

23 June 2020

Dear Student and Parent

I welcomed the recent government announcement that schools will be able to return in September.

While I know how hard students have been working, we all know there is no replacement for students being in school working with their peers, with an experienced high quality teacher in front of them. At this stage there is no clear guidance relating to what this may look like. However, I am optimistic that much will have changed, given the significant period of time between now and the start of the Autumn Term. Considering the amount that has changed in recent weeks there is plenty of opportunity for significant further adjustments between now and September. I will be monitoring the situation closely, as I am sure will you.

As the situation progresses and we start to develop plans based on whatever guidance is released, I will of course be in further contact.

The **school reception** is open and able to receive your calls on 01507 462403 until the end of term.

Uniform: Students currently coming into school, until the end of the school year, are not required to wear school uniform. This is intended to support the frequent washing regimes that I know many families are working to currently. Uniform is however being sold on a 'click and collect' basis in readiness for September:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=383>

Once your order has been processed, you will be given a time slot for collection.

Congratulations to:

- The following Lower school pupil who has recently attained her **Platinum Merit Award**:
Holly Powell 7T
- The following pupils in the Middle school who have recently attained **100** merits:
Grace Sheldon 9S Dacel Darnbrough 9T Georgie Johnson 10C Eloise Lane 10S
- The following Lower school pupils who have recently attained their **Gold Merit Awards**:
Annie Palmer 7C Morgan Dix 7T Erin Thein 7T Darcey Clarke 8S
- The following pupils in the Middle school who have achieved attained **60** merits:
Libby Stubbs 9C Eliza Taylor 10T
- The following Lower school pupils who have recently attained their **Silver Merit Awards**:
Xander James 7S Adham Soultan 7T Olivia Middleton 8T
- The following pupils in the Middle school who have recently achieved **40** merits:
Harrison Bailey 9C Angelin Roy 9T Jocelyn Tipper 9T Sam Lowes 10S
Laila Handley 11C

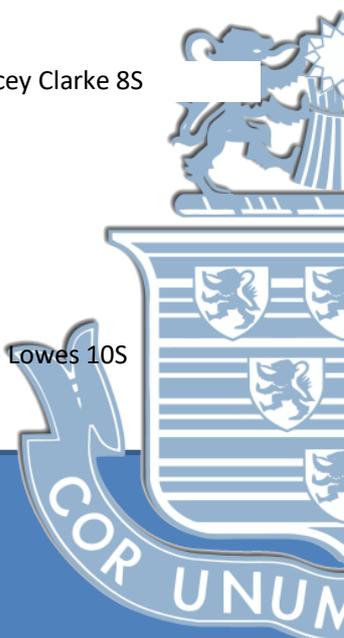


Brodie West 10C

raised £330 for Parkinson's UK, shooting 1000 netballs a day into her home net, over 7 days in May.

Well done Brodie!

PARKINSON'S^{UK}
CHANGE ATTITUDES.
FIND A CURE.
JOIN US.



Despite the current situation and not being able to actively participate in our scheduled **Fun Run**, we managed to raise £128. We would like to say a big 'thank you' to:

Harry Clarkson 7C
Charlie Hendry 8C
Mason Graves 9C

Xander James 7S
Charlie Hewitt 8S
George Hendry 10C

Ella Toyne 7S
Olivia Middleton 8T
Toby Toyne 10S

Adham Soultan 7T
Annabelle Murtagh 8T

We look forward to the day when we can organise a future Fun Run! Happy running to all our contributors.

Things to do:

- Black Lives Matter reading material:
<https://skokiellibrary.info/lists/531/black-lives-matter-a-reading-list-for-young-adults/>
<https://www.toledolibrary.org/blog/black-lives-matter-a-teen-booklist>
- Recommended reading:
Ickabog by J K Rowling www.theickabog.com/read-the-story/
Meat Market by Juna Dawson <https://www.thebookseller.com/ya-book-prize-2020/shortlist#hardinge>
- History Challenge <https://twitter.com/jonnysellin/status/1263168960993931265>
- History Competition <https://www.historyextra.com/period/modern/postcards-past-enter-our-exciting-lockdown-history-competition/>, entries by 1 July.
- Interested in collaborating on a filmmaking project for the National Archives? More details here: <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/education/students/archive-experiences/from-outbreak-to-archive/>, entries by 6 July.
- Poetry Competition <https://www.poetry-festival.co.uk/ledbury-under-18s-poetry-competition-2020/> entries by 16 July.
- Virtual Summer Workshop 27 July to 7 August, Riverhead Theatre Louth – register at admin@louthplaygoers.co.uk

For those pupils moving on to **university**, there are various local funding streams which might be of interest:

- Dorothy King Charitable Trust
- Sir W L Travers Educational Charity
- The Ralph Parrish Foundation

As ever, we as a school stand united within our school community. Please do continue to get in contact through the reception email as you need us. Stay safe online together.

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Mr G Thompson
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