



Parent Governors: Jason Brown
Michael Wainhouse

Dear Parents/Guardians

1. **Royal Visit**

On **Wednesday 27th April** HRH Sophie, The Countess of Wessex, and a group of dignitaries from Surrey visited the school. It was part of a celebration for the Children with Special Needs Foundation charity. As she arrived some students showed off their skills in an exhibition football match. She then joined the students for a buffet lunch in the hall where they were entertained with a number of musical items and a Tai Chi demonstration by Year 7 students. Jamie Raven, the magician, entertained the students with stunning magic tricks.

The countess continued her tour by having a cup of tea with students who had been on the Florida trip provided by the CWSNF. She concluded her tour by unveiling a plaque in honour of her visit, next to a memorial in memory of Steven Lucas. The students really appreciated how much time she spent chatting to them. Elisa Lai in Year 9 said, "I was very nervous before I had to sing but it was lovely to talk to her Royal Highness afterwards". Everyone really enjoyed the event. HRH moved around talking to everyone and spent a lot longer here than planned.

2. **Welcome**

Emmie Smith has settled really well into Y9 and the year group have been very supportive.

3. **Sunshine**

At last we have some warmer weather. Please ensure that your child uses suncream and has a hat with them. This is especially important if they are going out on a trip or have a PE afternoon as there is often little shade around.

4. **School Grounds**

We have worked hard on improving parts of the outdoor environment and our grounds are looking stunning this year. I am sure that you will notice when you are next in school. Students have been helping care for the plants and many get involved in watering at break times. Those involved in horticultural sessions are very proud of the produce that they are growing.

5. **BBQ and Bingo on Friday 20th May**

Please support our fundraising by coming along to the next Friends of The Park event.

- 6pm BBQ: Sausage in bun £2.50, Burgers £3.00
- 7pm Bingo: 50p-£3 for 8 games
- Please send back reply slip for numbers

6. **Matt Jones**

Matt, who has been one of our music specialists for many years, has gone to America for a while. He will come back for periods of time in the future so we haven't said a proper "goodbye" to him. He has been signed by a recording company under the name of River Matthews and his CD will be available soon.

Karen Eastwood
(Co-Headteacher)

Paul Walsh
(Co-Headteacher)



Dates for the Diary

Summer Term 2016

Tuesday 10 th May –	
Thursday 12 th May	Y7 Review Meetings
Tuesday 17 th , Wednesday 18 th and Friday 20 th May	GCSE Art Exam
Friday 20 th May	Friends Family BBQ & Bingo
Thursday 26 th May	GCSE Maths
Friday 27 th May	INSET for staff training – School Closed
Monday 30 th May –	
Friday 3 rd June	HALF TERM
Wednesday 8 th June	Y7 Kids Day Out
Thursday 9 th June	GCSE Maths
Thursday 16 th June	Y11 Prom at Bramley Golf Club
Monday 20 th June –	
Friday 24 th June	Y11 Residential to Pagham
Wednesday 22 nd June	Apollo 5 Singing Workshop
Thursday 30 th June	Y11 Record of Achievement and last day
Monday 4 th July –	
Friday 8 th July	Sailing Trip
Thursday 14 th July	Sports Day and Parent's Picnic
Wednesday 20 th July	Summer Fete in the afternoon
Friday 22 nd July	Prize giving 11am Break up at 12 noon (no lunch)

Autumn Term 2016

Monday 5 th September	INSET for staff training – School Closed
Tuesday 6 th September	INSET for staff training – School Closed
Wednesday 7 th September	Students return to school at 9am
Monday 24 th October –	
Friday 28 th October	HALF TERM
Tuesday 20 th December	Prize giving 11am Break up at 12 noon (no lunch)
Wednesday 21 st December	INSET for staff training – School Closed

Spring Term 2017

Tuesday 3 rd January	INSET for staff training – School Closed
Wednesday 4 th January	Students return to school at 9am
Monday 13 th February –	
Friday 17 th February	HALF TERM
Friday 31 st March	Prize giving 11am Break up at 12 noon (no lunch)

Summer Term 2017

Tuesday 18 th April	Students return to school at 9am
Monday 1 st May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Friday 26 th May	INSET for staff training – School Closed
Monday 29 th May –	
Friday 2 nd June	HALF TERM
Friday 21 st July	Prize giving 11am Break up at 12 noon (no lunch)