

# Newsletter 12

4<sup>th</sup> December 2017

## Head's Message

Congratulations to all our pupils who represented the school so well at the OSG National Awards Event last week. I am delighted to report that we picked up awards across the board. Siana Cane (Year 7) and Emmeline Stedman (Year 12) achieved Double Gold in the One School Awards, Jarvis Latimer (Year 7) won the KS2 Dux Literatum for the East Region and Tyler Barnes, Connie Remmington, Camden Douglass and Max Green were recognised for the new National Records they set on Sports Day. A huge well done to them!

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Open Meeting last Tuesday at Dunstable Campus. Your feedback was extremely welcome and very constructive. One thing that emerged was the need to clarify which year groups are part of which Key Stage. To this end I have included a guide as an additional attachment with this Newsletter to help clarify the structure and also provide a reminder of who to contact with a pastoral or academic concern.

## Staffing News

Sue Kesseru has decided that she will take much deserved retirement at the end of next term. She has been at the school for well over 10 years, most of that time leading Primary at Dunstable and even, for a short time, at Northampton too! We will look to recruit a new Key Stage 2 teacher early next term.

Whilst there will be time to say formal farewells in due course I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all she has done for the school, the pupils and her colleagues during her time here.

Lyndsey Heaton will be leaving us at the end of this term for pastures new. Over the past 11 years at the school she has had a positive impact on pupils' learning both individually and through her learning skills lessons. Thank you for all your fantastic contributions Lyndsey. We wish you every success in the future. Mrs Timms has kindly agreed to take on the Learning Skills programme with Year 7 and 8 that Mrs Heaton has expertly developed.

Jeanette Harlow joins the school in January as a part-time teacher of English. She is highly experienced both as a teacher and as a curriculum leader. We very much look forward to welcoming her and benefiting from her enthusiasm and professionalism. Thank you to Barry Freeman who has provided temporary cover this term.

## **Sports Tournament Day – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

The annual winter sports Tournament Day for all Dunstable and Northampton pupils will be held on Wednesday this week. The event will be held at joint venues – John Bunyan Sports Centre and Wixams 3g football pitch near Bedford. The day will run from 9.30am until 2.30pm. All parents and friends are welcome to attend and support. Pupils are to wear full PE kit and their coloured house tops from sports day. New Y3s will wear bibs.

Pupils will travel to the venue in their normal buses. Local pupils will be travelling with parents.

The addresses of the venues are as follows:

John Bunyan Sports Centre, Mile Road, Bedford, MK42 9TS.

Wixams 3g pitch, Harrier Leys, off Green Lane, Wixams, Bedford, MK42 6DA  
(please use Harrier Leys on your SatNavs).

If you would like to take home pupils at the end of the day please let their bus driver know.

## 100% Attendance Competition

As of this week, 57 pupils still have 100% attendance so far this term.

With just over two weeks to go the end is in sight...

Overall attendance for the school year has risen slightly to 97%! Well done!

## Young Enterprise Team Success

Well done to our Year 12 Young Enterprise Team. They attended the Young Enterprise Bedfordshire Trade Fair 2017 at the weekend where our company *Xen* won no less than four top awards - Winning Product, Winning Trade Stand, Best Social Responsibility and Overall Winner on the Day. Amazing....what a team!



*Xen* – Ashton Calder, Esther Jay, Brandon Cane, Keira Fowles, Marlon Douglass, Isla Hemmings, Amos Calder

## EVENTS TO KEEP IN VIEW

DECEMBER/  
JANUARY

6<sup>th</sup> December - Joint House Tournament Day

7<sup>th</sup> December – Parents' Day – Year 7 to 13

11<sup>th</sup> December – Staff Meal – campuses closed pm

12<sup>th</sup> December – Dunstable KS2 Autumn Celebration

18<sup>th</sup> December – Joint House Music Competition

18<sup>th</sup> December - Term Ends - 3.00pm

4<sup>th</sup> January – Spring Term Starts - 8.45am

## Key Stage 2 Awards

Last week's teacher awards were presented to Kelsey Baxter, Austin Fowles, Jacinta Wiltshire, Kayla Tuffin and Benji Stedman in Year 5/6 for an excellent SDL presentation and to Finley Rowles in Year 3/4 for setting a great example to his peers and for a brilliant work ethic. Well done!



The Merit Cup for November was won by Troopers with an average of nearly 20 merits per pupil...

