

12 January 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians

I trust that all students have had a restful Christmas break and are ready for the busy term ahead. I warmly welcome all parents of new pupils to the Saint Felix community. Our strength is in our family spirit and I am sure that you have already been made to feel welcome.

Over the Christmas period a group of Sixth Form students showed their support for the Lowestoft charity 'Access Community Trust' with donations of clothing and bedding for the homeless. Year 11 students filled and decorated shoe boxes with a variety of useful items and treats including toiletries, toys and sweets. In doing so, both groups of students have demonstrated social responsibility and how small practical gestures of kindness can make a big difference to those in need. Remember that this was an initiative thought up and put into motion by the pupils themselves who have represented the school and its values and ethos well.

Drama News

We are delighted to announce the LAMDA Speech and Drama results from the examinations in December 2017 in solo acting, group acting or devising drama. Once again, these have been outstanding across the school with 21 distinctions, 13 Merits and 1 Pass. The following Senior Department students will be receiving their certificates during Assembly on Monday 15 January:

Alice Barker-Harrison: Acting Grade 1 – Duo (Distinction)
Amelia Prowse: Acting Grade 1 - Duo (Distinction)
Harrison Bell: Group Devising Drama Grade 1 (Distinction)
Jacob Hart: Group Devising Drama Grade 1 (Distinction)
James Hunt: Group Devising Drama Grade 1 (Distinction)
Harry De Coteau Spring: Acting Grade 1 – Duo (Merit)
James Keeble: Acting Grade 1 – Duo (Merit)
Warren Buist: Devising Drama Grade 2 – Solo (Distinction)
Leyla Sanchez: Group Devising Drama Grade 2 (Merit)
Imogen Whyte: Group Devising Drama Grade 2 (Merit)
Lucy Rainer: Acting Grade 2 – Solo (Distinction)
Mollie Barrett-Kelly: Devising Drama Grade 5 – Solo (Merit)
Georgia Pleasants: Acting Grade 5 – Combined (Distinction)
Tallulah Jary: Acting Grade 5 – Combined (Distinction)
George Walker: Group Devising Drama Grade 5 (Merit)
Jack Barrett-Kelly: Group Devising Drama Grade 5 (Merit)
Henry Cole: Group Devising Drama Grade 5 (Merit)
Joseph Barbrook: Group Devising Drama Grade 7 (Distinction)
Charlotte Sigsworth: Group Devising Drama Grade 7 (Distinction)
Tallulah Jary: Group Devising Drama Grade 7 (Distinction)
Chloe Hillier: Devising Drama Grade 8 - Solo (Pass)

English Department News

This week we held our inaugural book group meeting at which a number of staff met to discuss *The Essex Serpent* by Sarah Perry and a lively discussion was enjoyed by all who attended. Next up is *The Power* by Naomi Alderman, a critical and popular success during the last 12 months. It presents a feminist

utopia/dystopia set in the near future and is sure to spark debate. We would like to invite any parents who might be interested to come along. If you would like to do so, please contact Mr Lynch at rlynch@stfelix.co.uk We hope that some of you will be able to attend.

Equestrian News

On Sunday 7 January the senior Equestrian Team competed at Easton & Otley College in the National Schools Equestrian Associations Hickstead Qualifiers:

Katie Hammett, Nathaniel Hurst, Georgia Pleasants and Jack Wilmot finished 1st in the 90cm team, with Georgia and Katie, riding as individuals, finishing in 1st and 2nd place respectively. In the 80cm team Maria Donovan, Georgia Pleasants, Nathaniel Hurst and Jack Wilmot finished 1st, with Maria and Georgia finishing individually in 1st and 2nd place respectively. The riders have all qualified for the Hickstead Eventers Challenge Championships to be held during May 2018.

Katie Hammett finished in 4th place in the 70cm team class. Unfortunately, Jack Wilmot's saddle slipped as he entered the ring and although he was allowed to jump his results were not credited to the 70cm team class which meant the team finished in 2nd place, with Maria Donovan finishing as an individual in 5th place.

Music Department News

We are delighted to announce last term's Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM) examinations results, with certificates being presented during Assembly on Monday 15 January, as follows:

Lucy Rainer: Grade 5 Theory (Pass)

Joanna Jia Qi Lin: Grade 5 Theory (Pass with Merit)

Oliver Oldrey: Grade 4 Singing (Merit)

Chloe Hillier: Grade 8 Singing (Merit*)

Smriti Gokarn: Grade 5 Violin (Pass) and Grade 6 Piano (Pass)

Xinwen Zhang (Nicole): Grade 5 Clarinet (Merit)

*Chloe Hillier has also achieved her Grade 3 Practical Musicianship with a Merit. This examination is rarely taken and she is only the second pupil at Saint Felix School to have taken this examination in recent years.

Sports Department News

Jack Barrett-Kelly finished 1st in his age group in the NuKids climbing competition in Norwich over the Christmas holidays.

On Sunday 17 December Brooke Oram took part in the Inter Club Cross Country Competition at Framlingham. Brooke won the U15 category and was the 2nd girl back for all age groups.

On Boxing Day Brooke Oram took part in the annual Groggy Doggy Cross Country Competition in Bungay and finished 2nd in the 13 to 16 girls age group.

On Sunday 7 January Brooke Oram and Rose Branton took part in the Suffolk Cross Country Championships at Culford. Brooke finished 7th in the U15 girls age group and Rose finished 8th in the U15 girls age group.

On Thursday 11 January seven students competed in the final round of the Suffolk Schools Cross Country Trials at Woodbridge School. Runners are automatically selected to be part of the Suffolk team if they finish

in the top 8 of their race. If runners finish between 8th - 16th, there is a very good chance that they will also be selected. We are very hopeful that Poppy Branton, Rose Branton and Brooke Oram will be selected to represent Suffolk in their age groups

Polite Reminder

We ask that all parents are considerate when driving through the school site. Please ensure you observe the site speed limit, be aware of people crossing the roads, observe the one-way system on the drive and do not leave your car engines running while waiting. I have made this plea several times this year but have sadly found the need to again. There is nothing more important to me as Headmaster of the whole school than the safety of pupils and staff. Please always try to follow this guidance.

Diary Dates:

- **Tuesday 16 January**
11+, 12+, 13+, 14+ and Sixth Form Entrance and Academic Scholarship Examinations
- **Wednesday 17 January - Friday 19 January**
Auditions & Practical Scholarship Assessments
- **Friday 19 January**
Year 8 Parents' Meeting (4pm)

Mr James Harrison
Headmaster