



10 January 2012

Dear Parents

Happy New Year!

Congratulations to **Kyle Nicholson (11C)** who came second in the County Cross-Country Championships at the weekend and has qualified to represent Lincolnshire at the Anglian Championships.

We also congratulate the following students who have recently achieved their **Silver Merit Award**:

Charlie Young	7C
Cai Cherry	7S
Tilly Raynor	7S
Lydia Reeves	7S
Luke Cherrie	7T
Eve Kerrigan	7T
Jessica White	7T
Sidney Pedersen	8T
Hannah Freeman	9C

External GCSE, AS and A2 **examinations** have begun this week and internal examinations begin tomorrow for Y7 – Y10.

We regularly remind students about the **ICT Acceptable Use Policy** and the importance of not sharing their passwords. However, there have recently been a few occasions of offensive and libellous messages being sent via other students' accounts. These have led to exclusions and potential police involvement. All students will be required to change their passwords this week and I have emphasised in this morning's assembly that they must not share these passwords and that they are responsible for their accounts. I would be grateful if you could emphasise the importance of this to them as well.

Some **Y8** pupils are out of school for the week of 23-27 January on the **annual ski trip** so the timetable for those in school has been revised. This timetable is attached to the Tuesday letter for Y8 pupils today; additional copies are available from the school office.

This year's **Charity Week** is Monday 30 January - Friday 3 February. Our chosen charity for this year is Alzheimer's. Each lunchtime, forms will be running events to raise money – further details will follow. Friday 3 February is a **Non-Uniform Day**, for which a payment of £2 needs to be made on the day. There will also be a sponsored 24-hour cycle ride (on static cycles in the School Hall) on Friday 10 February, by a group of staff and Y13 students, and a Spring Celebration concert after half-term.





The **Year 11 Parents' Evening** will be on Thursday 19 January, from 5.00 – 8.00 pm in the school hall. An appointments sheet is enclosed with this letter for Y11 students and we suggest that a gap of 5 minutes is left between appointments. The **Sixth Form Open Evening** will be held on Tuesday 28 February from 6.30 - 9.00 pm, when students in Y11 (and their parents) will have the opportunity to discuss A Level subject choices.

This year, 2012, is **Code Year**, promoting the importance of understanding a little about computer programming. There is a website called <http://www.codeyear.com/> which is free to join and teaches programming skills in Javascript. It can take you from absolute basics to building apps for your phone within the year! Mr Johnson, Subject Leader for ICT, is willing to offer help and advice to parents as well as students.

**Evening classes** are restarting tonight for Tuesday sessions and next week, 18 January, for Wednesday sessions. If your New Year's Resolution is to get fitter, perhaps one or more of these may help you:

Tuesday	Circuit Training	7.00 – 8.00 pm	£3.50 per session
Wednesday	Kettlercise	6.00 – 7.00 pm )	£3.50 per session
	Zumba	7.00 – 8.00 pm )	£6 for any 2 sessions or £9
	Pilates	8.00 – 9.00 pm )	sessions on the same evening

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Best wishes

Miss A Francis  
Headteacher

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