

9th February 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This week seems to have been dominated by the 'to snow or not to snow' dilemma! And as so often happens it rained instead! Such a shame when we lose fixtures to the weather, but such is life in the UK!

School have been actively participating in Children's Mental Health Week and pupils have had the opportunity to share their opinions on a 'My Voice Matters' wall of ideas and thoughts. This is an invaluable resource as we can now gain ideas from our incredibly thoughtful pupils.

Many pupils across Senior school and Prep school have been writing poetry on the theme of 'I Hope' for the Independent Schools Association Poetry competition. With so much impressive work produced, the teachers have had to get second opinions to choose the winners! So, after great deliberation the following pupils have been entered into the competition: Sofia and Mia from Year 9, Luke Year 8, Kaustubh Year 3, Akaal Year 4, Asha Year 5 and Carrie Year 6. Congratulations to you all.

Year 11 Parents' evening took place this week allowing pupils to reflect on their mock performances and make plans for the next few months. Year 9 Parents' evening is next week, which allows pupils to once again delve into thinking about their GCSE option choices. Working in partnership with parents is an important part of our pupils making progress and hence we are always grateful to families for attending. Next week we are also hosting our second session of Elevate Education, where Year 11 will do a session called 'Ace your Exams', Year 10 'Student Elevation' and Year 9 'Memory Mnemonics' – no doubt useful sessions for them all.

Fingers crossed that this rain will move away so that we can start to notice the signs of spring next week.

Have a lovely weekend.
With best wishes,
Mrs McCullough
Headmistress

Notices and Reminders

Tuesday 13th February

Reception – Year 5 French Assembly 8.45am

Year 2 – Visit from Captivating Creatures

Thursday 15th February

LAMDA Exams

Year 9 – Parents' Meetings 16.30-18.30pm

Friday 16th February

Year 9 DofE Training in school