



20 July 2010

Dear Parents

I was pleased to learn last week that in Ofsted's Interim Assessment we have again been judged "**Outstanding**". A letter to you from Ofsted is attached.

We are awaiting notification from the government (DfE) that our application to become an **academy** has been approved in principle – this is expected this week. Once this has been received we will register with Companies House and arrange the necessary transfers of land. A grant of £25,000 is given to cover any costs involved eg legal fees, new signage, letter-headed paper and bank accounts. Although we are able to keep our school name we are required to call ourselves an Academy rather than a school, so we envisage that we will be called 'Queen Elizabeth's Grammar- A Selective Academy'. Our intention remains to convert to an academy by September 2010.

Congratulations to:

- **Callum Prince (12T)** who is British kickboxing champion and recently came second in the European championships, competing in the Men's Advanced class.
- **Rosie Marshall (7T)** who won the U13 Girls 800m with an excellent time of 2:31:4 in the Lincolnshire League athletics competition.
- **Ashton Turner (9C)** who came 15th in the Under-16 Schools Golf Championships.
- Hannah Freeman (7C) who has received her **Platinum Merit Award**.
- Alex Jowett (9C), Luke Vernon (9C) and Henry Stephenson (7S) who have achieved their **Gold Merit Awards**
- Emily McHamilton (9T), Maisie Ruddock (9T), Rebecca Sharratt (8S), Billy Hull (7C), David Kirkup (7S), George Osborne (7C) and Elliott Ramsden (7S) who have achieved their **Silver Merit Awards**.

Thank you very much for your support of the **Summer Fair** last Friday and special thanks to the senior prefect team and house captains for organising the event. The final total was just in excess of £1600.

At the end of this term, a number of staff are leaving: **Mrs Ballantyne** (Subject Leader for Modern Foreign Languages), **Dr Bradshaw** (teacher of Chemistry), **Miss L Cartwright** (teacher of Geography), **Mr Oldfield** (Educational Visits Co-ordinator and ICT technician), **Miss Quint** (Teaching Assistant, who has also covered Sociology A Level during Miss Allen's maternity leave), **Mr Rich** (part-time Business Consultant) and **Mrs Stout** (who has been a cleaner at the school for more than 20 years). We thank them all for their many contributions to the life of the school and wish them well in their new jobs or retirement.

Thirteen Y11 and Y12 students, led by Mr Oldfield, leave tomorrow for a 3-week **World Challenge Expedition to South India**. Their itinerary looks really exciting and will involve time doing work in a school. We wish them well.

The school office will be open for **uniform sales** during the holidays. It would be very helpful if you could telephone beforehand so that a member of the office staff is available to sell uniform.



Headteacher: Miss A Francis

Speech Night will take place on Thursday 16 September. We will be sending out invitations to Lower School prizewinners during the summer holidays, then other prizes will be finalised once public examination results are published.

And a few reminders:

- **AS results for Y10 -Y12** can be collected after 10.30 am on Thursday 19 August from the school office.
- **GCSE results for Y9 and Y10** can be collected after 10.30 am on Tuesday 24 August.
- The **school swimming pool** will be open to the public during the summer holidays on weekdays from Monday 26 July to Friday 27 August (children and concessions £1.50, adults £2.00).
Monday – Friday 11.00 - 12.00 noon (Adults only)
Monday – Friday 1.00 – 2.00 pm and 2.00 – 3.00 pm (Open).
The evening sessions on Thursday will continue as normal:
4.30 – 5.30 pm (Parents and Toddlers)
5.30 – 6.30 pm and 6.30 - 7.30 pm (Open)
7.30 - 8.30 pm (Adults only).

Please note, under-8s must be accompanied by an adult in the water.

- The **tennis courts** are also available for use between 9.00 am and 4.00 pm each day at a cost of £10 for the holiday period. Passes should be purchased from the school office (which is open during the school holiday).

Thank you for all your support this year and I hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday. The **autumn term** starts for the whole school on **Monday 6 September**.

Best wishes

Miss A Francis
Headteacher

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