

10 September 2024

Dear Parent and Student

Welcome to the first of our Tuesday Letters for this year, and we extend a warm welcome to new students joining us in years 7, 8, 9, 11 and 12.

Congratulations go to:

- Sarah-Jayne Carpenter 10S and James Carpenter 9S who have achieved their Level 1 Bronze Arts Award with Trinity College London.

Attendance: Please note changes to the Attendance Policy which notably affects unauthorised absence which can include holidays. From September 2024 there is an expectation that holidays and other unauthorised absences which amount to 10 half days within a 10-week period, will be subject to a penalty notice (a fine). A maximum of two penalty notices to County can be made for fines, and thereafter, there may be a case for court prosecution. Decisions will of course be made on a case-by-case basis and relevant support will be given to those individual pupils that need it. Please see attached information sheet from Lincolnshire County Council.

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

We have been advised by **Grayscroft Coaches** that there are temporary changes to the GR20 service from 10 September until March 2025, please refer to the attached leaflet for information.

The annual **Flu Vaccination** for students in years 7 to 11 is due to be administered on **Monday 30 September**. Please read the attached letter from the School Aged Immunisations Team and give your consent by clicking on the link therein.

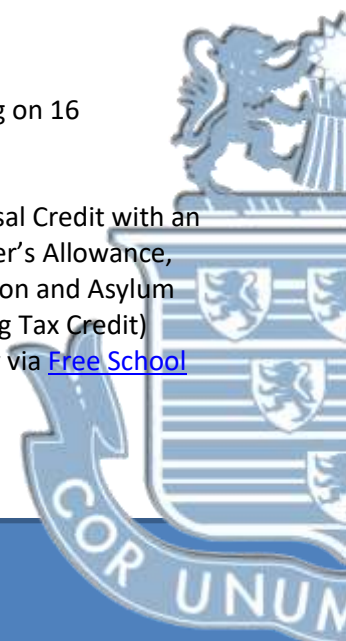
ParentPay and **Parental Intranet** login letters will be issued to new students this week.

RAF Skegness Air Cadets are actively recruiting new cadets and are holding an Open Evening on 16 September for students Year 8 upwards, invitation attached.

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 run-on. Please apply via [Free School Meals](#).



Well done
Sarah-Jayne
and James on
your
achievement!



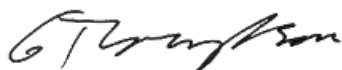
Financial help is provided for students in Y12 and Y13 is also available through the **16-19 Bursary Scheme** for students who are experiencing financial difficulty. Bursaries of up to £1,200 per year can be awarded, payable in three instalments of £400 at the end of October, January and April. This 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 20 September.

To ensure we hold the latest parental information, could we ask that you complete the attached **consent form for non-residential trips**, returning to the school office as soon as possible. Forms are required for all students.

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.

We extend a **warm welcome** to Mrs Sanderson as Subject Leader for MFL, Ms Matthews as Subject Leader for Art and Mrs Spencer as a teacher of MFL (covering Miss Meakin's maternity leave).

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Mr G Thompson
Headteacher



NHS

flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child

1. Protect your child
The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia

2. Protect you, your family and friends
Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family

3. No injection needed
The nasal spray is painless and easy to have

4. It's better than having flu
The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record

5. Avoid costs
If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

For more information visit www.nhs.uk/child-flu

Flu immunisation
Helping to protect children's every season

