



First Impressions

I have been extremely impressed with the attitude and work ethic of the vast majority of our pupils and students again this week. As we settle into the start of the school year there will be an inevitable increase in the amount of work which needs to be done. So far this is going well and I hope it stays that way. Equally, the pupils look extremely smart in their uniform and Sixth Form dress is excellent. These all give good impressions not just of the children but of our school as well and must continue throughout the year.

Haircuts

Parents are reminded that pupils and students must not have any lines or patterns in their hair. Full head haircuts should not be shorter than a grade 2 and it is only into the neck line where it can be tapered in. I do not want children missing lessons because their appearance is unacceptable.

Mr Collins, Headteacher

New Library

The start of term saw the opening of the brand new library situated right in the middle of the school in the old art block. Work has taken place over the summer to completely renovate the building, installing air conditioning, 30 new computers, new soft seating and additional furniture and shelving. The result is absolutely stunning and this investment reflects the importance that school places on reading and books. As before the library is open from 8am to 5pm Monday to Friday and so far pupils have been flocking in to borrow books, use the computers and complete summer reading homework.



Girls Can Create Tomorrow Trip

On Wednesday, 27 Year 8 girls attended a Learning to Work **CA Technologies Girls Can Create Tomorrow** workshop to inspire them to explore all the avenues offered by STEM subjects and careers. The pupils enjoyed four different workshops led by industry experts and executives. The girls truly excelled themselves in the Q&A, asking bold and insightful questions and impressing the panel.

QUESTION TIME AT "THE CURVE"

On Tuesday 19th September there is a chance for pupils between the ages of 14 and 19 to attend The Curve in Slough, to ask a panel of professionals questions about local or topical issues. The event will take place from 18.30-19.30. Pupils can also take part in some debates that will be going on.

Year 7 STAR Reading Tests

All Year 7 pupils sat their STAR reading tests this week and we were extremely impressed with their mature attitude and hard work. Overall the results are very encouraging with many children achieving reading ages above those expected. Pupils will be given their results to share with parents over the next couple of weeks.

Upcoming Events

Thursday 21st September

*Year 11 Preparing for Success Evening
6.00-6.45pm*

*Welcome to Sixth Form Evening
7.00-7.45pm*

Thursday 28th September

*Year 12 UCAS and Apprenticeship Parents
Evening 6.00-7.00pm*

Greenpower Racing

Last Sunday the Greenpower racing team took part in their latest race at Dunsfold Airfield in Surrey, home of the Top Gear TV show race track. Following a nail biting practice session, that was plagued by battery problems, the team managed to get our car (the Bafadhel Racer) fully working in time for the race. As ever this event has some very strong teams competing in it and we were delighted to finish 17th, our best ever position in five years of taking part in this competition. The Greenpower team would especially like to thank Mr Hebden for his fantastic support building the race car. They would also like to thank Mr Poet and Mr Hassan for getting them to the race that day.

