

## From the Principal...

We are very proud of students' achievements in the sports and arts this week, some of which are captured below. There have been some exceptional drama performances in the GCSE practical exams in addition to the fantastic individual and group successes.

Next week marks the start of the formal exam season. In this morning's final Year 11 assembly the protocol for external exams was shared. It is important that the rest of the College community are aware of expectations during this time to support our oldest students. Areas around the Year 11 garden and nearby mobiles must remain quiet so as not to disturb students taking exams in the area. There will be partitions in place and signs reminding students of the need to be silent and respectful of those taking examinations.

Thanks to all parents/carers that completed our annual survey. Unfortunately we only had 118 responses. We will be analysing and digesting the results over the coming weeks and will be sharing a summary of the outcomes with you in due course. What is clear, from starting to read through the comments is that parents/carers have appreciated clarification about staff roles and responsibilities, particularly in relation to pastoral support and safeguarding matters, but that not all seemed to have been aware of the guidance sheets that have been circulated. Please find attached an overview of Support Hub personnel and this [link](#) to our key contacts at the College in case you have missed this information.

Please can I also use this opportunity to remind parents/carers of Home-College communication expectations. Colleagues will aim to respond to correspondence within 48 hours during the working day (8am-6pm). More complex matters are often better addressed through a phone call or meeting.

*Helena Marsh*



## District Finals

Both the Year 10 and 11 boys' football teams reached the District Finals held at Cambridge United on Tuesday. The Year 10s battled well against St Bede's, taking the lead twice but were pinned back both times before conceding a third goal which rocked them.



Before they had time to settle their nerves unfortunately they conceded a fourth. All the boys played well, showing a good level of maturity throughout. The Year 11s allowed Bottisham Village College to take the lead early on with a lapse in concentration. This was the wake-up call that was needed which resulted in Ben scoring a superb individual equaliser. At the beginning of the second half Bottisham came out on top but the boys defended resiliently and caught them on the counter to go 3-1 ahead which resulted in Bottisham being left deflated and allowed LVC to score a fourth. All the boys played their part in defending brilliantly and held out for a 4-3 win. A fantastic way for them to end their school footballing career together. *Mr S Kerley*

## Music success

Congratulations to Anna Thirkettle, Year 11, who has gained a place at the Guildhall School of Music, London to study music in the Junior Department.

*Mrs Jukes*



## Leavers' 2019

To all Year 11 parents: preparations for the Leavers' Ball and Yearbook are now underway. Letters explaining how you can purchase the Yearbook and tickets for the Ball are attached. *Mrs Drennan*

## Drama exam

Last year forty one Drama students took part in the 'Presenting and Performing Texts' component of the GCSE Drama exam. This year our numbers have almost doubled with the exam having to span over two days! There were close to eighty monologues, duologues and group scenes ranging from Miller to Kafka. Students were completely professional throughout and truly supported each other during these high pressure exams to deliver outstanding performances. I am exceptionally proud of them all. Best of luck with the written exam on 17th May. *Miss Kähr*



## Dates for your Diary

<b>13 May</b>	GCSE Exams
<b>21 May</b>	Year 10 Woman in Black Trip
<b>23 May</b>	Year 11 Leavers' Day
<b>27-31 May</b>	Half Term
<b>3-7 June</b>	Enrichment and Work Experience Week
<b>12 June</b>	Year 9 Vaccinations
<b>18 June</b>	PSHE Day
<b>19 June</b>	Year 10 Geography Trip

## sQuid online payments

### Payment

12.05.19	Years 7 & 8 Enrichment
15.05.19	Year 10 Black Jumpers
24.05.19	Year 11 Leavers' Yearbook
24.05.19	Year 11 Leavers' Ball
02.12.19	Final Payment for Ski 2020



**The deadline for all Year 9 Enrichment forms is Thursday 16th May.**



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