



Letter from the Head 9/2/24

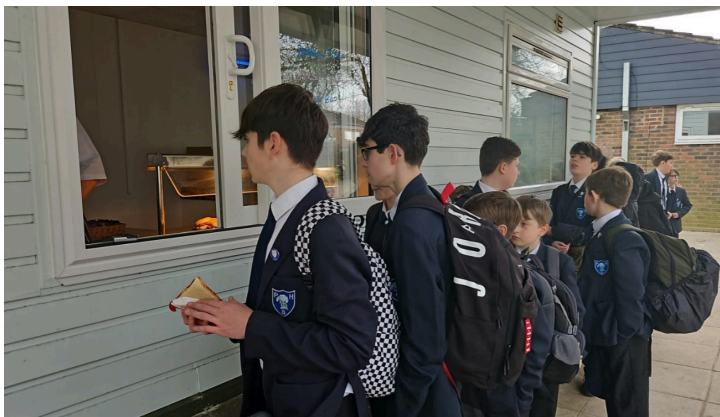
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Dear all,

Well what a whirlwind of a term that was! Just six weeks in length, which often seems to be an attractive prospect, but the reality is that in such a short time there is still an awful lot that needs to get done!

That said, it has been an incredibly productive term and the last few weeks have been a further example of that.

Further improvements to the school this week have come in the form of our new serving hatch at the sixth form block. The current canteen was designed for the original school cohort of approx 600 students, and now at over 1000, meal times can be incredibly busy. There is a major refurbishment of the canteen and kitchen taking place over the summer holidays, but as an interim measure we have created this additional serving space to give students another venue to obtain food and reduce queues in the main canteen.



Another positive this week has been the arrival of our fleet of new school minibuses. We have had a frustratingly long wait, but this was a welcome sight, and I know they will be put to good use by the PE department and on other trips.



Our Sixth form leadership team continue to lead the way, and have been driving weekly fundraising efforts at school in aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital who have supported our very own Lucas Pottinger through his illness and now recovery. A series of bake sales and Hot Chocolate break times have taken place this term and they are heading towards a substantial figure raised. I am delighted to report that Lucas's condition is continuing to improve and we look forward to welcoming him back into school once he is fully recovered.



Without doubt the highlight this week has been the outstanding production of Bugsy Malone. Over sixty of our students from Year 7 to 13 have contributed to what was an incredible spectacle across three evenings and one matinee performance especially for Falklands Primary School. We have become accustomed to really high quality from the performing arts department, with fantastic dance shows and music recitals, but this production was on another level! The orchestra, the singers, dancers and performers on stage were all truly exceptional and should all be very proud of what they were a part of. Such a high quality production is only possible off the back of excellent direction, provided by Mrs Marrazini, Mr Sutton and Mrs Cooper to whom I owe a huge debt of gratitude for their time and energy to provide students such a wonderful opportunity.



The start of next term sees the next round of Year 11 and Year 13 mock exams which serve as an integral part of the preparation for the summer. Students in both year groups have worked incredibly hard since September, and a key focus now turns to their revision and independent study as we head into the last term before their exams. Results from the first set of mocks in November were very pleasing, and we look forward to seeing how they fare in this round.

We look forward to seeing all of our PHS students, after the half-term holiday, at 8:30am on Monday 19th February.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend and an enjoyable week with your children, but can I please ask that you join me in keeping everything crossed as England take on Wales this Saturday!

Regards,

Mr King
Headteacher