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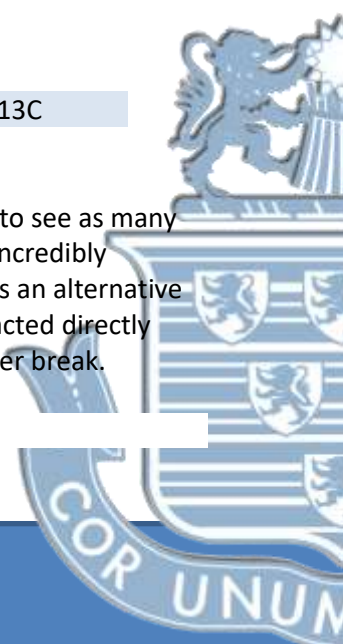
Dear Parent and Student

Congratulations go to:

- The following Lower School pupil who has achieved their **Bronze Merit Award**:  
Connor Finley 8C
- The following Middle and Upper School pupils who have achieved **25 Merits**:  
Daniel Wilkinson 9T                      Liam Saunders 10T                      Charlie Dixon 13C  
Thomas Lemmon 13S
- The following Lower School pupil who has achieved their **Silver Merit Award**:  
Oscar Roberts-Doré 8T
- The following Middle School pupils who have achieved **40 Merits**:  
Isaac Crowther 9S                      Lucy-May Wilkinson 11T
- The following Lower School pupil who has achieved their **Gold Merit Award**:  
Millie Simpson 7C
- The following Middle and Upper School pupils who have achieved **60 Merits**:  
Ellena Maggs 9C                      Erica Jones 9S                      Isabella Victory 9S  
Danya Jafri 9T                      Truman Woodhall 11C                      Douglas Chapman 12S
- The following pupil who have attained **Departmental Subject Colours**:  
**Design Technology**                      Millie Brooks 9C
- The following pupils who have attained **Subject Leader's Commendations**:  
**Business Studies**                      Abigail Scott 10C  
**DT: Product Design**                      Nathan Biss 12T                      Libby Stubbs 13C  
**Spanish**                      Amelia van Zyl 8C

Thank you to all those students who have attended the **Y11 Saturday School** to date, I hope to see as many students as possible attend as we near their final GCSEs. I know students have found them incredibly beneficial, and an enjoyable learning experience. These sessions have been offered to Y11 as an alternative to Easter revision sessions; a small number of Y11 and Y13 targeted groups, have been contacted directly this week regarding additional revision opportunities that we will be offering during the Easter break.

Year 11



Our **Founders' Day** service is next **Tuesday, 12 March**, in St Wilfrid's Church, Alford at 11.30 am. Pupils will walk to the church under supervision. I regret that, due to a lack of space, it is not possible to invite parents to this event.

**Y12 and Y13 Parents' Evening** will take place on **Thursday 14 March**; I would advise all parents to attend if possible. An appointment sheet is attached (students have been given hard copies today).

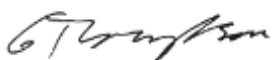
Following the success of their first rounds of the **Spoken Word Power** poetry competition, Marley Biney 9S and Laura Rudd 9S will be representing the school at the **Live Final** on **21 March** at the Louth Riverhead Theatre, Louth. A poster is attached for your information.

The **Elizabethan Singers** are celebrating their 10th Anniversary with a concert in the school hall on **Saturday 23 March at 7.30 pm**. Free admission with retiring collection, please [book your ticket](#) to secure a place.

The **Year 8 HPV vaccinations** are now due, being administered on **Monday 13 May**. Please find attached a letter to enable you to give your consent, which is required to enable your child to be vaccinated.

**Charity week** has got off to a good start this week led by our sixth formers, raising funds for [Macmillan Cancer Support](#).

*Cor unum, via una*



Mr G Thompson  
Headteacher



#### The Ring of the Telephone by Marley Biney 9S

*My voice is a thousand calls,  
The ring of the telephone.  
The warmth of a family once whole,  
now scattered across the globe.*

*My voice is ever so like my Nanna's,  
Except hers is strong and hot like fresh pastizzi.  
She believes she is only crust,  
But as she is dropped again and again and  
the calls go from a hundred to ten then one or two.  
Her heart starts to trickle down the pastry.*

*I too thought I was only crust,  
But I realise now no human could ever be.*

*And I have started to wonder,  
maybe it's time to pick up the phone and make a call of my own?*

*My voice is full of anger, love, hope and laughter.  
My voice is no longer a thousand calls,  
or the ring of the telephone.  
My voice is one call at last.*

*My own.*

#### The Voice of a Cauldron by Laura Rudd 9S

*My voice is a cauldron,  
a cauldron of bubbling explosions of joy  
I am the voice on the loudspeakers,  
echoing through my hollow cauldron of a confident fizz.  
I am the voice of the fire, roaring through the kindling of life*

*My voice is a cauldron,  
a cauldron of the shrill sound of the starting whistle  
I am the voice of the captain  
leading a team on the pristine concrete glaze*

*My voice is a cauldron,  
a cauldron of aspiration  
I am the voice of my idols,  
well, I'm trying to be*

*My voice is a cauldron  
a cauldron of the pistol pop  
My voice is the sprinter,  
just like my legs on the track*

*But ...  
My voice isn't always a cauldron  
sometimes a Tupperware pot,  
enclosing all the words inside*

*I think of these ingredients that shaped the bones of me  
They look back, and I ask them,  
what do you think of what you see?*