



Letter from the Head 1/3/24

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Dear all,

Students have returned from half term in fine fashion and the school has once again been abuzz with learning! We continue to see great things from the Maths department with some superb outcomes in the Intermediate National Maths Challenge - a full list of the results can be viewed [here](#).

Today all of our families whose children have been allocated a Year 7 place with us from September were given this news. We are always very excited at this time of year to start working with our new families and to be planning for the induction of our new Year 7 students. Last week saw an unexpected visit from Year 6 students from Falkland Primary who spent the week with us as some issues at their site were rectified. It was a real pleasure to have them with us, and also good for them to spend time on site as a large number of them are joining us in September! Mr Coley, our Deputy Headteacher coordinates transition and will be working with all of our Primary schools over the coming months as we work towards their Year 7 transition.

Despite the inclement weather, the PE department have still managed to get in a number of sporting fixtures over the past few weeks. This last week our Year 7 netballers enjoyed some very competitive games with St Gabs and Downs as they continue to develop their skills. The Year 10 netball team enjoyed a big win and a narrow loss versus St Barts and Barts 'B' and our B side enjoyed tough games against Willink and Trinity. Our Year 11 netballers also enjoyed a run out on Wednesday with two narrow losses by a single goal in their league games against Kennet and Downs. The Year 11 boys footballers went down in a hard fought game 4-2 vs Kennet and the Year 9 football team continued their county cup run as they survived a scare overcoming St Bernard's School 2-1.

Adventures await for our Duke of Edinburgh contingent over the course of the next few weeks and we wish Mrs Rowland and the 90 strong Bronze group the very best of fortune as they kick things off and battle the elements on their training weekend. Fingers crossed that the weather improves for them!

Can I express my thanks to all those that have completed our [parental survey](#), that will remain open until Friday 8th March. The feedback is invaluable and really appreciated. Once digested, I will advise on how we will put this feedback into practice.

Something that I have reflected on recently, is what a privilege it is taking part in our Senior Leadership Team learning walks. Every lesson of every day, a member of the SLT walks the school and visits classrooms to ensure that the quality of learning is always as high as possible. I am always so proud walking into our classrooms and seeing the fantastic teaching and hard work from our students. As always, if you would ever like to join me, or one of the senior team on one of these to see the school in action, please do get in touch [here](#).

Once again, thank you for all your support.

Have a great weekend.

Regards,

Headteacher