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Dear Parent

Letter from the Headmaster - April 2019



Each term I am amazed at how much is achieved by pupils at this school, and this term is no exception.

As we head towards the summer term with external examinations for Year 11 and Year 13, the focus has been on preparing pupils for the challenges ahead. For those with GCSEs and A Levels, this has meant mock exams, and for other years there has been the ongoing assessment process. There have been over 50 revision clinics in the evenings and these have been well attended by pupils who appreciate the support this offers. I have been impressed by the commitment shown by both staff and pupils in the way they have approached their studies and I am sure this will be rewarded on the GCSE and A Level results days in the summer and when the SATs results are published for Year 6.

It is a fine balancing act to maintain the focus on the academic side of school when there are so many enrichment and co-curricular activities on offer. I think we get the balance about right as pupils have achieved so much outside the classroom this term. You will have read about our many co-curricular activities in the update from Mr Czerpak (Deputy Head – Co-curriculum and Community) that was sent earlier this week.



There were 10 days at the start of March when the number and variety of events and activities were so great that I wanted to share the details more widely. The attached poster was produced and it gives a flavour of everything this school does [[link here](#)]. It includes many co-curricular activities as well as other items that often go on in the background, that help make this such a good school, such as the 'Mock Ofsted', where we review our performance to make sure we are delivering first class education, and the parent consultation event which is part of our ongoing dialogue with parents.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Parent Perceptions survey that was carried out in February/March. We are currently working through the hundreds of responses and will give feedback in a future school newsletter.



I would like to wish you and your family a relaxing and peaceful Easter holiday and look forward to welcoming pupils back for another busy and productive term in a few weeks.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Dixon'.

Mark Dixon
Headmaster



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