



Headteacher's Newsletter Term 3 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

Sixth Form Success

Under the new leadership of our Director of Sixth Form Mrs James we have seen excellent improvements in the progress being made by our sixth form students since September. Our current students are set to achieve Wrotham's highest ever A level results with very good value added, and our BTEC and OCR level 3 students continue to excel in their courses. This has been a real focus for the school this academic year and it is great to see students in our sixth form achieving so well.

Exam Preparation

Term 1 has seen many students taking Pre Public Exams (PPEs) in preparation for GCSEs and A levels. These PPEs are designed as real GCSEs and are sat in the main exam hall. Therefore, students are given the opportunity to practice and prepare for the real exams. We have been really proud of how the students have coped with this and the outcomes have been great. We are particularly proud of our post 16 students who achieved some excellent grades and are on track to achieve our best ever A level results.

The year 11 students have also been excellent and I am still so impressed with their focus and determination to succeed. Their Pre Public Exams start on the 29th of February. There is a strong link between those students who do well in these and those that do well in the real GCSEs in the summer. We have record numbers of year 11's signed up to attend our February half term revision sessions, so we know how serious about this they are.

It was great to see so many parents and students at our Year 11 study evening on the 11th of February. There are a number of resources on our website including revision timetables for year 11s which highlight all the extra revision sessions happening at school.

Year 11 English Success

This term our year 11 students received their IGCSE English results. There were lots of smiling faces and even some tears of joy. They were the school's best ever results for early entry IGCSE English and we also had a record number of A* and A grades. It is so good to see that students at Wrotham know they can achieve the highest possible grades, just like other students at any other school.

Year 10 Food GCSE students

This week our year 10 GCSE Food students have had their practical exams. The food has looked amazing and the students' focus and competitive spirit has been inspiring. It's not possible to include photos of all their work, but here are some examples:





Up for the Challenge – Key Stage 3

This initiative has been an astounding success and we continue to be impressed by the excellent work being produced by our key stage 3 students. We have put some photos of their Up for The Challenge work on our Facebook page and I would encourage you to have a look.

Sporting Success

We are delighted to congratulate James O'Halloran on being selected to represent England. These photos show him being presented with his England football kit, and with the rest of the squad. James' hard work and dedication have really paid off and it's great to see that all that training, included as part of the Wrotham Pro Soccer Academy, has paid off.



The Concourse

There are now a number of shelving units for students to leave their bags in during the day if they need to. However, students' must stop leaving their bags on the floor during the day and overnight as they present a trip hazard and prevent the cleaners from being able to clean properly. Next term we will have to clear the concourse of bags and coats on a daily basis so that cleaning can take place.

Cashless system

Thank you for your excellent support of our cashless system. It was great that almost every family signed up to this so quickly. It has made a real difference to the smooth running of our finance team and their systems. We really appreciate your support.

Yours sincerely

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