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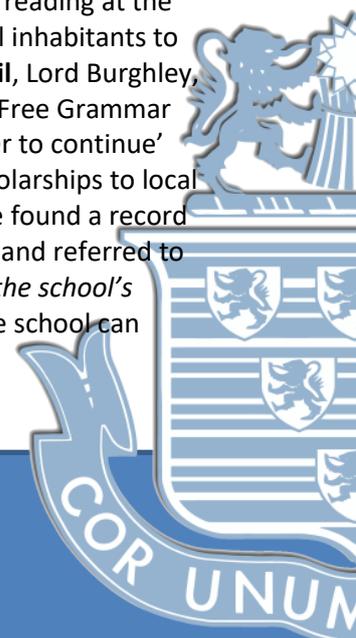
Dear Parent

Congratulations go to:

- The following Lower School pupil who has achieved their **Bronze Merit Award**:  
Alex Gooseman 8S
- The following Middle and Upper School pupils who have achieved **25 Merits**:  
Raif Turner 10S          Poppy Atkins 10T          Syeda Shah 10T          Daisy Holt 13S
- The following Lower School pupils who have achieved their **Silver Merit Awards**:  
Amelie Pearce 7C          Isabel-Mae Smith 7S          Adham Sulttan 8T
- The following Middle and Upper School pupils who have achieved **40 Merits**:  
Callum Storr 9S          Sophie Bird 10S          Ryan Pain 11T          Kitty Evans 12C  
Matilda Mossop 12T
- The following Middle School pupils who have achieved **60 Merits**:  
Jacob Mycroft 9C          Kayleigh Alexander 11C          Harriet Santus 11S
- The following pupil who has attained their red  **Subject Colour Award**:  
Design Technology          Jacob Mycroft 9C

Thank you to all those parents involved in the Y8 and Y10 Parents' Evening last night. We are aware that Microsoft Teams experienced a technical issue causing an interruption to our service, form tutors will be in touch in due course with those parents affected.

Today, we should have been celebrating **Founders' Day** in our 455<sup>th</sup> year as a school. I attach a brief history of the school for your perusal, which includes the traditional extract from the Ecclesiasticus reading at the beginning of our service. It honours our ancestors: Francis **Spanning**, who appointed 6 local inhabitants to be governors and gave them £50 to invest in the setting up of a school in 1566; William **Cecil**, Lord Burghley, one of the school's first patrons who petitioned Queen Elizabeth I to grant a Charter to the Free Grammar School in Alford for 'the education, instruction and bringing up of children and youth forever to continue' and Sir W Lancelot **Travers**, an old boy of the School set up the Travers Trust to provide scholarships to local pupils who go on to University education. Whilst looking through our archived material, we found a record of the Quatercentenary in the 1966 copy of 'The Alfordian' which spoke of the celebrations and referred to the event as a '*reet good do*' and '*the most memorable social event in the four centuries of the school's history*' – I sincerely hope that next year we can return to an inclusive celebration, when the school can gather once again to remember our rich history and have a memorable event!



The school nursing team will be holding an **MEN ACW catch-up** session tomorrow Wednesday 17 March and Y8 & 9 HPV vaccinations on Wednesday 12 May.

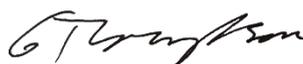
We will be offering one more **lateral flow test** session in school to those pupils who have consented and not received 3 tests, tomorrow morning. Lateral Flow home test kits have been issued to pupils today, each kit containing 3 tests, with a recommendation that pupils are tested twice weekly (leaving a gap of 3 to 5 days between tests. Instructions can be located within the kits.

A reminder, that we are appealing to anyone who might have **old school photographs**, to ask if you would consider donating them to us. We have located a number of whole school photographs and archived memorabilia; however, we are looking to increase this with photographs pre-1937, 1950s and the 1980s, which we would like to use to *'form a timeline around school'*. Additional photographs will be gratefully received, thank you to those who have contributed to date!

#### Adjustments to the Covid-19 Plan

- With effect from 22 March we will be adjusting our approach within subjects that involve a degree of practical work. This will enable students to undertake elements of practical work.

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Mr G Thompson  
Headteacher



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