

Principal's Blog

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Dear Parents, guardians and friends

I decided to add an extra Blog this week because there have been a number of things happening that deserve a mention before the term ends. Next week, you will receive the usual end-of-term letter giving updates on staffing for September, etc.

On Wednesday evening I attended the concert organised by the Music Department. It was a delight to watch the pupils enjoy performing for their parents and certainly showcased the hard work and commitment they each have put into music this term. Well done to everybody who took part and thank you to all the teachers who were involved. It is clear to see that performing music impacts and strengthens the emotional wellbeing of performers.

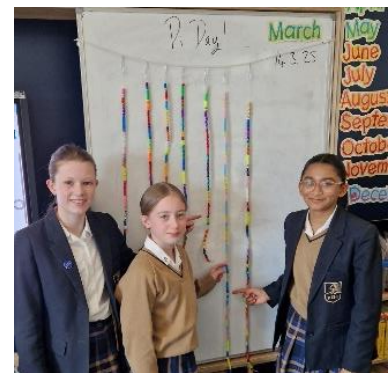
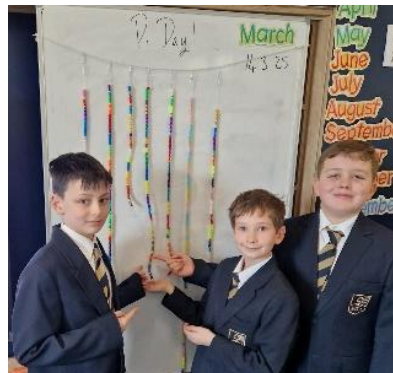


I was also pleased to hear about the performers who entered the ISA Acapella Competition, which proved to be a lovely opportunity for everybody involved and I am informed that they sang superbly. They should all be very proud of their performance.



Pi Day took place last Friday, with some superb bakes entered into the Annual Pi Baking Competition, well done to everybody who entered and particular praise to the three winners, Ariyan Rai in first place, Jacob Walker in second and Rohan Regmi in third.

Pi Day had a number of cross-curricular activities, as well as the baking competition and maths classes, pupils took part in arts and craft-based activities using the Pi theme, such as making string beaded models to represent the digits of Pi.



In my last blog I wrote about the visit from St John's Ambulance and last week the theme of learning about first aid continued, this time for the pupils in the Early Years and Key Stage 1, with a visit from the Met Medical Ambulance. It was very exciting for this age group to be able to explore the ambulance and speak to the paramedics.



Can you help inspire our pupils by talking about your work?

Last week, I mentioned about inspiring children regarding careers, and I have routinely organised speakers to visit our assemblies to talk about their own careers. Recently, we had one of the designers from Pellikaan come in to talk about her work, previously we've had solicitors, doctors and engineers. If any parent or family member would like to volunteer to talk about their own job and industry, how they started out, what degree and qualifications they needed, where they started and career progression, please contact me, as we are always interested in giving our pupils opportunities to learn about career pathways. This could be in an assembly or to smaller class groups in the sixth form and Year 11.



We had a very special visitor to the school this week, Lula, Mrs Allen's dog. Lula is in training to become a therapy dog, and the sixth formers were very interested in learning how she is being trained to support people in terms of wellbeing. Our psychology students are learning how animals are used for therapy and research purposes, so this was a great opportunity for them.

I was told that Lula was extremely calm and well behaved. I hope that our students appreciate how remarkable dogs like Lula are, and the amount of training required that produces the right standard of therapy dog.

Year 3 got ahead of the game this week, with an early VE Day party. They have been learning all about World War Two for their history topic and so it seemed like a fitting end. The celebrations included listening to Winston Churchill's famous speech from the 8th May 1945 and tucking into 'street party' food whilst listening to 1940s music. The pupils even had a go at breaking mathematical codes, just like the heroes from Bletchley Park who broke the Enigma Code.



Our Year 11 pupils received details of their formal examinations this week, together with offers for the Sixth Form, with the acceptance paperwork to be completed and returned to us by **21st April 2025 please** (which is in the Easter holiday). We also have given out details of booster sessions that are taking place during the Easter period, and I know some have been added in the last few days, so please speak to your child to ensure they are making good use of these additional opportunities. I am very grateful to all the GCSE and A-level subject teachers who are giving up some of their free time in order to help their pupils achieve their very best grades during May and June.

Sports News

A quick round-up of the sports news over the past week includes our U15 netball squad completing their season undefeated, which is excellent. The senior badminton players heading over to Hitchin for a fixture. The Year 10/11 mixed football teams enjoyed playing some quality football with Players of the Match going to Derrick, Harvey and Barney. Our U12s won their matches against BMS with Players of the Match

going to Hughie and Ethen. It was nice to see that we sent four teams to the tournament hosted by Bedford School for our Year 7s and 8s. U9s won their match again BMS with Players of the Match being awarded to Karan and Connor. Then we had the U8s, 9s, 10s and 11s, playing netball against Broughton Manor and the U13s playing Quinton House, with Player of the Match being given to Samantha.

Thank you to everybody who has represented BGI Sport this term!



Personal Achievement

We are thrilled to announce that Rohan in year 9 has been invited to join Mensa, the high IQ society. After taking the test, Rohan achieved an IQ score in the top 1%! This is an incredible accomplishment, and we are all very proud of him. Well done, Rohan!

Vas Year 8 has shown remarkable dedication to the Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award (IDEA) scheme. He achieved his Bronze award on the 18th February and his Silver award on the 8th March, working independently beyond lesson hours.

Vas is the first student in years 7-9 to complete this, and one of only three students in the school to achieve Bronze. His record of achievement highlights his impressive effort and learning. Well done, Vas!

As I said earlier, this is my last Blog for this term, with my usual end-of-term letter coming out next week.

Kind regards



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