

13 November 2018

Dear Parents

Congratulations to:

- **Florence Baxter** (11T) recently qualified to play in the national finals of the Wilson sponsored 'Tie Break Tens' tennis tournament that was held last Saturday 10 November at the National Tennis Centre in Roehampton, London. Under 16s boys and girls played against each other in a knockout format. Florence had a very successful day losing in the quarter finals to the eventual winner. She finished in 6th place overall and was the highest placed girl in this national competition.
- Rachael Alan (7C), Lucy Blows (7C), Isobel Cowley (7S) and Ruby Tildsley (7S) who have all achieved their **Silver Merit Awards** in the Lower School.
- **Georgie Johnson** (9C) who has also attained 40 merits.
- The following pupils who have recently achieved their **Bronze Merit Awards**:

Poppy Anderson (7C)	Pippa Clarke-Taylor (7C)	Darcey Clarke (7S)	Evie Kendrick (7S)
Amy Boyack (7C)	Darcey Woodroffe (7C)	Freddie Chapman (7S)	Holly Marshall (7S)
- The following pupils in the Middle and Upper School who have also attained **25 merits**:

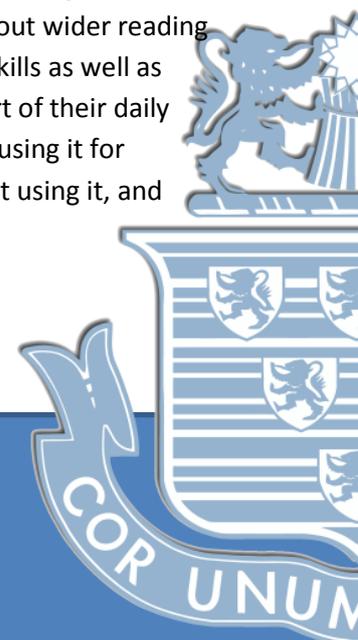
Kayleigh Alexander (9C)	Harriet Santus (9S)	Ellie Chambers (10T)	Morgan Booth (11C)
Lauren Collingwood (9C)	Phoebe Murtagh (9T)	Rebecca Millward (10T)	Teddy Young (11S)
Nathaniel Freeman (9C)	James Gilliatt (10T)	Aimee Blows (11C)	
Adsaiya Sangarithy (9S)	Emie Mettam (10T)		

Next week is **Reading Week** and no home learning will be set. Instead, students will be encouraged to read for at least an hour each day at home. This will provide a great opportunity to either carry out wider reading for subjects or read fiction. Reading regularly enhances students' vocabulary and English skills as well as improving their general knowledge. It is something we encourage everyone to make a part of their daily routine. We are also challenging students to restrict their use of **social media**, maybe only using it for limited amount of time each evening or even seeing if they can go for a whole week without using it, and maybe gaining sponsorship for this challenge.



SWIMMING SUCCESS

Congratulations to Jack Moczarski (7S) who won a Silver Medal in the Regional Swimming Championship for 50m Butterfly.



Finally some reminders:

- **Auditions for the Christmas Celebration** (on Thursday 6 December), organised by the Middle School Prefects, will take place this **Friday 16 November**, from 4.00 - 5.00 pm in the school hall.
- **Donations** are required for our **Christmas Fayre** on Sunday 2 December (2.00 - 4.00 pm). The Friends of the School are also running a **chocolate tombola** at the Alford Extravaganza, so donations of chocolate products would also be appreciated.

Yours sincerely



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