

27 November 2018

Dear Parents

I was delighted that we were ranked as the **top state secondary school in the East Midlands** in the 'Parent Power Schools Guide' for 2018, issued by the Sunday Times at the weekend. Students continue to make exceptional progress at our school, due in no small part to the high level of support given by staff and the aspirational ethos of the school. I am incredibly proud of our students and staff.

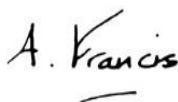
Congratulations also to:

- Freya Armstrong (7C), Poppy Efemy (7S), Charlie Hewitt (7S), Callum Storr (7S), Grace Sheldon (8S) and Dacel Darnbrough (8T) who have all achieved their **Silver Merit Awards**.
- Max Kurczewski (12S) in the Upper School who has also attained **40 merits**.
- Kaycie-may Coxon (7C), Sebastian Evans (7C), Nathan Collett (7S), Kavya Gandecha (7S), Arthur Strawson (7S), Nathan Biss (7T) and Isobel Reetham (8T) who have attained their **Bronze Merit Awards**.
- The following Middle and Upper School pupils who have attained **25 merits**:  
Iulia Nedelcu (10C)      Harrison McDonald (10S)      Eleanor Collingwood (11C)      Thomas Brook (13C)  
Bronwen Steer (10C)      Matilda Mossop (10T)      Jodie Jinks (11C)      Darcie Radford (13T)

Over the last month, Mr Johnson (E-safety officer) and I have spent a significant amount of time dealing with **social media** issues which have taken place out of school. Whilst we are very keen to support parents and keep our pupils as safe as possible, clearly the responsibility for out of school use of social media primarily lies with you, their parents. Where comments impact upon school life and relationships, we will continue to do our best to intervene and advise you as to appropriate action to take. However, as you will I am sure understand, it is not sustainable for us to deal with all social media issues that take place out of school nor can we be responsible for this behaviour when they are at home.

Finally, a reminder that our **Sixth Form Open Evening** is this Thursday, 29 November, starting with talks in the school hall at 6.00 pm.

Best wishes



Miss A Francis  
Headteacher

### Christmas Fayre

Father Christmas and his elves are getting ready to greet everyone this Sunday at our Christmas Fayre from 2.00 - 4.00 pm.

