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Newsletter May 2017

Mrs Code's Message

Its been a very busy term. In March we had our SIAMS inspection. I have sent a separate letter with a link to our report. We were absolutely thrilled with the **OUTSTANDING** grading in all the categories. St Hilda's is a very special place to study and work and having that recognised makes me very proud.

I also accompanied Victoria Langford to London with our librarian, Mrs Hale, to the final of the Pupil Librarian of the Year. It is a national competition and there were 5 finalists and lots of authors, including Cathy Cassidy. Another extremely proud moment for St Hilda's when Victoria was crowned

Pupil Librarian of the Year 2017!

I would like to thank you all for your on-going support and feedback.

Events

As usual, the school community has raised lots of money for local charities. St Hilda's College students have run 2 school discos, Easter egg hunts and helped at a MacMillan fundraiser in the community. It was great to see how many Year 7 and 8 students attended the discos. They enjoyed the dance competition too!

During the period of Lent we brought in items for a local foodbank and we were grateful for Pastor Mike Wildsmith who led assemblies explaining to our students what was needed and the help it brings to those less fortunate. We had a group of students leading the co-ordination too. Great work by all!

Each year group had its own Celebration Assembly where we recognise the effort made by students. What was particularly pleasing was seeing how many students are being awarded certificates in the assemblies.

We now have 24 trained peer mentors in Year 12 who are working alongside the younger students to support them. Our Year 12 students are delivering assemblies this week to make sure that students know who they are. It's a great team!

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The Sixth Form @ St Hilda's

It's a busy time in the College. Our Year 13 students are busily preparing for their external exams and coursework. They still have an active role in the school, but have exams to focus on.

The Prom team have everything organised and staff have had personal invites to attend. I am really looking forward to the evening and celebrating the time our senior students have spent at St Hilda's.

We have interviewed a record number of Year 11 students both from St Hilda's and other schools and have confirmed that we will be delivering English Language and Government and Politics in September 2017. We still have more interviews to do for external students.

Year 12 students are preparing for their mock exams and some of them still do A/S exams in summer, depending on the subject. Work placements for Year 12 are incredibly important and we are supporting students to find suitable placements to help their university course or career path.

We will start our search for the next College Student Leadership Team as our current team leave on May 26th! Abi, Claire, Hannah and Brooke have been superb. They have made so many fantastic changes to make the College even better. We will really miss them when they leave, but I know they will keep in touch.

Good luck to all of our College students in their examinations. A really stressful period, but they will do really well!

Behaviour & Welfare

Mrs O'Neill and the Heads of Year have been working on a new behaviour for learning system that ties in to how we celebrate and reward the behaviour and learning of the students. We will be sharing this with you this term.

I have also sent you a letter regarding a consultation about minor changes to the school day. The welfare and safeguarding of our students is the main driver for any changes to our school day.

Progress & Achievements

Thank you to Year 8 parents/carers for attending the Parents' Evening.

Attendance was over 90%! That was the last of our Parents' Evenings for this academic year. Thank you to all who attended and for your very positive comments!

You will have all received the latest report for your son/daughter. We are asking for feedback on the way we are reporting and any comments can be emailed to Mrs Moore.

Exam week is after half term and we will make sure that the exam timetables are published in advance so our students can revise thoroughly!

Getting ready for exams can be really stressful. Mrs Hale and Mrs Norton are offering relaxation and Mindfulness sessions to the students. These are so important in looking after our students.

Personal Development

This is a hugely important area of any school. We have reviewed our current Life Skills programme and Ms Shaw has developed the topics and areas we discuss. We will call this lesson PHSE from September 2017 and it will be delivered by form tutors. Our topics for the following term are:

Year 7—being safe and being responsible.

Year 8—democracy and government.

Year 9—financial capability

Year 10—health and recreation

Year 11—study support sessions

Year 12— Extended Project Qualification

Year 13— study support sessions

Alongside the weekly lessons, we have a full programme of outside speakers and events for all year groups.

We address all of the key issues relevant to being a young person, offering students opportunities to develop their skills and knowledge and are proud to have been awarded PSHE charter logo, recognising our commitment to Personal, Social and Health Education for all of our students.



Sport

Congratulations to the St Hilda's dance troupe who were the runners up at the Liverpool Schools Dance Competition at ESLA. The girls finished 2nd and put on a fantastic show.

The year 8 boys table tennis team put on a great performance at Halton Regional Table Tennis Centre on Thursday 16th March finishing runners up in the county finals.

The year 9 girls' basketball team beat St Julie's, Gateacre School and Archbishop Beck and reached the semi-finals of the Liverpool Schools City basketball tournament.

Year 8A – won all their games are the Liverpool Schools' City Champions.

Year 7A – won all their games except one and finished 'Runners Up'.

St Hilda's were the only school to qualify A and B teams for this competition. The year 7A and 8A teams both qualified for the county finals at Wirral Grammar.

Music

The Chamber Choir will be performing When I'm 64 by The Beatles live on BBC Radio Merseyside on 8th June as part of the albums 50th Anniversary celebrations.

Mrs McCann will be holding auditions for Chamber Choir very soon as we prepare to say goodbye to several of our choristers. Keep your eyes on the music notice board for more information.

The Music Dept is busy preparing for the Summer Concert which is on July 6th. Tickets will be available after half term.

We congratulate our singing teacher Kirsty Ligertwood on her recent engagement and her forthcoming nuptials at which several of our pupils are singing as part of a choir directed by Mrs McCann.

Worship

We have changed our values. The Church of England is using 4 values that we felt reflected who we are; wisdom, hope, community and dignity. As a school we chose our own 5th value; equality. Our latest Eucharist saw a very special visitor when we had a donkey at school for Palm Sunday!

Other Information

Mr Rudge has been designing a brand new website for the school and college. We are about to launch the new site and will be happy to have any feedback. We think it looks great!

Key Dates

Year 11 and 13 leave on Friday 26th
May

We have an INSET day Friday 23 June
End of term arrangements will be sent
to you shortly. We break for summer

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