

14 October 2025

Dear Parent and Student

Congratulations go to:

- The following pupils who have achieved their **Bronze Merit Awards**:
Molly McLoughlin 7C Madeleine Rack 7C Ellis Richardson 7C
Alessia Nicassio 8T
- The following pupils who have achieved **25 Merits**:
Elsa Onaji 10S Navaruban Sanganyithy 10S Dominic White 11S

The **Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening** is on this evening.

Weather permitting, the **Business Studies** department will be walking Year 7 students around Alford to complete primary research. **7T** on **Wednesday** period 5, **7C** on **Thursday** period 5 and **7S** on **Friday** period 4, with sixth formers accompanying their class teacher.

A final reminder, for students in **Years 7 to 11** who missed the **Annual Flu vaccination**, a catch-up session is being administered on **Tuesday 21 October 2025**. Please ensure that you have given your consent by using the link in the attached letter.

And likewise, to ensure we hold the latest parental information, could we ask that you complete the attached **consent form for non-residential trips**, returning them to the school office as soon as possible. *Forms are required for all students on a yearly basis!*

KenDoJo, in Alford, has vacancies for children age 10 and above; the attached leaflet offers you more information if you are interested.

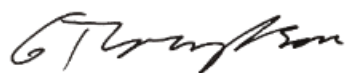
Further dates for your diary:

Monday 20 October: Y8 Stay Safe Day, a letter is attached for your information.

Monday 3 November: Year 11 Mock Exams start.

Tuesday 11 November: Year 9 Parents' Evening.

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Mr G Thompson
Headteacher



From the Archives'

From time to time, we will include an excerpt from our school archives, which I hope you will find of interest and will enable our current students and families to connect with our school's past. If you have any past information you would like to share, it would be gratefully received to add to our archives.

As the seasons change and we move into Autumn and Winter, I was brought to mind of a poem written by a former student in 1979 and published in that year's edition of the Alfordian. We have recently had a number of donations to the school from families of past students and if you have anything of interest in your home, which you think might be of interest and relates to the school and its past, we would welcome you sharing it with us. Please contact Mrs Duff at a.duff@queenelizabeths.co.uk.

The Four Seasons

Hear the song of the lark and sparrow,
High up from the big, tall tree;
All the merry birds are singing,
Their voices carried by the breeze.

The Autumn now doth take its toll,
Leaves are falling to the ground;
Brown and orange, green and yellow,
Make a blanket all around.

Now it's Winter all is silent,
Icy winds about do blow;
All the leaves are dead and withered,
Covered by the thick white snow.

Spring is here and all is waking,
Birds sing us a sweet refrain;
Now the winter is far behind us,
All will start to grow again.

P Mitchell (Alfordian 1979)

