

# Head's Newsletter

Friday 9 July 2021

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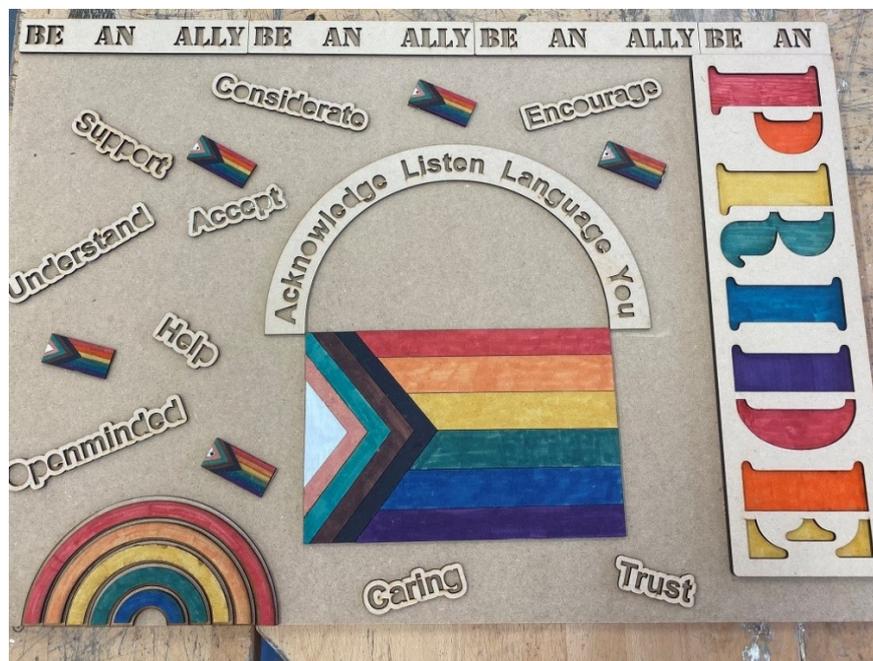
Dear Parents/Carers

I hope all is well and that you have had an enjoyable week. This will be my last newsletter of the academic year. Next week, I will be writing a letter to families that will contain key information regarding our return in September, and will also aim to record and share a video message. A huge thank you to the Hobart community for your support and patience during a very 'different' year.

## Schools Pride Week

During the course of the last five days, we have been celebrating Schools Pride Week in a variety of ways. Staff have been leading starter learning activities in lessons that link to LGBTQ figureheads linked to their subjects, and these have prompted interesting discussions. Form time has featured a recorded assembly on the theme of Pride, and staff have collaborated to record a video on what Pride means to them, which has been shared with the youngsters. Many thanks to Mrs King, Mrs Nethersell-Webb, Miss Brigham and staff who contributed to the making of the video.

A number of Year 9 students have used their lunchtimes to produce the amazing Pride display board shown below. A huge thank you to the individuals involved: Thalia Wilcox, Evie McLoughlin, Emily D'Arcy, Charlotte Riches, Imogen Lincoln and Annabel Outlaw. The focus of the display is on being an ally and the acronym for ally adopted by our Diversity Inclusion Campaigns and Equalities group (DICE) - 'acknowledge, listen, language and you'.



The display board will be mounted in a prominent position of the school to share the important messages within it. We intend to leave it there for a significant period of time, both to convey the key messages within it and as a reminder that the key messages of Pride should remain at all times.

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## Duke of Edinburgh Expedition – Part 2

Congratulations to group B of our Year 11 Duke of Edinburgh cohort, who were successful in navigating their assessed expedition on Wednesday and Thursday this week. The students worked extremely hard and had to face some interesting conditions! All sub-groups passed their Bronze expedition. Many thanks to Miss Vickers, Mr Thompson and Mr Wilson for running the expedition.



## Trips and Leavers Ball

As I mentioned in my newsletter last week, end of year trips for your child(ren) if they are in year groups 7-10 are taking place towards the end of term, as detailed in communications from the school. If you would like your child to participate, please ensure you return details and payments by the deadline set. Any queries can be directed to the trip leaders or through the main school number. If your child is in Year 11, a reminder that you can purchase tickets for the leavers ball. Details of payments and deadlines for all these events feature on Wisepay.

## Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) - Stars of the Week

Our Modern Foreign Languages students of the week this week are:

KS3 - Alfie Sear (8ECO)

KS4 - Theo Lambert (10 HUP)



Well done to you both for your consistent hard work and excellent attitude!

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## **Karate Kids!**

Congratulations to Katie Middleton (Year 8) who has been awarded her Shodan black belt in Shotokan Karate. She completed a two hour assessment in Harrow to with an individual who is 7<sup>th</sup> Dan in his discipline! Ed Copsey from Year 10 also graded in the same session – which was all the more special as the two youngsters have trained together for a number of years. The grading session included Kumite fighting (Katie and Ed had to fight each other!) and sequences of forms amongst other exercises. Well done to both individuals!



## **Sports Day 2021**

The much-anticipated Sports Day results were announced to the students this week, which caused some celebrations and some disappointment for form tutors and students.

The importance of taking part and representing their forms was echoed around each year assembly, not just for gaining points towards their form totals but also for the enjoyment and sense of achievement.

Two score records were broken during the day, with Isabelle Rushmere breaking the Year 9 girls 200m record which had previously been set in 2005, knocking 0.61seconds off with a time of 28.16 seconds. William Browne in Year 10 broke the boys 1500m record which had been set in 2018, knocking 3 seconds off the previous record and achieved a time of 4 minutes, 37seconds.

The final form positions were as follows:

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## Year 7

1<sup>st</sup> = ASC – 337  
2<sup>nd</sup> = MST – 335  
3<sup>rd</sup> = ABO – 293  
4<sup>th</sup> = HHO – 283  
5<sup>th</sup> = LKI – 226  
6<sup>th</sup> = CBA - 212

## Year 8

1<sup>st</sup> = RRU – 487  
2<sup>nd</sup> = ASB – 461  
3<sup>rd</sup> = CRO – 460  
4<sup>th</sup> = RWH – 391  
5<sup>th</sup> = ECO – 353

## Year 9

1<sup>st</sup> = LNE – 480  
2<sup>nd</sup> = TBA – 466  
3<sup>rd</sup> = RST – 422  
4<sup>th</sup> = MBR – 378  
5<sup>th</sup> = NCH – 297

## Year 10

1<sup>st</sup> = HUP - 565  
2<sup>nd</sup> = SMA - 427  
3<sup>rd</sup> = JDE - 410  
4<sup>th</sup> = LRU - 387  
5<sup>th</sup> = SBR - 323

Well done to everyone who took part.

## School Uniform 2021-22

As things stand at time of writing, updated DfE guidance clearly outlines that we may (and hopefully will) return to established routines and expectations come the start of the new academic year. This includes for our school uniform. If guidance remains the same, students will once again have access to changing rooms, and we will expect students to arrive at school smartly dressed in the correct uniform. I will provide a number of updates for 2021-22 in the video that will be shared next week, but wanted to give additional notice regarding uniform. The aim is to provide time for the addressing of any queries from our school community.

Some key points linked to uniform are listed below – further information is provided on the school website (click [here](#)):

- Trainers should not be worn to school, and shoes must be black, sensible, and suitable to wear in labs and workshops. Black trainers, trainer style shoes or “Vans” style pumps are not school uniform.
- On health and safety grounds we do not allow students to wear jewellery except a pair of small ear studs, a plain ring and a wristwatch. **Please note that we do not allow any facial or other body part piercings.**
- Trousers should be tailored ankle length school trousers in black woven fabric with a traditional straight leg style. No jeans, jean style, cords or flares. No decorative stitching, studs, zips etc. no fashion trousers e.g. tight/slim fitting, skinny leg, leggings, jeggings, chinos, etc.

Students who are not in correct uniform will be supported to make the right choices. For example, removing prohibited items or changing in to correct uniform. If students refuse to act on instructions linked to uniform, this will be addressed in line with our behaviour policy.

## School Approach to COVID for the Remainder of the Term

Recent news has heavily featured the easing of COVID safety measures/restrictions from the 19 July. I have decided for the current measures that are in place in school and on our risk assessment to remain in place until we break up on 21 July. This includes the wearing of face coverings on school transport. I would also encourage C19 home testing to take place until this date. The aim of these approaches is to manage risks so we can start the school holidays as safely as possible.

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## **Availability of Sanitary Products for the Summer Break**

As we approach the summer break we will be placing packs of sanitary products such as the toilets for students to take home with them should they need to. Miss Hall is leading on this provision, and if you have any queries or would like to discuss support please email [khall@hobart.org.uk](mailto:khall@hobart.org.uk)

Best wishes, take care, have a nice weekend and enjoy the football!

**Ross Li-Rocchi**  
Head of School