

19 December 2023

Dear Parent and Student

Congratulations go to:

- The following Lower School pupils who have achieved their **Bronze Merit Award:**

|                         |                      |                      |
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| Summer McGarrigle 7C    | Leo Millership 7C    | Lottie Restall 7C    |
| Alfie Taylor-Chapman 7C | Felicity Annable 7S  | Florence Jacques 7S  |
| Sofia Masterman 7S      | Mason Nurse 7S       | Wallice O'Gelsby 7S  |
| Maisey Webster 7S       | Beatrice Bennison 7T | India Follett 7T     |
| Jessica Whitehouse 7T   | India Elsom 8C       | Seerat Gaddu 8C      |
| Polly Pryor 8S          | Sabina Hextall 8T    | Elizabeth Murtagh 8T |
| Rocky Taylor 8T         |                      |                      |

- The following Middle and Upper School pupils who have achieved **25 Merits:**

|                   |                    |                        |
|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Peter Ellerby 9C  | Leon Robbens 9C    | Leila Gad 9S           |
| Niral Gandecha 9S | Jack White 9S      | Vaishana Mohanathas 9T |
| Amelie Pearce 10C | Summer Ashby 10S   | Frederick Dale 10T     |
| Heber Murtagh 10T | Emelia Pears 11T   | Ruby Tildesley 12S     |
| Megan Jackson 12T | Deborah Brooks 13C |                        |

- The following Lower School pupils who have achieved their **Silver Merit Award:**

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| Farah Cammack 7C   | Francesca Clarkson 7C | Sophie Foster 7C           |
| Matilda Simpson 7C | Millie Simpson 7C     | Hannah Aicken 7S           |
| Eliza Evison 7S    | Olly Heath 7S         | Edward Laverack 7S         |
| Lani Willows 7S    | Ellie Burrell 7T      | Madeleine Campbell-Owen 7T |
| Penny-Rae Hunt 7T  | Beth Shaw 8C          | Ella-Mai Twomey 8T         |

- The following Middle School pupils who have achieved **40 Merits:**

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| Sophie Cooksey 9C    | Jude Evans 9S  | Laura Rudd 9S  |
| Hanan Abdulraheem 9T | Danya Jafri 9T | Ashley Pegg 9T |
| Grace Ramsden 9T     |                |                |

- The following Lower School pupils who have achieved their **Gold Merit Award:**

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| Hannah Perrin 7C | Navaruban Sanganithy 8S |
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- following Middle School pupil who has achieved **60 Merits:**

Millie Brooks 9C



Well done Dylan and Ellie on your outstanding



- The following pupils who have attained **Departmental Subject Colours**:

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|----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Biology</b>             | Callum Smith 11C        |                       |
| <b>Business Studies</b>    | Callum Smith 11C        | Mortimer Woodhall 11C |
|                            | Lucy-May Wilkinson 11T  |                       |
| <b>Combined Science</b>    | Grace Ashby 11S         |                       |
| <b>French</b>              | Amelia Dixon 10C        | Callum Smith 11C      |
| <b>Further Mathematics</b> | Evelyn Green 12S        |                       |
| <b>Mathematics</b>         | Charles Brooks 11C      | Lily Helsdown 11S     |
|                            | Millika Thompson 11T    | Emmanuel Ojo 13C      |
| <b>German</b>              | Elsa Onaji 8S           | Yaseen Atta 8T        |
|                            | Ellena Maggs 9C         | Natalia Willson 9T    |
|                            | Veronika Berezutska 11T |                       |
| <b>Physics</b>             | Callum Smith 11C        |                       |
| <b>Spanish</b>             | Amelia Van Zyl 8C       | Archie Tacey 9S       |
|                            | Cameron Duff 10S        | Scarlett Markou 11S   |

- Years 7 and 8 mathematicians took part in the **Liontrust Mental Maths** competition, competing against other schools in the Country. Competition was fierce, and we oscillated up and down the results table through a two week competition. We are proud to share that we finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with our Lower School mathematicians answering a whopping 170241 mental maths questions correctly to achieve this!
- Following on from the **UKMT Senior Maths Challenge** in October, this term saw our qualifying years 12 and 13 students compete in the **Andrew Jobbings Senior Kangaroo**. It was a 60-minute long, 20 multiple-choice problem-solving challenge. The Upper School students gave it their all, and we are proud of their efforts and achievements in this and the UKMT SMC. Special mention for this challenge goes to Dylan Twigg in year 13 who achieved a merit certificate, recognised as the best in the school.
- To our in-house **Mental Maths** competition, with results as follows:  
 Winning Year Group: Year 7  
 Top Performing Lower School student: Ellie Burrell 7T  
 Top Performing Year 7 Form: 7T  
 Top Performing Year 8 Form: 8S  
 Form Group Winners: 7C Joel Lock, 7S Lani Willows, 7T Ellie Burrell, 8C Frederic Evans, 8S Rowan Smith and 8T Omar Awward

Thank you to all of you who supported our students in the **Christmas Concert** last week; it was a truly enjoyable evening, showcasing the depth of talent in our Music Department.

#### 2024 dates for your diary:

- Year 10 Parents' Evening** is on **Thursday 11 January** from 4.30 pm to 7.30 pm, appointment sheets were distributed last week for students to populate, and we look forward to welcoming parents and students to the school in the new year.

#### Liontrust Mental Maths competition 2023 results

| Position | School Name                       | Score * |
|----------|-----------------------------------|---------|
| 1        | St Benet Biscop Catholic Academy  | 180473  |
| 2        | Queen Elizabeth's Grammar, Alford | 170241  |
| 3        | Strangford Integrated College     | 81689   |

\* Questions answered correctly by school's pupils.

- **Year 9** students are due to have their Dual vaccination **Teenage Booster** (Diphtheria, Polio & Tetanus) and **Meningitis ACW+Y**. The vaccinations will take place on **Monday 29 January 2024**, please give your consent.

We would like to invite Y11 students to our **Saturday School**, we attach a letter for your information with dates and times. Please do encourage your child to participate in preparation for their GCSE's.

We say a fond farewell to Miss Reid, a devoted member of the school since joining us in 2001, offering us 22 years of exemplary service. Not only has she taught Mathematics, Further Mathematics and led the Maths Department, she has been a supporter to students in many other activities including Ukulele Club, Triathlon Club, Duke of Edinburgh and Uno. Please join me in wishing her well, as she starts a new chapter in her life.

Our **final day** of the Autumn Term is tomorrow, **Wednesday 20 December**, where students can choose to wear Christmas Jumpers instead of blazers. We return to school on **Wednesday 3 January 2024**, for the start of the Spring Term.

Finally, I wish you all a restful, safe and enjoyable Christmas break with your families.

*Cor unum, via una*



Mr G Thompson  
Headteacher



**CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2024**

