

19 January 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians

It was a pleasure for the Senior Department to welcome all prospective Year 7 students both internal and external who sat their entrance examinations in English and Mathematics on Tuesday. The performance and approach of our Year 6 students is not only a credit to them but also to their parents and the Prep Department. We look forward to them, and the external candidates who sat the entrance examinations and auditions in Music and Drama, joining the Senior Department in September.

School Meals

We are delighted to update all parents on the progress that has been made following a wholesale review of the catering at Saint Felix before Christmas.

The school has appointed a new chef, Scott Wilson to work alongside our Head Chef Brian Herrington. With a career history in the RAF, Scott has won a bronze medal and certificate of merit in the Combined Services Culinary Competition and has catered for Her Majesty the Queen on two occasions. In civilian life, Scott has run the catering at a large holiday park on the Norfolk Coast, run his own pub and restaurant and oversaw the redevelopment of the restaurant at Great Yarmouth Stadium. He brings a wealth of experience to the position.

Following a meeting with the menu committee we are also pleased to launch our new menu on Monday. The new, three-week rolling menu incorporates a greater variety and wider selection of hot food, including specified vegetarian meals, soup with freshly baked bread, and the jacket potato option will be available every day. We aim to provide a wider range of cold options as the weeks progress and will also review these new menus after two cycles. The lunch menus can be viewed here:
<http://www.stfelix.co.uk/lunch-menus>

Drama News

Rehearsals have begun with much excitement and enthusiasm for this year's Senior summer production of Cameron Mackintosh's 'Mary Poppins'. Auditions and workshops were held last week and it has now been cast. This particular production will challenge not only the pupils' acting skills but also strengthen and enhance their singing and dancing ability. With a cast of 42, this wonderful musical will be taking place at the end of the academic school year. The production is led by Tracy Marriott as choreographer and Director, Rebecca Knights as Singing Director, Jo Webster as choreographer and costume and set designer and Jo Greenacre as prop and set designer. The pupils have been given their own personal show books, which include the music and script to learn.

Curriculum News

This week Year 9 students have had 1:1 meetings to help them with their GCSE option choices. Students should return home this week with provisional option choices for GCSE to discuss with you before they select their final choices later this half term. We look forward to seeing parents at the Year 9 Parents' Meeting on Friday 26 January, which will also include a presentation on the GCSE options.

Next week is assessment week for Year 7 and I have included a copy of the assessment timetable for your information. These are formative assessments which focus on the learning that has taken place thus far. These are internal assessments for learning which we will take place in lessons and some of them are practical based. English and Music have already completed their assessment so do not appear. Lessons for the rest of the week will continue as normal. Parents will receive feedback on the assessments in a report which will be sent out before half term.

Year 7 Internal Assessments

	7A	7P
Monday 22 January	History, Art (Practical)	Latin
Tuesday 23 January	Science	Drama (Practical), Art (Practical) and Science
Wednesday 24 January	Latin, Games (Practical)	French, Games (Practical)
Thursday 25 January	Drama – Practical	Geography and History
Friday 26 January	Mathematics, Geography, DT (Practical) and PE (Practical)	Mathematics, PE (Practical) and DT (Practical)
Monday 29 January	French and RE	French and RE

Sports Department News

On Sunday 14 January Brooke Oram took part in the Winter League Cross Country Competition at Stowmarket. Brooke competed in the U17 age group, which also included boys. She was the 36th runner back overall and 8th girl back.

Diary Dates:

- **Friday 26 January**
Year 9 Parents' Meeting and GCSE Option Information Evening (4pm)

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