

# Prospect School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Headteacher: Mr Philip Davies

As the academic year draws to an end, I would like to say how proud I am of the students' achievements and accomplishments. These have been made possible with your support and through the dedication of staff who work tirelessly to provide opportunities for all our young people to grow and learn. Your partnership, as families, has been invaluable and I am grateful for your commitment and support.

I also want to highlight some events that have taken place recently, along with some information for the new academic year.

## **Celebration Assemblies**

Over the last two weeks we have been having celebration assemblies, where students are honoured for their achievements and contribution to the school throughout the year. It truly was a time of celebration and I am really grateful to all the families who came along to support their sons and daughters. The Heads of Year, many of them new to their posts, Mr Alexander, Ms Seaward, Ms Matten, Mr Gerrard and Ms Ralston have led our year groups so well.

## **New Year 7**

On the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> July we had our Transition Days when we were very pleased to welcome the Year 6 students, who will be coming to us in September. They undertook a wide range of activities. We also hosted a tea and cake event for Year 6 students and their families. We look forward to these students joining us in September.

## **Sports Day/Festival of Sport**

We have finished the year with our annual sports day, organised brilliantly by our P.E. Department. There was great competition with some superb individual and team performances, ensuring that the day was greatly enjoyed by all – both competitors and those cheering them on from the side lines.

Year 7 Festival of Sport winners – Hamilton

Year 8 Festival of Sport winners – Simmonds

Year 9 Festival of Sport winners – Simmonds

Year 10 Festival of sport winners – Holmes

Well done Holmes on being Festival of Sport winners.

House trophy winners – Holmes

## **Student leadership team**

After recent elections, it was my great pleasure to announce the new student leadership team who have both the honour and responsibility of being the role models for the rest of the student body (Prospect Parliament) and who are the voice of students in the school. After a selection process, the following were elected:

### Head Boy

Thomas Spencer

### Head Girl

Kayli Townley

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### Deputies

Ambreen Azeem  
Aston Chapman  
Jak Chilton  
Muddaththir Ukasha  
Tallulah Macmillan  
Kayleigh Plank

### **Change to the school day**

After much discussion and consultation, we will be moving to a new structure for the school day in September. School will finish at 2.45 p.m. The start of the school day remains 8.30 a.m. For those students who would like to stay in school there will be an extended homework club in the computer room attached to the Library from 2.45 p.m. to 3.45 p.m.

8.30 a.m.	Registration
8.45 a.m. – 9.45 a.m.	Period 1
9.45 a.m. – 10.45 a.m.	Period 2
10.45 a.m. – 11.15 a.m.	Break One (thirty minutes)
11.15 a.m. – 12.15 p.m.	Period 3
12.15 p.m. – 1.15 p.m.	Period 4
1.15 p.m. – 1.45 p.m.	Break Two (thirty minutes )
1.45 p.m. – 2.45 p.m.	Period 5
2.45 p.m.	End of the school day

### **Dates for the diary**

GCSE results will be handed out in the 6<sup>th</sup> Form Common Room on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August. Year 11 students will be able to register for the Sixth form with Mr Beard and talk to the Sixth Form team about their plans for September. A level results will also be available for collection from the Sixth Form Common Room on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August.

The start of term will be 8.30 a.m. on the 7<sup>th</sup> September. We will be having a staggered start

### **Year 7 and 12 - 8.30 a.m. start**

- Registration, Period 1 and 2 (8.30 a.m.-10.45 .am.) with tutors - assembly/timetables/planners;
- First lesson starts at 11.15 a.m.

### **Year 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 - 9.45 a.m. start**

- One period with tutors (timetables / planners)
- First lesson starts at 11.15 a.m.

### **Uniform**

Could I remind everyone of our school uniform standards. I believe relaxing the school uniform dress code in the summer term this year, to cope with the very hot weather, to be the right decision. Details of the school uniform requirements can be found on the school website. Students failing to meet our expectations in September will be asked to go home and change. Could I also remind you that we

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have a new P.E. kit design, which is available to purchase from Stevensons. Students are still able to wear the original kit, but as items require replacing, the new design should be purchased.

### **Canteen**

Our new caterers have settled in fantastically well. The students tell me they like the new offer and also the new bar coding system, which reduces the queuing time.

### **Science labs**

We refurbished a number of our science labs this year. The students have enjoyed learning in these modern spaces. We plan to continue with this programme of ensuring our facilities are of the highest standard.

### **Year 11 Prom**

The Year 11 Prom was a lovely evening of celebration. The young ladies looked extremely glamorous in their beautiful prom dresses and the young gentlemen looked very sharp too. A very enjoyable evening was had by all. I would like to thank Mrs Clyne for the time and effort devoted to the organisation of this special event. We look forward to seeing Year 11 on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August when they collect their GCSE results.

### **Staff joining**

The following staff join us in September, either to replace those that are leaving or to take on some new posts:

Ms C Belcher – English  
Ms E Payne - English  
Mr A Seal – Head of Geography  
Mr D Furkins – Head of English  
Mr J Crowe - P.E./Maths  
Ms L Blake – P.E./Science  
Ms S Heidary - Technology  
Mr K McDonald - Technology  
Ms N Lally – Psychology covering Ms Mohsin maternity leave  
Ms V Tansie – Science  
Mrs M Suleman - Science

On behalf of the staff at Prospect School, I wish you a very restful summer and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

Best wishes

Phil Davies  
Headteacher

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