



Great To Be Back!

A new school year is always an exciting time. There is the promise of a fresh start to our academic activities, enthusiastic Year 7 youngsters joining the school and new recruits to our staff team. However, the start of this academic year also came with a sense of relief and great joy as we welcomed all our students back into the building for the first time since March. Of course, there have been challenges and anxieties to overcome, safety measures to observe and additional rules to implement, so it does not quite feel like the Alec Hunter we know just yet, but we have all embraced the 'new normal' and are setting about our work with fervour and commitment.

I wanted to pay tribute to our young people for the understanding and acceptance they have demonstrated every day. I have heard of schools where it has been a real struggle to encourage the students to adhere to hygiene rules but ours have been fantastically compliant on the whole, a clear indication of the great relationships we enjoy.

I also wanted to thank all our parents for your endorsement of our efforts and for your faith in us to keep your children safe. Our attendance figures have exceeded those in many other schools, and it is so important, for the sake of the students' learning, that we take all possible steps to maintain consistent education in these challenging times. With cases rising nationally, it is likely that we will encounter an infection at some point, but in the meantime, we will do our utmost to minimise risks and we have a very clear plan for the actions to take should this situation arise. We are also undertaking training with staff and students to ensure that we are better prepared for remote learning should we be forced to resume this model at any stage, either for a year group or the whole school. Let's hope that, with careful and sensible approaches, we can keep this possibility at bay.

Best wishes to all members of our community for the year ahead, and thanks again for your support.

Mr Lawn (Headteacher)

Diary Dates

October 2020:



1st October, Year 9 Target Setting/Review Evening
8th October, Year 8 Target Setting/Review Evening
10th October, Open Morning Tours
12th-23rd October, Year 11 Formal Exams
15th October, Year 7 Information (to be emailed)
26th-30th October HALF TERM

Elephant Pump News



Our school water coolers are provided by AquAid who have given us the opportunity to help those less fortunate than ourselves. With each purchase of a water cooler, an automatic donation is made to the Africa Trust. These funds are used to build 'Elephant Pumps' - a modified version of an age-old Chinese rope pulley system.

We were delighted to see that one such pump has been installed in Manicaland, a province in north-east Zimbabwe, on our school's behalf, with a nice message highlighting our donation. It will be a much-needed source of clean and fresh drinking water for the whole community.

PLEASE NOTE: Thursday 5th November 2020 has been designated as a Non-Pupil INSET day for the Autumn Term.

Head Boy and Head Girl



Following a very successful interview process, we are delighted to announce that **Travis Taylor** and **Mia El-Fazazi** have been appointed as Head Boy and Head Girl and **Liam Freemantle** and **Hannah Cartwright** take up the posts of Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl for the year ahead. These students all submitted very impressive applications, and we would like to congratulate them on their well-deserved success.

Farewell to Mrs Ruth

After over 20 years of service to the school, we are sad to say farewell to **Mrs Ruth** on 30th September. As well as supporting the MFL department, Mrs Ruth has facilitated many overseas school trips over the years and was particularly instrumental in our involvement in the Comenius and Erasmus programmes. Her contribution to the school has been significant and she will be greatly missed but we wish her well for her next adventure as she begins a new phase of her life in Spain.

New Staff

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new members of staff who have joined us this term:

Miss E Thomson	Teacher of English
Mrs T Groves	Teacher of Maths
Miss S Anderson	Teacher of Maths
Miss E Murray	Teacher of MFL
Mrs L Warnock	Teacher of Dance
Mr L Wright	Site Officer
Miss S Radford	Catering Assistant
Miss C Phillips	Student Development Assistant
Miss H Salmon	Student Development Assistant (start date 5 th Oct)

We are also delighted to welcome back a familiar face, as **Mrs Murray**, former Assistant Headteacher, returns to our Science department from Monday 28th September. It is great to have her back with us.

Senior Appointments

Further to an interview process in the summer holidays, we are delighted to share with you that **Mr Doolan** and **Mr Jones** have joined the Leadership Group as Associate Senior Leaders. This means that they will have some whole-school senior responsibilities in addition to their current roles as Head of English and Head of Vocational Education respectively. We are confident that they will both add extra capacity and make a valuable contribution, and we are sure you would wish to join us in congratulating them on securing these positions.

Open Morning & Tours Update

In light of the Government guidelines put in place in response to Covid-19, we will regrettably need to scale back our traditional plans for the annual Alec Hunter Open Morning and Parent Tours.

- We plan to share a high-quality virtual tour of the school.
- We will then make a very limited number of in-person tours available on Saturday 10th October 2020 from 9.30am to 12.30am.
- Tours will be restricted to one parent/carer from each family, accompanied by their child if they wish. All visitors will be required to wear face masks whilst touring the school and a fixed time slot must be booked in advance.

Bookings will be taken from 10.00am on Monday 5th October, by contacting our Main Reception on 01376 321813. **Please note, that due to places being restricted, we will not be able to accept requests from parents of children with siblings already attending the school.**

Awards Evening Winners



2019/20

We were extremely disappointed to have to cancel our much-anticipated Awards Evening at the end of last year, as it is one of the most uplifting events on our school calendar. The awards are presented to celebrate students' attainment and progress in either specific subjects or across the whole curriculum. As this year's winners received their certificates via email instead of on stage, we would like to acknowledge their success by giving them a virtual round of applause for their fantastic achievements:

Award Winners 2019/2020

English

Year 7	Eden Parker
Year 8	Kathryn Rogers
Year 9	Lillymay Dick
Year 10	Olivia Kouchuk

Maths

Year 7	Benjamin Collier
Year 8	Skye Claydon
Year 9	Bryony Bell
Year 10	Francesca Burder

Science

Year 7	Leiah Melamed
Year 8	Thomas Waller
Year 9	Samil Singadia
Year 10	Oliver Hollingsworth

Geography

Year 7	Amelia McKenzie-Carter
Year 8	Harry Root
Year 9	Alfie Amos
Year 10	Olivia Possee

History

Year 7	Alfie Tayler
Year 8	George Hayhow
Year 9	Jamie Breach
Year 10	Mia El-Fazazi

RPE

Year 7	Luke Roberts
Year 8	Bradley Paxton
Year 9	Daniel Beckett
Year 10	Cain Legg

French

Year 7	Hayley Thorogood
Year 8	Eliana Beckett
Year 9	Emma Pirie
Year 10	Daniel Lovett

German

Year 7	Sofia Minervini
Year 8	Calum Digby
Year 9	Deano Bannerman
Year 10	Priya Rudkin-Midl

Spanish

Year 8	Poppy Charles
Year 9	Cara Duncan
Year 10	Hannah Cartwright

Computer Science

Year 7	Ramsahana Ramadassou
Year 8	Callum Hall
Year 9	Thomas Allen
Year 10	Ozan Bulbul

Creative IT

Year 9	Hannah Patrick
Year 10	Sarah Allaker

GCSE IT

Year 10	Anna Brown
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P.E. – Mr Booth

Year 7	Hollie Heighes
Year 8	Harry Seaborn
Year 9	Keara Griffiths

GCSE P.E. – Mr Booth

Year 10	Sophie Cole
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Vocational Sport

Year 10	Joseph Chapple
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Drama

Year 7	Kaelyn Chamberlain
Year 8	Hayden Gilbert
Year 9	Daisy Shingles
Year 10	Amy Keeble

Music

Year 7	Jake Sulman
Year 8	Grace Hardison Taylor
Year 9	Jessica Robbins
Year 10	Travis Taylor

Art

Year 7	Lucy Jenkins
Year 8	Grace Crysell
Year 9	Evelyn Pope
Year 10	Lacie Montgomery

Technology – Mr Todd

Year 7	Madeleine Mackrill
Year 8	Melissa Purkiss
Year 9	Harry Cornell

Applied Engineering

Year 10	Emily Cobbold
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Textiles

Year 10	Paige Hall
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Food Preparation & Nutrition

Year 10	Sydney Martin
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Child Development

Year 9	Ruby Horrigan
Year 10	Katie Naylor

Retail Business

Year 10	Mia Barefield
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Travel & Tourism

Year 10	Jasmine Stock
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Vocational – Introduction to Business

Year 9	Kaci Winterson
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Animal Care

Year 10	Kurt Dionson
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Learning for Life

Year 7	Callum Tritton
Year 8	Jesica Downer
Year 9	Caitlin Wright
Year 10	Dylan Ashby

Dance

Year 9	Amelia Pennington
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EXTRA MILE AWARD

Year 7

Alfie Pinder
Amelia McKenzie-Carter

Year 8

Grace Hardison Taylor
Elena Peralta-Simmons
Halle-Marie Scott
Ellis Twydell

Year 9

Emma Pirie
Deano Bannerman

Year 10

Sky Ingram
Oliver Hollingsworth

PROGRESS AWARDS

Year 7

Barash Basharan
Ava Bell
Sapphire Campbell
Braison Cauchi
Zach Christian
Tallulah Ely
Lincoln Green
George Haymer
Luca Holland
Lucy Jenkins

Jack Kirby
Alfie Knowles
Annie Lack
Kyla Lansdowne
Grace Leigh
Leiah Melamed
Tegan Mortier
Vural Mustafa
Lacie Parmiter
Alfie Pinder
Claudia Rozaliu
Annabelle Summers
Lucas Tuerena

Year 8

Sofia Ashby
Leigh Barkaway
Mia Castell
Brad Elsey
Henry Gould
Skye Graham
Oliver Kettle
Fausta Krankauskaite
Joshua Ling
Gabriel Obeng
Anais Parsons
Elena Peralta-Simmons
Ellie Phillips
Aimee Phillips
Louis Piper
Harry Seaborn
Tiegan Thomas
Ellis Twydell
Thomas Underdown
Megan Woodman

Year 9

Thomas Allen
Alfie Amos
Ellie Baines
Deano Bannerman
Daniel Beckett
Bryony Bell
Jamie Breach
Timothy Cain
Lillymay Dick
Cara Duncan

Ellie Frisby
Jayden Hearn
Isis Henriques Bartolomeu
Ruby Horrigan
Kelsey Jarvis
Madison Johnston
Kacper Kazmierczak
Alfie Potter
Jessica Robbins
Samil Singadia
Dan Taylor

Year 10

Ozan Bulbul
Francesca Burder
Joshua Chapman
Joseph Chapple
Emily Cobbold
Kurt Dionson
Filip Duma
Mia El-Fazazi
Ellie Greer
Oliver Hollingsworth
Amy Keeble
Daniel Lovett
Sydney Martin
Katie Naylor
Thomas Page
Megan Pocock
Priya Rudkin-Midl
Joe Sutton
Alex Towers
Iga Wach

Student Absence: Please remember to report any student absence via:

Tel: 01376 559356 / **Text:** 07598 393348 / **Email:** jjackson@alechunter.com.

Headteacher's Surgery: Unfortunately, we are unable to hold the Headteacher's Surgery in its traditional format, however parents are able to make an appointment with Mr Lawn for a Zoom call if they have any issues they may wish to raise. We ask that parents request an appointment by contacting the school office.

LINE MANAGEMENT FROM SEPTEMBER 2020

Please find below our line management arrangements for students. The first point of contact for enquiries should be your child's tutor and then their Student Support Leader or Head of Year depending on the nature of your query.





YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11
Attendance / Wellbeing / Behaviour / Safeguarding				
Form Tutor				
Mrs Porter (7H/7U) Mrs Johnson (7N/7T) Miss McInerney (7E/7R) Mr Cleevely (7A/7L) Student Support Leader	Mr Cleevely Student Support Leader	Mrs Porter Student Support Leader	Miss McInerney Student Support Leader	Mrs Johnson Student Support Leader
Mr Booth Assistant Headteacher			Mrs Watson Assistant Headteacher	
Learning / Behaviour / Academic Progress / Standards				
Class Teacher				
Head of Curriculum Area *(see below)				
Mr Holland Head of Year	Mr Moreno Head of Year	Mr Lee Head of Year	Mr Spooner Head of Year	Miss Jones Head of Year
Mr Birley (Deputy Headteacher) – Learning & Progress				
Mr Booth - Assistant Headteacher Behaviour & Standards			Mrs Watson - Assistant Headteacher Behaviour & Standards	
Mrs Gillett			SENCO	
Mr Booth / Mrs Watson			Child Protection / Safeguarding	
Mrs Jackson / Mrs Brydges			Attendance Officers	

*** Should you have a subject-related query, for example, regarding homework etc., the first point of contact should be the class teacher. Listed below are the Heads of each Curriculum Area, along with the member of the Leadership Group responsible for each Curriculum Area, to help parents in knowing who to approach for assistance.**

	Head of Subject/Curriculum Area	Senior Leader
English	Mr Doolan	Mr Birley
Mathematics	Mrs Baird	Mrs Watson
Science	Mr Fernandez	Mr Lawn
Geography	Mr Birch	Mr Doolan
History	Miss Depper	Ms Woolnough
RPE	Mrs McEvoy	Mr Fox
Technology/Art/Child Development	Mr Todd	Ms Woolnough
Computer Science/ICT	Mr Butler	Mr Fox
French/German/Spanish	Mrs Steward	Ms Woolnough
PE/Drama/Music	Mr Edwards	Mr Fox
Special Educational Needs	Mrs Gillett	Mr Birley
Learning for Life	Mrs Hewes	Ms Woolnough
Vocational Education/Business Studies	Mr Jones	Mr Fox

Academic Year 2020-2021

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	= Schooldays / Weekends		= Bank Holidays
	= School Holidays		= Non Pupil (INSET) Days (There are two further dates to be confirmed)

Autumn Term:	Thursday 3 September 2020 – Friday 18 December 2020 <i>Half Term 26 October – 30 October</i>	72 days
Spring Term:	Monday 4 January 2021 – Thursday 1 April 2021 <i>Half Term 15 February - 19 February</i>	59 days
Summer Term:	Monday 19 April 2021 – Friday 23 July 2021 <i>Half Term 31 May – 4 June, and May Bank Holiday, 3 May</i>	64 days
		<u>195 days</u>

Please note: The above dates may vary for individual schools, especially Foundation, Voluntary Aided schools and Academies. You are strongly advised to check with your child's school before making any holiday or other commitments.