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God our Father, with the gifts you have given to us we have responsibilities and duties. Lead us to do our best and act responsibly. Give us courage when we face difficulties. Inspire us to make our choices wisely, always remembering that there are consequences to what we choose to do. Amen.

Friday 11th May 2018

Message from Mr G. Hetherton, Senior Vice Principal

Dear Parent/Carer

I am sure the recent burst of warm weather has served as a real tonic to all of us following an overly long, cold and wet winter. This, combined with the Bank Holiday weekend, has acted as a very welcome mini-break in what is an extremely busy and hectic half term!

The positive working relationships that exist between our teaching staff and pupils continues both in and out of the classroom. Last weekend over fifty students successfully completed their Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh expeditions in what can only be described as 'challenging' weather.

Great credit must go to them and to their teachers, lead by Miss Ellis, for dealing so admirably with such difficult conditions!

Over the Bank Holiday weekend a group of girls in Years 7 to 10 competed in the Liddington Hall PGL Netball championship and were a credit to themselves, their families and to our school. No doubt they were inspired by the recent wonderful achievements of



the England netball team in the Commonwealth games. This week some of our Year 11 pupils will visit the RSC in Stratford-upon-Avon to watch a performance of Romeo and Juliet. Such experiences are an integral part of school life and will live long in the memories of our young people involved. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff who selflessly give up their time to ensure the extra-curricular life of the school remains as vibrant as ever!

On Wednesday we celebrated the feast of the Ascension of our Lord with a school mass in St Dunstan's

church and during the half term break a number of our pupils will work as volunteers on the Lourdes Pilgrimage – a living example of service to others.

As we move towards the summer examination season, let us keep the pupils of Year 11 and Year 13 in our thoughts and prayers as they sit their GCSE and A level examinations. May they be given the strength and resolve to do the best that they can and to achieve the results that their endeavours deserve.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Year 11 Exam
Intervention
Timetable is available
on the website.**

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Teaching School Update

We are still able to take applications for our paid STEM Internship - open to penultimate year University students in Maths, Physics and Engineering.

<http://www.bctsa.org/Paid-Internship-Programme>

See link above for information and to apply. For those interested in becoming a teacher (Secondary and Primary) you are invited to one of our info sessions or to spend a day in school with us!

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SPORTS UPDATES



We had an excellent weekend at PGL Liddington, the pupils were absolutely fantastic and the weather was glorious! The footballers developed their skills and the netballers competed in lots of different games. A big well done to the year 7 netball team who came third and received bronze medals from England Netball's Goal Defence, Eboni. And well done to the girls overcoming their fears on a range of other activities such as giant swing, trapeze, and abseiling.



The year 7 Football team had a fantastic season this year. They finish the year, losing to Shenley Academy in the semi-finals on penalties after a 1-1 draw. The team should be proud of how they performed this year and look forward to going all the way in year 8.

The year 8 Football team continue to dominate this season under the coaching of Mr. Wilson. They are now into the final after beating Bartley Green in the Semi-Final 6-2. The final will be played on Wednesday 16th May against either Wheelers Lane or Turves Green Boys.

The year 9 Football team proceed to the finals after beating Priory School 2-1. An excellent all-round performance from the team. The final is set for 3.45pm Tuesday 15th May and the venue is the transport ground for anyone wishing to come and watch.

The next intra-mural competition is on Tuesday 15th May and it's singles / doubles Badminton.

This competition is for Key Stage 3 and it would be fantastic to see pupils involved and taking on this opportunity.

Trampolining will take place the following week (Monday 21st May). Please come to the PE office if you are interested in taking part.



On Wednesday, to celebrate and reward pupils who have been fantastic in Physical Education, we took 14 pupils to Pitch and Putt at Cannon Hill. This was part of the reward system we run in the department where pupils who have been awarded 'Man of the Moment' and 'Lady of the Lesson' have opportunity to win a trip. Well done to all those involved.



Creative Writing

Year 8 English students took part in a creative writing competition on the subject of heroes this term. The challenge? To write a 500 word short story about a heroic character. The prize? A signed copy of the book 'Beyond the Limits' by Ranulph Fiennes, the world's greatest living explorer – and hero! Some phenomenal entries were received but the winner was Meghan H., with a gut-wrenching and powerfully written story about a mother enduring slavery.

Meghan's story began: In 1619, on the outskirts of America, the sun melted the cool air. Her skin was burning with effort as she protected her innocent children from the salesmen; they were being ripped out of her weak arms that were like sticks. 'No, please have mercy. Take me instead!' she screamed, her throat stinging with rawness from the heat. Her children were being taken away. Away from her loving arms. Before she could prevent them, thick tears cascaded down her scratched cheeks; they were raindrops.



Some highly commended entries:

James S for a sci-fi adventure: I woke from my weary slumber. Bewildered by the flabbergasting sight, I realised I wasn't on Earth. I looked up and all my eyes could see was a glorious, glamorous sky; it was like I was looking at the heavens. The azure sun was scorching on my face...

Molly J for a fantastic twist ending: She ripped off his mask to reveal he had no face. His whole body began decomposing on the spot, and merged in with the air of the atmosphere. She smiled to herself for the first time in years; she had managed to beat her disease that had slowly been killing her off since she was a young girl.

Meliyah B for some brilliant descriptive language: A weird-looking creature lurked behind the light trying to stay out of sight but did not succeed. The girls became paralyzed as the creature trekked towards them in awful slow motion. What seemed to be a beast touched one of the girls, and as soon as it made contact she left out a deafening scream as if she was dying...

Harlie H for her fabulous imagery: Over 100 year ago there was a malevolent man named Fredric who committed a gruesome murder. For that he was frozen asleep in prison and only aged a year. Today he was let out and trusted on day release. He was as happy as a child drowned in sweets. When he stepped out of the prison, he felt the bright sun stare at his face....

Love NW for her menacing horror-themed opening: Sara stumbled to the bathroom, turning on all of the lights to shake off the aura of the dream that still clung to her. Steam from the shower filled the bathroom and Sara breathed it in deeply. She could still smell the dankness of her dream. She dropped her head and closed her eyes. They snapped back open as a hissing vortex suddenly sucked all of the steam into the drain at her feet. In the same instant, a fish-dead hand slid across her shoulder....