



27th May 2023

# **Secondary News**

# A message from the Principal



Dear Parents,

Welcome to Block 7. The final block is one of the busiest of the year and this week was no exception. Years 3, 5 and 6 enjoyed their fun packed residential trips and at the time of writing, Years 7 and 8 are out on Adventure Days. Well done to students for their exemplary behaviour and thank you to staff for their hard work in ensuring everything went smoothly.

This week we said goodbye to Year 13 at their graduation. It was both a happy and sad occasion for many involved, but also an exciting time as they prepare for the next stages in their lives. Charlotte (Contribution to the school), Ekaterina (Academic Achievement) and Ewa (Music) were also recipients of Founders Awards. I wish all our Year 13 students all the best in their future endeavours.





Finally, please find below the calendar of events for Block 7. Information regarding individual events will be sent out nearer the time.

2 June - International Day.

7-9 June - Adventure Days Years 9 and 10.

8-9 June - Book Fair (New Building 2-3.40pm)

14 June – Transition Morning – Primary and Reception Classes



16 June – Year 6 Graduation and Early Years to Year 1 and Year6 Transition Parent Meetings

14-16 June - MEPI Expedition

20 June - Primary Sports Day

22 June - Secondary Sports Day

23, 26, 27 June - BISL presents "High School Musical."

30 June – End of the academic year. School finishes at 12pm.

Have a great weekend.

Mel Hitchcocks - Principal

# **MFL News**

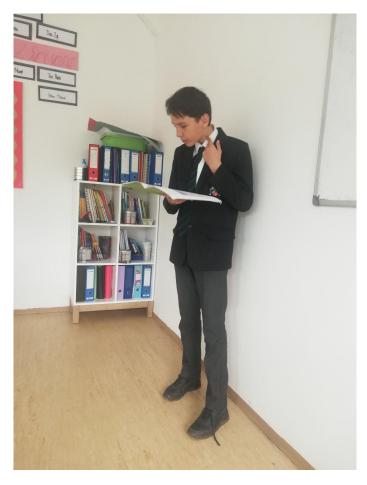
#### MFL - Slovene

This week our Y7 Slovene Advanced class engaged in "Pripoved o doživetju" (Tale of an Experience). For homework, students were tasked with writing a piece about their favorite childhood memory. This exercise allowed them to delve into their pasts and reminisce about the moments that have shaped them into the individuals they are today. As students shared their written pieces we all enjoyed a peek into their unique backgrounds and experiences.











Ms Kotnik

#### MFL - Slovene Foundation

Year 9 students at Slovene Foundation have been practicing for their upcoming speaking assessment next week. The students wrote questions, which they then took turns asking each other and answering them. The speaking assessment will cover all topics students have learned this school year. They are fully prepared to their final act at Slovene!

Ms Drofenik and Ms Kotnik

#### PE news:

#### Block 7. Week 1

We kicked off the PE Block with the BISL Olympics, with all of the students taking part in a range of events. Years 7 & 8 took part in hugely competitive handball tournaments, whilst Years 9 & 10 undertook both football and handball tournaments, with all students representing their respective houses.

Here are the current BISL Olympics scores (27/05/23):

Zircon: 93

Sapphire: 98

Hessonite: 88

Emerald: 121

The BISL Olympics will continue throughout the whole school, across Block 7.

In addition, **Year 7 & 8** went on their Adventure Days. These days were a fantastic opportunity for students to experience a range of different activities and we hope that all of the students had a wonderful time.

Finally, well done to the students from **Year 7** and **Year 8** who represented BISL in a football match against LISSA, the match was a great learning experience for all of our players.

The final score was LISSA 3 - 1 BISL.







Mr Hayes, PE Department

#### Maths news

Key stage 3 and **Year 10** students have continued to prepare for their final assessment of this year that will take place next week. It will be an excellent opportunity for students to demonstrate their knowledge on all topics learnt this year.

**Year 7** students reviewed their summary pages and worked on a sample paper.

**Year 8** students solved and marked a sample paper. They addressed their misconceptions through peer support.

**Year 9** students engaged in a feedback task about numerical topics that highlighted common mistakes. This helped them make plans how to avoid them.

**Year 10** students solved numerous IGCSE past papers, as well as focused on the topics they struggle the most.

#### Maths challenge wall:

Check out new challenges publishes on Monday next to room 316.

Ms Zupanc, Maths Department

#### **English News**

The English Department have been working hard on renovating and upgrading the school library. It's starting to look very interesting indeed and we are excited about a delivery of new books coming soon. We cannot wait to show you all the exciting new developments.



**English Department** 

### **Creative and Performing Arts news**

Year 7:Performing Arts: Year 7 have been working on the posters for the upcoming performance of High School Musical. A winner will be chosen from all the entries across KS3 with a different design selected for the poster and the tickets.

Year 8: Performing Arts: Year 8 have started to work on their final piece of drama that is devised using stimuli. They must select one stimulus and use this as the basis of their piece. They will then include techniques in their drama that we have been working on this term such as, freeze frames, thought tracking and cross cutting.





Year 9: Performing Arts - Year 9 continue to work on their pieces of verbatim theatre. They are exploring how real dialogue can be included into a performance. They have had to research interviews and conduct interviews themselves, selecting speech that is suitable for their pieces and thinking about how they can bring this to life.

Year 10:GCSE Music: Year 10 are currently studying the second and third areas of study from the syllabus. In AOS3 students study traditional music such as the Blues, Reggae, African fusion and Folk music. This week Year 10 have been working on their Blues compositions, adding melodies to their 12 bar blues chord progressions and walking bass lines.

# **Dates to Note**

Fri June 2nd Coffee with the **Principal** Fri June 2nd International Day Wed-June 7th - Adventure Days Year 9 Fri 9th and Year 10 Thurs-June Book Fair (New Fri 8th-9th Building 14:00 to 15:30)

All upcoming events and details are available on our website.

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#### **School Calendars**

For Term dates and school holidays, click here.

