

3rd December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have all had a good week so far and the sudden cold weather hasn't caught you off guard.

Some of our Year 12's under the leadership of Ms Sheikh (Head of Citizenship) came runner up in Veolia's Sustainable Schools Competition for their Bee Garden Plan. Year 12 students were Sanjuktha Seru, Devanshi Patel, Prathiga Srikanthan, Prathisa Srikanthan, Yachika Bamaniya, Mahek Patel, Param Gandhi, Joel Rose and Dev Amratlal.

Councillor Sheth, Cabinet Member for Environment announced the award and had a photograph taken with our proud students today. They have been awarded with support for the project and Preston Manor School will receive a donation of flower seeds and sprouts and we will even be supported by our 'Parks Expert' to put the project into place! A great news story I am sure you would agree!

Staying with more news in our 6th Form, our Year 13 students have completed their UCAS examinations this week. I know it has been a tough couple of weeks for them but I am sure their hard work will have paid off. It is important to remember that this year group were the first year group to be hit by COVID and not sit their GCSE exams. The important part of this is showing our amazing staff what has been successful and what areas we need to focus on for the next few months. We continue with the Upper School exam season next week as the Year 11s begin their examinations in preparation for post 16.

I know there have been a number of letters sent out this week to our Upper School parents but these have been essential in giving our parents as much notice as possible - especially in regard to the school day timing amendments. As I wrote in my letter on Wednesday, the changes to the school day are in response to our parents' concerns and allowing enough time to drop your children off at school without being late to either site. It also allows some of our students enough time to drop off and collect siblings from the lower school.

On a final note this week, I would like to share with you that four of our year 13 students have been invited for interviews at Oxford and Cambridge Universities! There is an extremely competitive application process and all four have done incredibly well to be called for an interview. It demonstrates the fantastic work that we do with our students and they have all been given substantial personal support at all stages of the application process - from Enrichment in Year 12 to Personal Statement writing and interview preparation. This is something that we are all immensely proud of and I am sure you would join me in wishing them the very best of luck.



It is hard to believe where this term has gone as next week we will be entering into the final two weeks of term - our **last day of term** will be **Friday 17th December** and students will be **dismissed from 11.20am**. That means thirteen weeks have gone already!

Wishing you all a peaceful and relaxing weekend.

Yours faithfully

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Executive Headteacher