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Dear Parent and Student

Congratulations go to:

• The following Lower School pupils who have achieved their **Bronze Merit Award**:

Mohammad Albadry 7S Freddie Price 8S

• The following Middle School pupils who have achieved **25 Merits**:

Philippa Kent 9C Isadora Glanville 9S Olivia Wyman 9S Elizabeth Murtagh 9T Jack Beevers 10C Daisy Lee 9T Isabelle Wood 10C Jack Welborn 10S Sol Follett 10T

Henry Buckley 11C Ebenezer Teklit 11T

The following Lower School pupils who have achieved their Silver Merit Award:

Claudia Carlisle 7C Joel Lock 8C Annabelle Elliott 8S Jason Li 8S Sofia Masterman 8S Mason Nurse 8S

Euphemia Pyott-McLean 8S Genevieve Weaver 8T

The following Middle School pupils who have achieved 40 Merits:

Seerat Gaddu 9CArchie Murray 9CGrace Parsons 9CHenry Boston 9SJake Chapman 9SEnola Mawer 9SEsme Murray 9SEllycia Wright-Wattam 9SRuby Hunter 9TSamuel Wells 9TLogan Heath 10SMacey Murray 10S

Lauren Trow 10T Mason Blades 11S

• The following Lower School pupils who have achieved their **Gold Merit Award**:

Elizabeth Billett 7CPoppy Collingwood 7CSummer Finley 7CFinlay Cone 7TInaya Sheikh 7THenry Cross 8CSophie Foster 8CSummer McGarrigle 8CHarlow Jones 8S

Ellie Burrell 8T

• The following Middle School pupils who have achieved 60 Merits:

India Elsom 9CJacob Andrews 9SElla-Mai Twomey 9TKaty Bates 10CMillie Brooks 10CAlexandra McConville 10CJoshua Perrin 10CKacie Lomas 10SHanan Abdulraheem 10T

Juana Jamil 10T

• The following Lower School pupils who have achieved their **Platinum Merit Award**:

Alessia Nicassio 7T Hannah Perrin 8C

The following Middle School pupil who has achieved 100 Merits:

Amelia Van Zyl 9C



Well done Freddie on your achievement! • The following pupils who have attained their **Departmental Subject Colour:**

Mathematics William Brown 7C Lucie Blades 7S

Herbie Lowes 7T Veronika Berezutska 12T

Ali Olszowka 12T

• The following pupils who have attained their **Subject Leader's Commendation**:

French Tilly Chapman 7T Charlotte Skitmore 7T

Jacob Smith 7T Eileen Yang 7T
Bella Bailey 8C Henry Cross 8C
Mya Kidd 8C Lottie Restall 8C

Maisey Webster 8S

Mathematics Willow Fearn 8C Hannah Perrin 8C

Amelia Layden 9S

Religious Studies Navaruban Sanganithy 9S

 Freddie Price 8S who has been awarded Youth Champion for the 2024 sailing season by the Covenham Sailing Club sailing and windsurfing.

Year 11 students have today been issued their <u>A-level Initial Options Choices</u> form, to be completed by <u>Tuesday</u> 18 March.

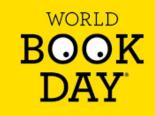
Fenwold Opera presents 'An Evening of Opera and Song' featuring Holst's The Wandering Scholar and a selection of English song cycles; an exploration into the pastoral. The attached poster offers more information on dates, venues and ticket prices. George Elson, an alumni and ex Head Boy will be performing at this event.

Reading is beneficial to everyone to improve our vocabulary, encouraging greater empathy as well as an understanding of different cultures, however, did you know that reading also has many health benefits such as improving sleep, helping us to relax, improving our memory, improving our focus and concentration and also helping us to make better decisions. All of these are beneficial to everyone and are the reason we try to encourage our students to read as much as possible, we are aware of the need to relax and slow down, in what can sometimes be a hectic lifestyle.

To encourage further reading we are installing a bookcase in our canteen where students can take part in a **book exchange program** *similar to what you may see in many youth hostels and is common in backpacking communities*. The idea being that students 'pick up a book' that they can read and 'leave another book' behind. To start our book exchange program, we would welcome **donations of books** that you no longer require which can be dropped off at the school reception.

To celebrate World Book Day (WBD) on 6 March we are launching two competitions:

- For the first competition, we are encouraging all children to participate in the WBD book review competition/prize draw. Use your book token to claim one of the FREE WBD books and submit your review onto Reading Cloud. The top reviews for Lower, Middle and Upper school will receive a merit, and be entered into a prize draw with the chance to win a £10 Amazon voucher, to be completed by Friday 18 April.
- The second competition organised by WBD is to design a National Book Token and is open to all students up to 16 years. First prize for this creative competition will receive book tokens up to the value of £350 for our school library and a £100 book token for the student. Please collect a template from the Library to enter and return it by Monday 31 March.



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The Years 12 & 13 Parents' Evening is on Thursday 20 March, booking forms will be distributed next week.

Great to see so many of our Year 10 and 11 students attend **Saturday School** last weekend, and a special mention to our Year 10 students who sat their GCSE RS Mock Exam this week in readiness for their Summer Exam. We look forward to welcoming more students this weekend.

We extend a warm welcome to our new Librarian and Work Experience Co-ordinator, Ms Jade, who we very much look forward to working with, and finally say a big thank you to Mrs Smith who is stepping down from her role as Assistant SendCo and joining our team of Exam Invigilators.

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Mr G Thompson Headteacher

