evie Kotsis and supervised by Miss Wilkinson in the History department, it can be downloaded from the History section of the school website.

The weather may have put paid to the whole-school photograph being taken, but a photographer will be in school next Monday and Wednesday to take publicity photos for our marketing material, so please could you ensure that your daughters are looking particularly smart next week.

Next week, public examinations, including those in Modern Foreign Languages, Art and Drama, start in earnest and I wish all the girls the best of luck. If you would like to see Year 11's GCSE Drama performances, please come along to Founders' Hall on Thursday 3 May, at 6pm.

Can I remind you that if you wish to speak to your daughters during school hours, you contact the office first and do not ring your daughters direct, as the girls are told to lock their phones away at the start of every school day.

We are starting to plan for the October meeting of the Channing Association. In the past we have had some eminent speakers to share with us their views/skills, usually in a highly engaging and entertaining style. Any suggestions? Could it be you?

We are 'enjoying' very wet and windy weather at the moment, which may be good for the farmers, but not so good for a school trip, so I wish Year 6 sunshine for their visit to Osmington Bay next week.

Best wishes,

Mrs B M Elliott