

8 December 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians

On Friday 1 December students in Years 7 - 13 competed in the twelve-hour Sportathon in House teams, alongside staff who refereed, umpired and challenged them to a number of matches across badminton, football, hockey, netball and tennis. After eleven hours of competition, the final match of the fifth sport, football, saw Pemberton House declared the victors. Sponsorship from the event is expected to raise several hundred pounds which will go towards the development of a new cricket pavilion scheduled to be ready in time for the 2018 season.

### **Drama Department News**

On Monday 4 December the GCSE Drama group performed their devised examination pieces to an invited audience. This proved to be a very powerful and moving evening with pupils focusing on a documentary style of theatre, exploring some of the tragedies humans face such as the Aberfan and Hillsborough disasters. The students are to be congratulated on their mature and empathic performances which made a lasting impression on the audience.

On Tuesday 5 December the LAMDA Speech and Drama examinations took place with performances of acting and devised pieces across the Senior and Prep Departments. We look forward to the results in the New Year.

### **English Department News**

The parents of Year 11 students who wish to purchase CGP Revision Guides through the school should complete and return the detachable slip from the letter they were given, with full payment, to Mr Lynch, before the end of term.

### **Equestrian News**

The equestrian team and individual results from the National Schools Equestrian Associations Championships Plate at Keysoe in Bedfordshire are highlighted below:

On Friday 1 December Jack Wilmot won the 70cm Santa Stakes. Katie Hammett placed 4<sup>th</sup> and Maria Donovan placed 5<sup>th</sup>. In the 80cm Santa Stakes Maria Donovan placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and Jack Wilmot placed 5<sup>th</sup>.

On Saturday 2 December Jack Wilmot placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in 70cm National Show Jumping Championship Final. Katie Hammett, Georgia Pleasants and Jack Wilmot finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place in the Jumping with Style 70cm National Final. Luise Fischer rode as an individual finishing in 4<sup>th</sup> place in the in 90cm National Show Jumping Championship Final. Georgia Pleasants, Katie Hammett, Maria Donovan and Jack Wilmot finished 2<sup>nd</sup> as a team in the Eventers Challenge 80cm and qualified for Hickstead 2018. Luise Fischer finished individually 4<sup>th</sup> and Jack Wilmot finished individually 5<sup>th</sup>.

On Sunday 3 December Nathaniel Hurst won the 1m Jumping with Style and the 1m Show jumping National Finals, becoming National Plate Champion. He finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in both the 90cm and 1m Eventers Challenge, qualifying for Hickstead 2018.

## **Music Department News**

On Friday 1 December the Saint Felix Choral Society performed parts of Handel's Messiah and a selection of Christmas music with audience participation in the carol singing.

Joanna Jia Qui Lin and Lucy Rainer both achieved 87% Merit in The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM) Grade 5 Theory examination.

On Thursday 7 December the whole school attended the Advent Service in the Chapel. Chloe Hillier, Head of Choir, presented the new members of the Choir with their badges signifying membership of The Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) and she directed the Choir in the anthem 'Good News'.

## **Sports Department News**

On Saturday 2 December the following pupils competed in the second round of the Suffolk Schools Cross Country Championships at Culford. Runners had to finish in the top 40 to progress to the next round of the competition:

### Minor Girls

Louisa Everett - 11<sup>th</sup>

Imogen Whyte - 65<sup>th</sup>

### Junior Girls

Poppy Branton - 3<sup>rd</sup>

Brooke Oram - 12<sup>th</sup>

Elodie Whyte - 38<sup>th</sup>

### Junior Boys

Joshua Stephens - 42<sup>nd</sup>

### Inter girls

Rose Branton - 17<sup>th</sup>

Matilda Kime - 40<sup>th</sup>

### Senior Girls

Lauren Oram - 17<sup>th</sup>

On Tuesday 5 December the U16/U18 Hockey team played their last game of the season against Royal Hospital School 3rd Team. Saint Felix continued their unbeaten season and won 5-0. Player of the Match was Elizabeth Reader.

On Wednesday 6 December the U12/U13 Hockey A and B Teams played their last match of the season against East Point Academy. The A Team won 3-0. Player of the Match was Michaela Taiwo. The B Team won 7-0. Player of the Match was Lola Marsden.

## **Diary Dates:**

**Monday 11 December**

- Christmas Jumper

**Tuesday 12 December**

- Pyjamas Day
- Years 7 - Year 10 Christmas Dinner and Disco (6.30pm)

**Wednesday 13 December**

- Senior Department Carol Service at Saint Edmund's Church in Southwold (2.30pm)  
*Please be seated by 2.15pm for the 2.30pm start.*  
Please join us for mince pies and mulled wine in the Dining Hall after the Service.

- End of Term

In closing, I would like to thank all parents for their continued support this term. May I take this opportunity to wish all pupils and parents a restful, happy Christmas holiday!

Mr James Harrison  
Headmaster