

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER



July 2017

Introduction

I write this report at the end of a very busy year with many new initiatives being introduced. We are delighted to say that the school has worked well this year, providing a high quality of education to our students. We have just completed the induction for our new Year 6 students, which has been outstandingly successful. We have also had a chance to celebrate the achievements of all of our students with numerous celebration breakfasts, assemblies and Prize Givings. We have welcomed a number of outside speakers and seen numerous events organised to broaden the student curriculum. Areas that will be of interest to parents include financial education, sport, careers education and many arts projects.



We are delighted to be able to say that the school is fully staffed but also at this time of year we come to say goodbye to valuable colleagues who will be leaving us to take up new posts. We are sure you will join with all of us in thanking them for their hard work and commitment to the school and wishing them every success in their future careers.

Staff Leaving Us

The following members of staff will be leaving us at the end of this academic year:

Mr Pani Tzellos, BSc, Joint Head of Science, is leaving us after six years as a highly successful teacher of biology and latterly joint head of the Faculty of Science. Mr Tzellos has been a first-rate teacher and able administrator. He leaves us to take up a new senior post at a school near his home. We thank him for all his hard work in his years with us and wish him every success in his new post.

Mrs Sophia Bidwell, BSc, Science teacher and specifically biology. Mrs Bidwell has been at the school for 22 years and has had a number of roles in that time, including Head of Year. Mrs Bidwell has a reputation for being an outstanding teacher of Biology which has benefitted generations of students. Mrs Bidwell has also been an important member of staff in helping other teachers establish themselves both in the department and throughout the school. Her decision to leave and take up a new career in the special school sector marks a departure for her but

one I am sure she will make every success of. She goes with our best wishes and much thanks.

Mr Dominic Hales BSc, who is Head of RS and teaches geography will be leaving us to take up a post of Head of Geography at Wiltshire Grammar School. I know you will join with me in wishing him every success in this very substantial promotion. Mr Hales has been an outstanding teacher of RS and geography as well as a valuable form tutor.

Tanvir Panesar, BSc, who is a teacher of physics and electronics will be leaving us to return to his home to take up caring duties. I am delighted to say that he has also secured a position in an outstanding school as a teacher of physics. Mr Panesar has been a very positive member of the school staff and deeply involved in electronics and made a valuable contribution as a form tutor.

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Mr Ralph Warman, BA, came to us as a music teacher and is leaving us to take up a post in London. We wish him every success in his future post and thank him for his work with us.

Mr Timothy Geraghty, BA, came to us as a teacher of geography and has made a very big impression on

Staff Joining Us

I have included a complete list of all the staff who are joining us this year.

Miss Lauren Minshull-Beech, BA will be joining us to teach modern foreign languages. She was educated at the Kendrick School and read modern languages at the University of Exeter. She is a triple linguist offering French, Spanish and German and she completed her training at the University of Cambridge.

Miss Emily Rose, BA is also a triple linguist offering Spanish, French and Italian. She was educated at the University of Durham and is completing her PGCE at the University of Cambridge.

Miss Kristine Johnson, MSc, FCIPP, was educated at the University of Derby and completed her training with the University of Hertfordshire and has worked in industry for many years particularly in accounting and finance. She has also extensive business training experience and will join us to teach business studies, economics, finance and ICT.

Miss Emma Pearce, BA, joins us to teach English, she was educated at the University of Portsmouth and attended school in Hertfordshire.

Miss Elizabeth Jack, BA, joins us to teach History having studied at the University of Exeter. She completed her training at the University of Hertfordshire.

Mr Andrew Kinnaird, BEd, was educated in Northern Ireland where he attended Queens University, Belfast and he will join us to teach mathematics and physics.

Mr Vishal Shah, MEng, was educated at Imperial College, London, where he obtained a Master's of Engineering Degree. He has had extensive commercial experience having worked in construction and in design. He completed his PGCE training with

both the department and the school. Mr Geraghty is leaving us to fulfil his long term ambition of working abroad to broaden his education. We wish him well in his new geography post at a British school in the Dominican Republic.

University College London/Institute of Education. His main science is physics and he will also take part in the teaching of electronics and robotics.

Miss Sian Peters, BSc, teacher of Geography and Religious Studies. Sian studied Geography at the University of Lancaster and studied for her PGCE at Liverpool John Moores University.

Mrs Loraine Quinn, joined us in April as Pastoral Officer/Secretary was previously employed by us as an Exams Invigilator following promotion.

Mr Gianlorenzo Costarella, BA, MA, Coordinator for Spanish, Teacher of French Italian and Primary Liaison. Gianlorenzo studied at the Sapienza University of Rome and University of L'Aquila, Italy and he is completing his PGCE at the University of Hertfordshire.

Mrs Monica McCard, BSc, teacher of Biology, Science, STEM and Primary Liaison. Monica was educated at Queens University of Belfast and obtained a degree in Marine Biology.

Mr Chukwudi Ugboman, BSc, teacher of Science, STEM and Primary Liaison. Chukwudi studied Chemistry with Biochemistry at Queen Mary and Westfield College, University of London. Chukwudi has extensive experience in teaching having worked in a number of schools.

Mrs Sophie Ward, BA, teacher of Geography and Humanities, Mrs Ward is an experienced member of staff who has worked both in the United Kingdom and in the Gulf. Mrs Ward studied at the University of Hertfordshire and Middlesex.

End of Term Arrangements: Years 7 to 12

Time	Lower School (7-8)	Middle School (9-10)	Year 12
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0850 to 0855	Registration	Registration	Registration
0855 to 0945	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1
0945 to 1035	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2
1035 to 1055	Break	Break	Break
1055 to 1145	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3
1145 to 1210	Assembly	Form Time	Assembly in Sixth Form Study Centre
1210 to 1235	Form Time	Assembly	Centre
12:35	Dismissed	Dismissed	Dismissed

School Holiday Arrangements

Date	Time	Event
17 August	0700 to 0900 (Year 13) 0900 to 1100 (Year 12)	AS, AS results day Pathway guidance will be available
18 August	0830 to 1030	Pathway Guidance Interviews
24 August	Year 11 0900 to 1100 Year 10 1100 to 1200	GCSE results day. Pathway guidance will be available
25 August	0830 to 1030	Sixth Form Sign Up and Guidance
30 – 31 August	1000 to 1530 (New Intake)	Extended Introduction to The John Warner School (Summer School)

Term dates for the next academic year can be found on the school website.

New Building

I am delighted to report that the school's buildings and sites are all in good order. The new classroom block at the John Warner School is now near completion ahead of schedule and within budget. I would like to thank personally Mrs Sally Pringle, our architects and contractors for their outstanding work. The building will be a massive improvement to the quality of our accommodation and I hope that the standard of teaching and learning will improve still further, now we have this new specialist accommodation.

Sports Report

The school has had another highly successful year across the sporting disciplines for both boys and girls. There have been an unprecedented number of fixtures, events and competitions, local, regional and national. Our children have been successful across all levels. We have had truly an outstanding year and we hope you enjoy reading Miss Haddock's in-depth account of a sporting year. The Sport Report is available to view on our website.

May we wish you all a very good summer break.



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