

Dear Parent & Student,

This week our theme and focus for assemblies is 'Be the one who is exceptional'. Students have been asked to not only have this as a goal, but actually own that they are exceptional and have what it takes to achieve great things for their benefit and the benefit of others.

With this focus on greatness, I want to commend the following students for what they have achieved over the last week.

- Our **Mock Trial Team** who, on their first experience of this demanding and prestigious competition, were highly praised by the judges – a report from Ms Rigelhof is included below.
- Our **Key Stage 4 Sports' Leaders for girls'** football, who are going to lead a Key Stage 3 team – Mr Goodman has provided some more detail included below.
- Our **Year 7** students who engaged so successfully in their Geography Field Trip to **Rushall Farm** – Ms Buttigieg has provided some information, included below.
- Our **Year 11 Mathematicians** who are working diligently after school every week with Sixth Form Mentors from Herschel Grammar School to upgrade their Maths and secure the very top grades.

We will celebrate their achievements prior to the end of term. With regards to the end of term, as previously mentioned, **term ends for students on Thursday 29th March**. Years 10, 11 and Sixth Form will be dismissed at 12.25. Years 7, 8 and 9 will be dismissed at 12.40. As always, free school meal entitlement is available at our break time on this day.

The last day of term will be a non-uniform day as a treat for students.

Term recommences for students at the usual time on **Tuesday 17th April**. Monday 16th April is a Staff Training Day.

Throughout the Easter break we will also be holding **Easter school** for our public examination students. Students whose attendance is required/invited will have been advised.

Very best wishes for a great week ahead and don't forget to purchase your '**Talent Show**' tickets this week. This will be a real highlight as we draw our term to a close. The 'Talent Show' takes place on Tuesday 27th March at 6.30 pm.



Kathleen M. Higgins
Executive Headteacher



BE RESPECTFUL
BE RESPECTED
BE ADMIRED
BE CONNECTED
BE THE CHEERY FACE OF WELCOME
BE THE FRIEND YOU CAN DEPEND ON
BE DYNAMIC
BE INSPIRED
BE EXCITED
BE ADMIRED
BE THE PERSON YOU ASPIRE TO BE
BE AN ACADEMIC SUCCESS STORY
BE A HERO
BE A LEADER
BE A WINNER
BE A DREAMER
BE A CREDIT TO THE SCHOOL
BE THE ONE WHO'S EXCEPTIONAL
BE DEMANDING
BE COURAGEOUS
BE THE IDEA THAT'S CONTAGIOUS
BE YOURSELF
BE SET FREE

BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE

Reading Mock Trial Competition

Saturday was the day of the Local Heat for the Mock Trial Competition which took place at Reading Crown Court.

While we didn't place in the top four, both myself and Ms Aleardi are incredibly proud of how well our students did. During the first round we were defending and we are pleased to say we got a Not Guilty verdict.

Our pupils were told by one of the judges that they were the best school he had seen all day (and he had seen four others)!

Sarah, one of the school liaison magistrates, informed us that Caitlin Watt and Gideon Omatayo presented themselves incredibly well and were even better than some of the solicitors she has seen in her 'over 20 years experience'.

Our students have given countless hours of lunchtime and after school to practice. Many of them have them gone home and practised and worked on questions or speeches.

We would like to thank Ms Milner for giving up her Saturday to drive us to Reading and back! And to Ms Sabbagh for all her support!

Congratulations to them all on all their successes! We are very proud of them.

Caitlin Watt
Gideon Omatayo
Joshua Newell
Harnish Salhotra
Kawita Gilbert
Ajwa Fayaz
Nieve Dawson
Anna Taglieber
Shadia Abdullah
Alisha Malik

Miss Rigelhof
Associate Teacher of English

The Team in Reading



Trip to Rushall Farm

Both visits to the Farm were highly successful and students represented the school in a very positive manner.

It was very encouraging to see students making links between what they had learnt in the classroom and from their 'Farming' assessments with the physical environment at Rushall Farm. Students showed great confidence in answering questions posed to them from the site guides. Highlights from the trip included holding the lambs, feeding the chickens, petting the Shetland ponies and the trailer ride to the soil sampling fields.

Well done year 7s!

Many thanks,

Miss Buttigieg
Head of Geography



Junior Football

On Wednesday Molly Finnigan, Eloise Cam, Bethanie Owen from year 10 attended and completed a Junior Football Leadership course at Wexham School along with 20 other girls from local Slough schools.

In order to get their certificate they need to complete 4 hours of voluntary work, and they have decided that they would like to start a year 7 and 8 girls football club and will be trying to enthuse the young ladies at our school. They loved the day and enjoyed all the activities that were involved. Fantastic ambassadors for our school!

Mr Goodman
Head of PE

