

8 October 2024

Dear Parent and Student

Congratulations go to:

- Willow Fearn (8C) who is our first Lower School pupil to achieve their **Bronze Merit Award**.
- The following Middle School pupils who have achieved **25 Merits**: Bethany Page (10C) and Sarah-Jayne Carpenter (10S).
- Bethany Page (10C) who has attained her Subject Leader Commendation for Extra Curricular Activities.

Students will receive a **Subject Leader's Commendation** when they achieve **10 merits** in a particular subject in a single whole-term. These awards aim to identify a student's effort and/or attainment in a particular subject directly by the subject leader. It is possible for students to achieve multiple SLC awards in a term. We will continue to share these achievements in the Tuesday letter over the coming months.

**Y11 exam timetables**, for their mock exams, were distributed yesterday and can be accessed via the intranet (a copy of the timetable for all students is attached). I would like to ask you to encourage your child to treat these 'mock' examinations as much like the real thing as possible so that they obtain the maximum benefit from the process. Students will receive their results on Tuesday 3 December under similar conditions to those they will experience in the summer.

Further to my letter of 4 October regarding the changes to how our school canteen operates, I thought it would be helpful to share information about the **external caterers** who will be contracted to provide our lunches moving forward. I have attached information provided by Aspens to this letter.

Y10 and Y11 Students returned from a successful **Geography trip** to Iceland last week and I would like to thank all those involved. The trip was an incredible experience for all those who went.



A Land of Fire & Ice



We have been alerted to some cases of head lice in the school. [Head lice and nits](#) are very common in young children, and their families, and are not caused by dirty hair and are transferred by head-to-head contact. Please can I ask you to be aware and treat as directed by the NHS, who offer guidance on how to treat effectively.

The annual **Flu Vaccination** for students in Y7 to Y11 was administered to students last week. If your child missed their vaccination and you have consented, there will be a Catch-Up session on **Wednesday 30 October**. If you have not given consent, but would like your child to be vaccinated, you can do so by clicking on the link in the attached letter.

Can I remind you of some forthcoming dates for your diary (please do check the intranet or school website for a full list of [calendar dates](#)):

- **Non-Uniform Day** is this Thursday, 10 October as part of the World Mental Health Day. Students are being asked to pay £1 per person and where possible, to wear green.
- The **Soloist Concert** is on Thursday 17 October at 7.00 pm, details will be provided nearer the time.
- **Y8 Stay Safe Day** is on Tuesday 12 November, Y8 will be off timetable all day.
- Our **Sixth Form Open Evening** is on Thursday 28 November 2024; 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm. All Y11 students are welcome to attend. This is an opportunity for students and their parents to learn more about our sixth form and the various courses on offer. It will also give you a chance to meet with the staff who teach in the Sixth Form as well as looking around Norbury (the sixth form house).



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Mr G Thompson  
Headteacher



OPENING MINDS & OPENING DOORS  
**SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING**  
all Y11 Students Welcome  
on Thursday 28 November 2024 : 6.00 - 8.00 pm

