



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



*Welcome back  
and I hope  
you had a  
restful and  
enjoyable  
summer.*

Last week saw us welcome our next cohort of excited Year 7 pupils to the school. Watching them growing and developing over time will be really exciting. The Year 7s have had the opportunity to spend two days at Ufton Court this week with their tutors and Head of Year. They will do teambuilding activities in their tutor groups. This should give them a good start to the beginning of their time at Prospect School and help settle them into school.

I have been immensely impressed with the attitude and approach of our new Year 11s. They have returned to the final year focused and ready to take advantage of the support that we make available to them. Mr Littlemore and Ms Matten will be contacting families with a timetable of intervention activities that are available this year.

We have several new members of staff starting and several staff that will be undertaking different roles within the school. I am delighted to welcome the following staff joining Prospect and wish them every success in providing the best education for our students:

Mr Light – Head of Music  
Ms Webb – Head of Maths  
Ms Thornicroft – History/R.E. teacher  
Mr Turner – Physics teacher  
Ms Bartholomew – Science teacher  
Mr Chaplin – Maths teacher  
Mrs Lannon – Learning Mentor  
Ms Rosenthal – Learning Mentor

Additionally, Mr Alexander has completed his year with Year 11 and is now Head of Year 8. All other Heads of Year have moved up with their year groups

I would like to thank all parents/carers for making sure from the outset that our young people attend school regularly and on time. I am pleased to report to you that the number of students arriving late to school is very low and would urge parents/carers to help reinforce our message of the importance of education and good attendance by ensuring that students arrive on time for school (8.25am). The fact that learning starts at 8.30 with period 1 makes punctuality very important. We believe that every lesson is important in your child's education and I wish to remind parents/carers that all family holidays taken during term time will be unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances.

I wrote to you in July advising of the movement of tutor time to after Period 2, to take effect from the start of the academic year. This has now been in place for a week and it has been working well. It is providing a more focused start to the school day. I detail below the structure of the new school day as it now stands.

### School Day

8.30 – 9.30	Lesson One (registration will take place)
9.30 – 10.30	Lesson Two
10.30 – 10.45	Tutor Time*
10.45 – 11.15	Break
11.15 – 12.15	Lesson Three
12.15 – 1.15	Lesson Four
1.15 – 1.45	Break
1.45 – 2.45	Lesson Five
2.45 – 3.45	Lesson Six/Intervention/Homework club etc

\*On assembly days this will start at 10.25 for the relevant year group.

We have moved tutor time to after period 2 to give a more focused start to the day. Students go straight into lessons, rather than tutor time at the start of the day.

P. Davies  
Headteacher

# SPORTS DEPARTMENT NEWS



## Prospect awarded a BRONZE award for their involvement in sport

We are delighted to announce that we, Prospect School have achieved the School Games Bronze Mark Award for the 2017/18 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Our sporting achievements this year include:  
Winners of the Reading Year 9 Football League  
Runners up in the Reading Year 8 Football League  
Winners of the Reading School Games indoor athletics (Boys and Girls)  
Winners of the Reading School Games Netball competition

With over 200 young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

We look forward to applying once again in 2019!

Mr A. Dorliac  
Head  
of  
Department



has achieved the Bronze School Games Mark award for their commitment, engagement and delivery of competitive school sport in 2017/18



# Career News

Siobhan Gallivan—Head of Department

We have a number of exciting events this term:

**Mentoring Programmes Year 10 – All letters are available to download from the website under ‘parents’ letters’.**

- Captain of My Ship mentoring programme in PHSE, Library, P2 - please can all letters be returned. Students receive individual careers support from a number of outside employees.
- The Peter Brett mentoring programme has been rewritten to make it more skills based. This will be monthly in the Library. We will be taking students to Peter Brett on 18<sup>th</sup> September to meet their mentors.
- Reading Scholars – for students who aspire to Higher Education. This programme will be starting in October and will give students an understanding of university life and a mentor who will support and guide them.
- Young Enterprise Programme – this a new initiative for those budding entrepreneurs who might like to work for themselves. Students will take part in an national competition to start a business from scratch. We are inviting students to apply for this and there will be an assembly on Tuesday, 18th September to explain the programme and sign up. Knowing the students here, I am sure there will be many who have that natural flair for business.

## What did you want to do when you left school?

An interview with C. Brown—Prospect School Business Manager

1. **What did you want to be when you were at school?**

Actuary/Accountant.

2. **What subjects did you enjoy and why?**

Maths – I had a good teacher and I was good at it.

3. **What subjects were a challenge?**

Anything that included writing essays.

4. **What was your first proper full-time job after college/university/school?**

Trainee Accountant.

5. **How did you decide which was the right career for you?**

I liked playing with figures so anything that involved this would have been good.

6. **If you could give your younger self some careers advice what would it be?**

Don't study accountancy at university as it can be very dry & boring – I started off doing an Accountancy degree but switched to Economics which was much more enjoyable.

7. **If you could do any job or career what would it be?**

Happy with my choices and for most of my career I have thoroughly enjoyed my work.

8. **What do you enjoy about your job?**

Variety, no day is the same.

9. **If you could change one thing about your job/career what would that be?**

Nothing really.

Year 11- Guidance interviews will take place every Friday. Please contact me for an appointment.

I am seeing all the students that have sent me their Future Forms first.