

Head Teacher Report to Local Governing Body June 2017

Introduction

Another incredibly busy term at St Martins School. Year 11 have almost completed their summer exams, their behaviour throughout these exams has been exemplary in the most part. Staff have worked really hard to prepare our students for these exams with breakfast booster sessions, scheduled revision and Saturday morning sessions. This year 11 group have been a constant challenge and we await their summer results with trepidation.

Six students have applied to Moreton Hall sixth form and five have been allocated places subject to bursary agreements.

We await the publication of the article written for the Parliamentary Review 2017. The final proof has been agreed and it looks stunning. Thanks to Clare Ellis and her considerable publishing skills in making my words meaningful and well chosen.

On the 8th of June our students held their own election. The five parties that made it to the final round were fabulous. All of them presented their manifesto to the whole school in assemblies and mounted successful marketing campaigns around the school. On Election Day, Mr Wilkinson and his team set up a professional polling station in the arts centre, complete with polling cards and an exit poll interview team. One young man was very nervous about voting and a member of staff accompanied him into the polling station. After voting he said it wasn't as bad as he thought; we hope he will now go on to use his democratic right, having no fear about casting his vote later in life. The winners were the "fun party popping party" whose manifesto calls for a week of fun. I will be negotiating with these year 5 students over the next couple of weeks to put a truly exciting week of fun together for the whole school. Members of the Party were visibly moved when the results were announced.

Year 6 and year 2 SAT tests have gone ahead without any problems. The year 6 writing grades are being externally moderated by the Local Authority. Year 2 results are being moderating internally following my training with Claire Jones at Coleham School. The results in KS1 are considerably better than last year. The children have made good progress and we are about 15% below nation expectations for achievement in all 3 areas. Results in KS2 tests are released at the end of June and this year we will appeal any results that are 1 or 2 marks away from reaching the national standard.

Yvette Carlton, our cover supervisor will train to teach English with the Priory Teaching School next year. This has left a vacancy for a cover supervisor. We are also recruiting for the Library role within the Hub and for a Science teacher to replace Mr Taylor who has secured a new role for September.

We are also looking to recruit 3 new apprentices for September, one in the school office and two new apprentice teaching assistants.

Over the summer holiday our IT services will switch to the Priory's system and we will install new screens in the Science department and food room. The work on the roofs and windows is also scheduled to begin so there will be disruption to the autumn term.

The fence at the back of the primary field will also be replaced over the summer. This will provide greater security and will fit in with the style of the other fencing.

My thanks to governors in our first year as part of the Priory Trust. Your skills collectively as a group of governors were recognised by Mick Adams on his visit. Your challenge, knowledge and support has continued to drive the school forward, despite the changes to structures and ways of working.

My thanks also to Michael Barratt. Joining a trust is never going to be a seamless or smooth journey but Michael has been a pleasure to work with, always thoughtful, thought provoking and supportive in every aspect.

Next year is of huge importance for the school, we must achieve our targets set out in our new improvement plan and everyone from students to governors must play their part in ensuring that the outcomes achieved by our students next year are good enough for us to achieve an Ofsted good grading.

Have a great summer holiday and prepare yourselves for a special and challenging year.....Sue Lovecy

