



Letter from the Head 9/5/25

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Although it's been a shorter week following the bank holiday, it has certainly been a packed one!

GCSE exams have now begun in earnest, with students tackling papers in Health and Social Care, Psychology, Drama and Business Studies. We've been hugely impressed with the calm, mature and focused approach of our Year 11 and Year 13 students at the start of this exam season. With a busy schedule of exams for both year groups next week, we wish them all the very best and thank our staff for their continued support in and out of the exam rooms.

On the sports front, our exceptionally strong Year 8 girls cricket team had a very successful evening at Kennet on Tuesday, winning all of their matches in style. The Year 10 girls' rounders team also represented us in fine fashion on Thursday, securing a win, a loss, and a draw in their district fixtures. Our Year 9 boys faced a challenging encounter against a talented Wellington College side – though the result didn't go our way, the boys equipped themselves well and took plenty of positives from the experience.

Friday saw our athletes head to the District Athletics competition at Palmer Park in Reading. While we await the final team results, a number of standout individual performances deserve recognition:

U15 Javelin – 1st place: Tabatha Ducker

U17 Shot Put – 1st place: JJ Stabler

U15 Triple Jump – 2nd place: Josh Brian

U17 Triple Jump – 2nd place: Charlie Clipston

U15 100m – 2nd place: Noah Murphy

U17 100m – 2nd place: Melissa Kalikwani

U17 Triple Jump – 3rd place: Ewan Enright

Congratulations to all involved – a tremendous effort across the board!





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Work hard. Be kind. Take responsibility.

Also this week, Mr Howes took our Year 12 Business Studies students to the MINI factory in Oxford for an insightful visit, helping to deepen their understanding of operations and large-scale production in practice.

Tuesday morning brought the long-awaited call – OFSTED were visiting. The two-day inspection was rigorous, as expected, and I want to thank all staff and students for their professionalism and incredible positivity throughout. Can I also thank those of you who completed the parent view survey, took time to send in messages of support, and a special mention to those that sent in chocolate and biscuits...they were very well received!

While I am unable to share the official outcomes until the report passes through quality assurance procedures (a process that typically takes around 30 days), I can say that I am very pleased with the findings. The report provides a fair and accurate reflection of our journey and the significant progress made since the last inspection. I look forward to sharing the full report with you as soon as I am able.

Wishing you all a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'JK', written in a cursive style.

James King

Headteacher