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Dear Parent/Carer/Student

PressTales

Please click <u>here</u> for our latest edition of PressTales, which includes information from several subjects in school, Sparx Maths tables, information and reminders about trips, a review of our Global Week of Languages and Culture and an overview of the PSCO visits we had last week in assemblies on malicious communications.

Reminder - Secondary Transfer Open Evening

Our Secondary Transfer Open Evening will be taking place this year on Thursday 12th October from 5.30pm - 8.30pm. As in previous years, in order to prepare the school appropriately, school will close at 12.45pm. This is one of the most important events on our school calendar and we rely on the support of all members of our school community to ensure its success. This year we have asked students in Years 7, 11 and the Sixth Form to assist in departments, with all other year groups providing tours. Please can we remind Parents/Carers to complete this form to give permission for students to help on Open Evening.

I would like to remind you that Friday 13th October is an Inset day and school is closed to all students

Black History Month Poetry Competition

To celebrate Black History Month 2023, we want to honour the amazing achievements and contributions of black women in various fields – from literature, music, science, politics, and social care to campaigners, nurses, and everyday heroes who have made a difference to our lives. Over the next week we will be launching our poetry competition with the students who will be given details of how to enter in their form time.

Parks House Charity Week

Well done to Parks House who have put on several activities to raise money as part of their charity week. This has included washing staff cars and pie the teacher!

Football

Well done to the U13 and U14 football teams who both won their first round tie in the County Cup. The U13s beat St Albans High School for Girls 8-0, and the U14s beat Hertswood 12-1. POTM for the U13s were Keira Gale and Aleksandra Ivaskeviciute, and Mia Schillaci-Rowland in the U14s following her double hat trick.

National Book Tokens Prize Draw

National Book Tokens are inviting everyone to nominate a 16 to 24-year-old who'd love to win a £250 National Book Token – they are giving five away, and young people can nominate themselves, too! Please use this <u>link</u> to nominate a young person aged 16-24.

Wishing you all a pleasant, and potentially warm, weekend.

Regards

Mr M Warren Headteacher

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