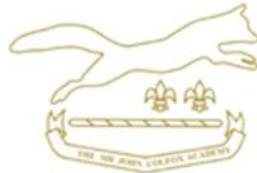


The Sir John Colfox Academy



Inspiring Learning, Achieving Excellence

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Dear Parents

Where did those five weeks go? It seems strange to think that we are only two weeks away from the half term holiday. The last day of this half term is Friday 19 October and it is a non-uniform day being run by Fleur De Lys House.

Open Day

Thank you to all the students who helped support our Open Day/Evening. It was very successful and really well attended. It was lovely to see so many new Year 7 students helping out and taking the chance to show their parents around their new school.

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

I have just received a lovely letter from Dorset County Council praising Mr Bartlett and his team for the excellent uptake to this nationally recognised awards scheme in recent years. This year the sign up to the Bronze Award has broken all records. Fifty Year 10 students have signed up to take part. That is 36% of the year group! I am very grateful to the staff who have agreed to support this after school and at weekends and means we have not had to leave anyone out. Mrs Ward, Miss Barraclough, Mr Morse, Mr and Mrs Berry will join Mr Bartlett in supporting the programme.

Sports Presentation Evening

We enjoyed a lovely presentation evening on Wednesday 3 October. The hall was completely full to recognise the efforts of our students across a wide variety of sports in academic year 2017/18. I would like to congratulate all the nominees in the different categories. I would also like to thank Top Gear (Bridport) Ltd, A J Wakely and Son, Cresta Leisure Ltd, Darren Poole Builders, Nantes Solicitors & Notaries, Jurassic Fun Centre and Bridmet Ltd for helping support the event with sponsorship. A full list of all nominees and Sports Colours winners is available on the website. The main awards winners were:

Year 7 Sportsman of the Year (sponsored by Jurassic Fun Centre): Oakley Winters O'Brien

Year 7 Sportswoman of the Year (sponsored by Jurassic Fun Centre): Evie Cox

Year 8 Sportsman of the Year: Tegan Furner

Year 8 Sportswoman of the Year: Lea Devecsery

Year 9 Sportsman of the Year: Daniel Van Zyl

Year 9 Sportswoman of the Year: Fleur Handyside

Year 10 Sportsman of the Year: Gus Johnson

Year 10 Sportswoman of the Year: Maddy Herbert

School Athletics Records (sponsored and presented by Darren Poole Builders): Maddy Herbert x 4, Owen Pitcher x 2, Euan Pollock, Lea Devecsery, Zara English and Katie Evans
Young Leader Award (sponsored and presented by A J Wakely & Son): Jess Herbert
Sporting Achievement outside of School (sponsored and presented by Top Gear (Bridport) Ltd): Abi Alner
Team of the Year (sponsored and presented by Cresta Leisure Ltd): Junior Boys Cross country
Fair Play Award (sponsored by Nantes Solicitors & Notaries): Lily George
The Sir John Colfox Sports Person of the Year (sponsored and presented by Bridmet Ltd): Daisy Parsons
Achievement Outside of School: Abi Alner (rugby)

Dorset Post 16 Careers Fair

On Wednesday 17 October Colfox will host the annual Post 16 Dorset Careers Fair. It is primarily aimed at Sixth Form students who are considering career pathways that do not involve going to University. We will welcome businesses and organisations from all over the county (and beyond) for the day. One of the perks of hosting the event is being able to let our Year 11 students in for part of the day as well. I hope the event runs smoothly for Mr Farrow and team.

Review of the year in Pictures 2017/18

Just a reminder that is available to view in digital format on the website. We do have lots of hard copies available as well and please just ask at reception if you would like one. A £1.00 contribution towards the cost of printing would be very welcome!

Non student days after half term

The next half term is very long indeed. We break up on **Friday 21 December** which actually means that Christmas Eve is the first day of the holidays! To help break up the long half term we have selected two days during this time as part of the five non student days in the academic year. Just a reminder than that **Friday 23 November** and **Monday 3 December** are non-student days. The staff are completing four evening training sessions over the year in lieu of these two days and I hope the two long weekends will help staff and students refresh during this busy period of time.

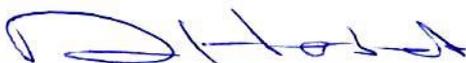
Performing Arts

Tickets for 'Mary Poppins Jr' are now on sale!! A letter has been sent out separately with all of the dates and details. Last Year 'Legally Blonde' did sell out and so please book early to avoid disappointment. Auditions for Rock Challenge 2019 were held on Friday 5 October. Over 80 students aged 11-17 attended which is brilliant! Our student leaders who are running the 2019 Rock Challenge entry will have their work cut out choosing a team. Good luck to them in making the selections and well done all of their work so far organising the choreography for the dance.

Nuffield Research Placement

Year 13 student Thaisen Chant has won a prestigious place presenting to the Royal Society in London. Thaisen completed a Nuffield Research Placement on determining the age of stars. The project was commended by the Nuffield Foundation for the quality of research and his written report, which showed Thaisen's 'flair for science and scientific communication'. The chance to present to the Royal Society is highly competitive and only five students from over 1,000 applicants were selected.

Yours sincerely



David Herbert
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