

14 January 2020

Dear Parents

Congratulations to:

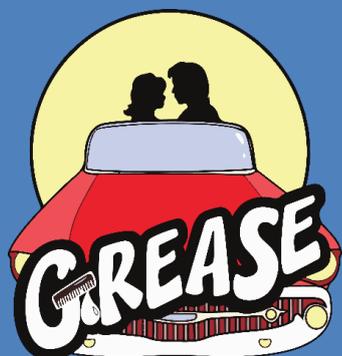
- Harriett Beeton (7C), Evelyn Green (8S) and Isabel Abbott (8T) who have attained their **Gold Merit Awards**.
- Jacob Mycroft (8C) who has attained his **Silver Merit Award**.
- Rebecca Millward (11T) in the Middle School who has attained **40 merits**.

Although summer external exams seem a long way off at this time of year I am aware that Y11 and Y13 parents and students may wish to make plans for after their last exam. Parents and students need to be aware that in the highly unlikely event that there is a national disruption to a day of the examinations in summer 2020, as a last resort affected examinations may need to be rescheduled. The awarding bodies have designated **Wednesday 24 June 2020** as the **contingency day**. It is possible that there could be more than one timetabled date following any potential disruption, **up to and including the contingency day**. If students choose not to be available for the rescheduled examination(s), they **will not be eligible** for enhanced grading arrangements.

A reminder that if a **leave of absence** is required for any reason, it must be requested well in advance of the event by a **personal letter** or **email** to me, clearly stating the reason. As grounds for authorisation, we will only accept those situations where the absence could not reasonably have been avoided. As you will be aware I am not able to authorise family holidays during term time, unless there are exceptional circumstances. You should then only remove your children from school if the absence has been authorised, and you have been notified of this in writing. If your child is **ill** and not able to attend school, an email to reception@queenelizabeths.co.uk and a letter is needed on the day of their return to school.

Free School Meals are available if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits: Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income-related Employment and Support Allowance, support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, the guarantee element of state Pension Credit or Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190 or Working Tax Credit. If you think you may be entitled to free school meals please use the following link: www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals/.

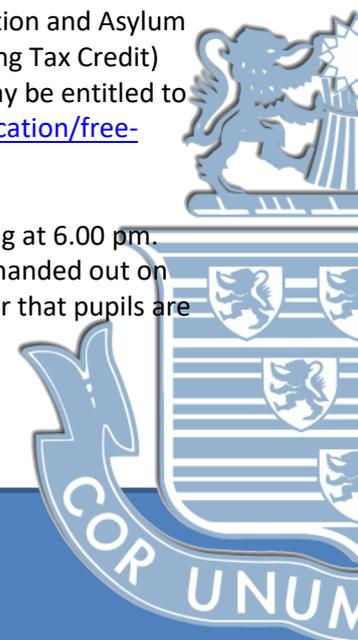
Finally a reminder that **Y8 Options and Parents' Evening** is this Thursday 16 January, starting at 6.00 pm. Copies of the Options Booklet have been distributed today. The green option form will be handed out on Thursday. **Y10 Parents' Evening** is next Wednesday, 22 January, 5.00 - 8.00 pm. A reminder that pupils are welcome to attend with their parents and need to wear full school uniform.



'Grease' is the Word

Thursday 27 & Friday 28 February 2020

Tickets are now on sale from the school reception -
£10 for adults and £6 for concessions.



We are delighted to be able to start using our brand new Francis Building 'state of the art' sports block and classrooms, with its official handover later this month. We are pleased with the outcome and are excited for the opportunities that this will provide to our students. A special thanks should be given to all the members of our community who have supported and contributed so much to achieve this: it is only as a result of their time and kind donations that we have been able to outfit the fitness suite with ultramodern equipment. Along with other significant sporting projects, which I will share in due course as they come to fruition, we are aiming to encourage even greater engagement with and enthusiasm for sporting activities with all our pupils.

Yours sincerely



Mr G Thompson
Headteacher



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