

15 March 2022

Dear Parent and Student

Congratulations go to:

- The following Lower School pupil who has achieved their **Bronze Merit Award**:
Thomas Ashlyn 7T
- The following Middle School pupils who have achieved **25 Merits**:
Isabelle Cook 9C
Charles Hendry 10C
Jack Burrage 11S
Amy Hutchinson 9T
Jack Davies 10T
Archer Smith 11S
Elise Lowes 9T
Aimee Howsam 11C
Isobel Reetham 11T
- The following Lower School pupils who have achieved their **Silver Merit Awards**:
Ariana Lister 7C
Peshika Gungah 8C
Leon Salway-Terry 8T
- The following Middle and Upper School pupils who have achieved **40 Merits**:
Alexander Gooseman 9S
Kavya Gandecha 10S
Jack Brown 11S
Emie Mettam 13T
Alicia Martini 9T
Lucy Housman 10T
Rebecca Bonser 12C
Cameron Burr 10S
Charlie Doyle 11C
Katie Foster 12C
- The following Lower School pupils who have achieved their **Gold Merit Awards**:
Peter Ellerby 7C
Isaac Crowther 7S
Matthew Evans 7C
Amelie Pearce 8C
Rihanne Mawer 7C
- The following Middle School pupils who have achieved **60 Merits**:
Oliver Mowbray 9C
Freya Armstrong 10C
Thomas Barker 11T
Callum Smith 9C
Jacob Mycroft 10C
Alfie Bee 9S
Amelia Marsh 11C
- The following Lower School pupil who has achieved their **Platinum Merit Award**:
Katy Bates 7C

The following pupil who have attained their **Departmental Colour Award**:

Art

Grace Sheldon 11S



Well done Caleb on your achievement!



The following pupils who have attained their **Subject Leader's Commendation:**

Art	Mason Blades 8S	Rosie Shaw 8C
Business Studies	Audwin Roy 9T	Conor Buckley 10C
	Joshua Hurst 10T	Douglas Boston 10S
	Freddie Chapman 10S	Lucy Housman 10T
	Ellie Wood 10T	
Combined Science	Kavya Gandecha 10S	
English	Luke Perrin 7T	Noah Simpson 8C
	Mason Blades 8S	
French	Antonia Bascoveanu 8C	Amelie Pearce 8C
	Madeline Whall 8C	Olivia Wood 8C
	Sebastian Evans 10C	Charlotte Toogood 10C
Geography	Lily Cooper 9S	Madeleine Howarth 9S
	Holly Powell 9T	
German	Sophie Cooksey 7C	Nawal Al-Qafaji 7T
	Kaycie-may Coxon 10C	Isabel Abbott 10T
History	Oscar Watson 8T	
Mathematics	Heber Murtagh 8T	Morgan Dix 9T
	Freya Armstrong 10C	Charlie Doyle 11C
	Rebecca Bonser 12C	Nate Freeman 12C
	William Gray 12S	Eliza Taylor 12T
Physical Education	Harry Armstrong 7C	Jack White 7S
	Abigail Scott 8C	Bryony Boston 8S
	Summer Pickford 8S	Emelia Reetham 8T
	Rossi Atkinson 9C	

- Caleb Rhodes achieved Grade 4 Piano with Distinction.

Well done and congratulations to the Y7 & 8 Girls' football team who won last week's 7 a-side football tournaments, involving ten teams and nine schools.

External **examination timetables** for Year 11 and 13 will be distributed by the end of this week.

We are supporting a **Careers Event at JSTC**, being held in their sports hall on **Wednesday 16 March 2022**. This event is open to the public from 4.00 pm – 7.00 pm. Please see attached poster for information.

Alford Corn Exchange Community Group are hosting a walk-in Covid vaccination centre for 12 to 15 year olds, for 1st, 2nd and booster doses, on **Thursday 17 March 10.00 am to 5.00 pm**.



Madeline Whall 8C, Rosie Shaw 8C,
Marley Biney 7S (*player of the tournament*),
Leila Gad 7S, Isla Stuart 7S and
Evelyn Dawson 7S.

Amelie Anderson 8C, Ebony Ball 8C,
Kirsten Richardson 7C and Katy Bates 7C.

Everyone played with passion, but most
importantly fun.

Well done everyone!



Grayscroft Coaches have advised us of road closures due to roadworks on the A1104 that extend from Alford to Matbly le Marsh, we attached a notification from Grayscroft which details how services will be affected.

We would like to welcome **Mrs Hirons** as our newly appointed **Pastoral Lead** and look forward to working with her.

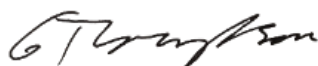
Thank you to all those who contributed to **Alford Hub's Ukraine Appeal** last week, I am sure all items will be greatly appreciated at this time. Josh Mowbray 11C and family are fundraising too:

[Josh Mowbray is fundraising for Disasters Emergency Committee \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/Alford-Hub-Ukraine-Appeal)

Today we celebrated **Founders' Day** in our 456th year as a school. Francis **Spanning**, who appointed 6 local inhabitants to be governors and gave them £50 to invest in the setting up of a school in 1566; William **Cecil**, Lord Burghley, one of the school's first patrons who petitioned Queen Elizabeth I to grant a Charter to the Free Grammar School in Alford for 'the education, instruction and bringing up of children and youth forever to continue' and Sir W Lancelot **Travers**, an old boy of the School set up the Travers Trust to provide scholarships to local pupils who go on to University education.

And finally, **Y12 and Y13 Parents' Evening** is this evening. We have seen a sharp increase in the number of pupils absent due to Covid over the weekend, especially amongst the Sixth Form. To minimise the risk of staff infection and the subsequent disruption to childrens' learning across all year groups, we respectfully request that parents of families with positive cases refrain from attending this evening. Face coverings (unless exempt) and social distancing will be required for everyone attending the event.

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Mr G Thompson
Headteacher

*Celebrating **Founders' Day** in our 456th year as a school at **St Wilfred's Church, Alford***

Asha Mettam 13C, Leo Smith 13S and Molly Shipman 11C to name but a few ...

