

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



So quickly we have reached the end of Term 4 and our Year 11 & 13 students are hard at work revising for their final exams. I know that students will use some of the Easter holidays to prepare. There are organised revision sessions in school over the holidays to support our students. Students have the opportunity to sign up to the various subjects. Individual examination timetables have been sent to all students and a master copy can be found on our website. We have had many successes to celebrate

this term and we have celebrated these during our Reward Assemblies this week. It has been a pleasure to present the prizes and certificates. Students were recognised for outstanding attendance, achievement and effort. There were special awards for Science, as well as certificates for students who have been working hard on our Literacy Programme. There has also been a Year 7 Rewards Trip for those students with 100% attendance. There have been numerous successes in sport this term. These are reported regularly in our Newsletter.

Sixth Form students have also been involved in fundraising for Sports Relief and so far £992 has been raised. Well done to both students and staff who were involved.

We have high expectations of our students and a high standard of uniform is essential. Can I remind all parents to ensure students to wear the correct school uniform? There are many

advantages for students to wear correct uniform including:

Uniforms give students a sense of belonging and create an identity for the school in the community;

Uniforms help students to prepare for when they leave school and may have to dress smartly or wear a uniform;

It is believed that a school uniform can improve learning by reducing distraction, sharpening focus on schoolwork and making the classroom a more serious environment.

We will be doing uniform checks on the gates during the first week back after the break.

Enjoy the break and we look forward to the summer term which starts Monday, 16th April.

Mr P. Davies (Headteacher)

Katie is now NATIONAL BOXING CHAMPION !



Prospect is proud to share some fantastic news regarding one of our Year 10 students.

Katie won her semi-finals last Saturday and made it through to the finals on Sunday - and she won!

She is now officially National Champion and has made the squad list for England.

Katie will now be representing England in her weight category.

WELL DONE & GOOD LUCK



← Katie and her coach proudly showing off her medal and certificate.

Career News

Information from Ms S. Gallivan (Careers Officer)

We visited Microsoft this week to find out more about their well-recognised Apprenticeship programme from Level 3 to Degree Level. Applications are now open for their September intake which covers all areas of the business.

#Women in Stem: The CEO and over half the Senior Management team are women.

<https://www.gov.uk/apprenticeships-guide> .

There were a number of small to medium enterprises in attendance and their message was that a work ethic and willingness to learn are key **employability skills**.

Year 10 News

We are running a number of mentoring programmes for students which focus on employability. Tutors— please remind students to attend. We also send emails home and would appreciate your support by reminding your child that this is a valuable opportunity to learn from employers. If they are unable to attend please inform the Careers Office or The Hub. The advice and knowledge that these mentors offer is priceless. This includes helping with CVs and supporting with interviews as well as giving their time and expertise to the school.

Year 10 Progression Day - 24th April 2018

The day will give insight to the routes available after Year 11 as well as tips on how to get there e.g. University, 6th Form, College, Apprenticeship. Support with the all-important soft skills that employers rate just as important as qualifications will also be addressed. Start thinking now about some questions you might like to ask to make the most of the day.

Year 11 News

Monday 30th April 2018

We have invited Reading College into school to run an application workshop for Year 11. They will be able to help with applications for courses and deal with any queries you might have. **Please contact the Careers Office to register your interest.**

If anyone would like to see me then please make an appointment. It does not matter what year you are in. I will be pleased to meet with you. Careers Guidance is vital to keep you motivated at school. It is never too early to start thinking about your career and how you might reach your goals.

Ms S. Gallivan (Careers Officer—office opposite School Library)

TEEP @ Prospect School 2017—2018

This year all teachers at Prospect School have undergone TEEP training during our INSET days in September and November. TEEP stands for the Teachers Effectiveness Programme and is essentially all about good Teaching and Learning. It is run by the SSAT (the Schools, students and teachers network) and the 3 days of training were delivered by their external trainers. Please take a look at their website if you would like to find out more -

<https://www.teep.org.uk>.

TEEP has really helped to consolidate the sharing of effective practice amongst teachers. Photographs showing some examples of great TEEP lessons in action will be in the next Newsletter.

Mrs S. McCavish
Assistant Headteacher

Prospect Sports News

Berkshire Winter School Games

National Sports Centre - Bisham Abbey

Last Wednesday, twenty two Year 8 students went to the National Sports Centre at Bisham Abbey to compete in the Berkshire Winter School Games.

Taking 3 teams competing in Football and indoor athletics, the students were able to enjoy some activities on offer to them, such as cycling, pistol shooting and archery, before competing in the afternoon.

The girls' football team had a great day, playing some fantastic football and making it through to the 3rd/4th place playoff where they narrowly lost 1-0 in a tight game.

The boys and girls indoor athletics teams both represented Prospect tremendously well, coming out as the top school in Reading, in both competitions with the boys team finishing 2nd overall in Berkshire.

A huge congratulations to all who were involved and represented the school.



By J. Crowe (P.E. Teacher)

NUMERACY ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

Puzzle of the Week (answer in next Issue)

. In a certain code GARNISH is written as RGAINHS. How will GENIOUS be written in that code?

- (a) NEGOISU
- (b) NGEIOISU
- (c) NGESUOI
- (d) NEGSUOI



Issue 15 Answer = (a) 11



EAL department hosted a bilingual parents' group meeting on Thursday 22nd March 2018



A number of student support agencies, parents and our students attended the meeting. It was a great pleasure to meet with the parents of our newly arrived students.

I would like to thank the parents and students who attended, and say a special thank you to all the host speakers for the information they shared with the parents about school life.

Mr Davies welcomed the parents and students to Prospect School and emphasized the importance of our Vision to 'Aspire, Believe and Achieve'. He encouraged everyone (parents, students and staff) to work together as a team to support our students to succeed.

Mr Davies went on to talk about the importance of communication between home and school for the benefit and progress of our students. He reiterated that at Prospect School we acknowledge the challenges faced by our new students and their parents. We understand that they have to adjust to a completely new environment, culture, a new language

and at the same time try to come to terms with a new system of education and the school curriculum. All of this can be quite a big challenge for young people so he reassured the parents that his staff are there to work with the students and parents to overcome such challenges and to support the students to achieve their full potential.

After the welcome, Mr Edwards; explained the school curriculum, the transition between Key Stage 3 and 4, the 'Options process' and GCSEs etc. The broad curriculum in Years 7 & 8, and the options choices in Year 8 leading to GCSE exams in Year 11. Mrs McCavish showed the parents how to access Show My

Homework and its importance on keeping in touch with what homework is being set and the due dates etc.

Later, Mr Keane-Grufferty spoke about his expertise as a school counsellor and how and when to access counselling support. Miss Gallivan went on to talk about the transition stage from Key Stage 4 to 5 and the next steps – for example: Reading

College/Sixth form/Apprenticeship courses etc and the guidance that is available through the careers support service - (Our current Year 10s will be taking advantage of her expertise in the next academic year).

Finally, Miss Morris spoke about safeguarding, the dangers of Social Media and her role as a lead on alternative curriculum at Prospect school. At the end, I would like to say a special thank you to Fidan Ahmad, a volunteer from the University of Reading students in school programme, who spent three and half hours translating for us. Well done Fidan – you did a brilliant job!

Farida Khan
(EAL Co-ordinator)