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Dear Parent and Student

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Welcome to the first of our Tuesday Letters for this year and welcome to our new students joining us in Y7 and Y12.

Congratulations go to:

- Sophie Cooksey 9C and Skye Holmes 9T who have been selected to represent Lincolnshire at the National County Swimming Championships at Ponds Forge, Sheffield in October.
- Joshua Mowbray 13C who ran the Great North Run half-marathon in an impressive 1 hour 39 minutes.
- Skye Pickford 13S who has recently written a blog post for <u>Alopecia UK</u> on their Youth Voice Board a reminder that September is Alopecia Awareness Month.

Form representatives for this year were presented with their badges last term. Student leadership is very strong at Queen Elizabeth's and form representatives play an important role. They represent their form on the Student Council, which is chaired by **Joshua Mowbray** (Head Boy) and **Megan Lake** (Head Girl), supported by **William Laverack** and **Thomas Barker** (Deputy Head Boys) and **Dacel Darnbrough** (Head of Houses). Working with their tutor and student prefects they act as role models, organising fund-raising activities such as fêtes and charity week. Assisted by the following newly elected form representatives:

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Y12	Mihai David Ortan	Freddie Chapman	Elijah Coulthard
	Deputy – Lucy Blows	Deputy – Evie Green	Deputy – Joshua Hurst

Our Year 13 jazz band **The Augmented Fifth** are taking their next big step, a live performance charity concert at the Mason's Arms Hotel in Louth on Monday 25 September. As well as a guest performance from Skye Pickford, the band will play a wide array of styles, playing songs from jazz musicians such as Miles Davis, John Coltrane and Herbie Hancock as well as other artists. All proceeds in support of <u>Alopecia UK</u>. Tickets cost £4 in advance or £5 on the door and can be purchased in the reception of the hotel or via bank transfer the poster attached offers more information.

We offer a fond **farewell** to Mr Grayson, who has taken early retirement from the role of Subject Leader for PE, giving 23 years of service. We extend a **warm welcome** to Mrs Black our new Science Teacher who specialises in Biology, Mrs Johnson our newly appointed Clerk to the Governors, Miss Southall our new Subject Leader for PE, Mrs Sumner-Wilson, who has joined our SEN department, as a Teaching Assistant. Congratulations go to Mrs Allen and Mrs Daniels who have been jointly appointed as Lead Teachers for Mathematics. We wish them all well in their new roles.

School photographs were taken in school today, your child has been given a slip with details of how to purchase photographs.



Josh accepting his medal at the Great North Run. Free School Meals are available if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits: Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income-related Employment and Support Allowance, support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, the guarantee element of state Pension Credit or Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190 or Working Tax Credit. Please apply at Free School Meals

Financial help is provided for students in Y12 and Y13 is also available through the 16-19 Bursary Scheme who are experiencing financial difficulty. Bursaries of up to £1,200 per year can be awarded, payable in three instalments of £400 at the end of October, January and April. This money can be spent on transport, school meals, books, school trips, school uniform and equipment. Further details are set out in the attached letter to sixth form students. Applications must be returned to me by Friday 22 September.

Congratulations to students moving on to **university**, there are various funding streams available, namely the Sir W L Travers Educations Charity, Dorothy King Charitable Trust and the Ralph Parrish Foundation, details are attached for your perusal.

The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) have confirmed that all children in years 7 – 11 inclusive will receive the Flu vaccination in 2023-24. The LCHS School Age Immunisation Service (SAIS) will deliver this on 2 October. Please give your consent as soon as possible, by clicking on the link in the attached letter if you have not already done so.

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Mr G Thompson Headteacher

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Check out the funding streams above!