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Dear Parents

Congratulations to Emma Dexter (8T) who has achieved her **Silver Merit Award**.

The first round of our annual **Starspell competition** will be held on Tuesday 31 January. The list of words for your child's year group has been distributed today. The semi-final will be held on Tuesday 21 February and the final is on Friday 2 March during the Ghana Evening.

Careers Adviser Mr Robson will be available at the **Y11 Parents' Evening** on Thursday 19 January from 6.00 to 8.00 pm (the parents' evening starts at 5.00 pm). Appointments sheets (to schedule your appointments with staff) were distributed to Y11 pupils last week but it is not necessary to make appointments with Mr Robson.

The **Year 12 and Y13 Parents' Evening** will be on Tuesday 31 January, from 5.00 – 8.00 pm in the school hall. An appointments sheet is enclosed with this letter for Y12 and Y13 students.

We will be offering **GCSE and A Level revision sessions** during the Easter holidays. A timetable has been distributed to students in Y10 – Y13 (and Y9 Business Studies set 1) today. After half-term slips will be sent out so that you can book places on the sessions but I thought it would be helpful for you to have as much notice as possible in terms of making Easter holiday arrangements.

If you are entitled to receive one or more of the following your child may be entitled to receive **free school meals**:

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance
- An income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190

Parents receiving Working Tax Credit for four weeks after their employment finishes are entitled to free school meals during that period. This also applies to parents who start working less than 16 hours per week. Children who receive Income Support or income-based Jobseeker's Allowance in their own right qualify as well.

If your child receives free school meals, you also do not have to pay for instrumental music lessons or school trips, and the school receives extra money to support your child's education, so it is really important that if you are entitled to this benefit, you apply. You





can apply online at <http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/parents/schools/free-school-meals/>.
You can also contact the Free School Meals team by telephone on 01522 782030.

During this year's **Charity Week (in aid of Alzheimer's)**, Monday 30 January - Friday 3 February, there will be a variety of events at lunch-times. George Daniel (Sports Captain) has agreed to have his hair cut if we raise £100 and the boys in the senior prefect team have agreed to have their legs waxed if we raise a further £100. Friday 3 February is a **Non-Uniform Day**, for which a payment of £2 needs to be made on the day and there will also be a lunchtime disco – 50p entrance. After half term, on Friday 24 February at 7.00 pm, a group of Y12 students is organising a Spring Celebration Concert for the charity. They will also be holding a raffle (to be drawn on the evening) with a 1st prize of an Ipod camera and runner-up prize of a chocolate hamper. Tickets, 50p each, will be sold from the end of this week. Further details of the events will follow.

Best wishes

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Headteacher

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