

# Parents Forum 3

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Januray 2018

## Main Aims

To Support and promote children's learning.

To help the school find out about our parents and carers thoughts.

## Agenda:

- (1) Academy update (attendance, results, trips ...)
- (2) Bromcom – Parent portal (My Child at School)
- (3) Action Day
- (4) Dates for Diary
- (5) PBL Week

## Leigh Aspire Programme

Feedback from Lyn (Guardian Writer) about our students mentioned she was...

*"...very impressed with the students, not just by their high levels of ability but also by their politeness, willingness to defend their corner and take criticism. They were a lovely bunch: engaged, thoughtful and full of personality."*

## Academy Update

### Year 7 Applications

Over 930 applications for 240 places – hugely oversubscribed.

### New Build

Planning application has been submitted. [Linked to planning application for Wilmington Girls.](#)  
Awaiting decision in Spring.

## Academy Update

### Volunteer Sri Lanka 2018

To continue our overseas Volunteering programs and building from the success of Volunteer Kenya 2014, we see our second group of students travel to Sri Lanka on Monday 29th January. 15 students (8 year 10, 7 post 16) will travel to the 'pearl of the Indian ocean' to work with Tsunami devastated communities and help make a difference.

The project seeks to develop cultural awareness, an understanding of the way people live and provide the opportunity to give back.

Our students will undertake four different projects whilst in Sri Lanka:

#### Sea Turtle conservation



#### Elephant Experiences



#### English Teaching



#### Temple Renovations



## Academy Update – Leigh Aspire Programme

Over the past few months Harry Edmundson, Jess Crafter, Beth Carter-Hart, Holly Clarke, James Robertson, and Jess Birch have been taking part in 'Play the Critic' as part of the Leigh Aspire programme.

For 'Play the Critic', students were amongst 17 students from across the Trust who attended a day's workshop with Lyn Gardner, a leading theatre critic for the Guardian newspaper. They then had the opportunity to watch and submit a review of a play in the West End to Lyn Gardner.

**The winning review was written by our very own Harry Edmundson!** Harry has now won the opportunity to attend a press showing, with Lyn Gardner of a new West End play/show in the New Year.

It is a double celebration for Harry, who has also been successfully chosen to take part in the Cambridge University Students' Union Shadowing Scheme. Harry was one of 300 students nationally who have been selected out of an unprecedented 3000 applicants.

## Bromcom: My Child at School

**Feb Half Term  
2018**



**MyChildAtSchool** is our online portal for parents that enables them to view their child's performance at school in real-time via a web browser. **Behaviour, attendance, notices, dinner money** and all **communication** with the school – including booking parent's evening slots.

## Action Day – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Year 11 and Post 16 follow normal timetable.

Details of the session will be made available before the day by Mr Devlin.

## Dates for Diary

### Parents Evenings:

Post 16 Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January (5-8pm)

Year 11 Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January (4:00-7:30pm)

Year 8 Options Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March

Year 10 Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April

Year 9 Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May

INSET day Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

School Production 23-25<sup>th</sup> March

Yr11 BTEC deadline 29<sup>th</sup> March

## PBL Week :

	Jupiter	Apollo	Minerva
<b>Monday 16th</b>	Knockout (Break 2, Lunch 1)	Sports Day	Trip
<b>Tuesday 17th</b>	Sports Day	Tutor Challenge (Break 2,/Lunch 1)	Knockout (Break1, Lunch 2)
<b>Wednesday 18th</b>	Trip	Knockout (until 3pm) (Break 1,Lunch 2)	Tutor Challenge (Break 2,Lunch 1)
<b>Thursday 19th</b>	Tutor Challenge (Break 2,Lunch 1)	Trip	Sports Day

**Trip 1:**  
Thorpe Park  
(Year8-10)

**Trip 2:**  
Bowling and Jump  
Giants

**Trip 3:**  
Howletts Zoo

## AOB:

Any general questions or feedback?