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SCHOOL AIM

“To provide a Christian environment in which young people are safe, secure, cared for and happy, and are able to develop into articulate, confident and well-qualified citizens of the world.”



A-level Results

Welcome back to all our readers. I hope you have had a good summer, and that Autumn can be delayed by at least a few more weeks. This newsletter focuses on the final events of the last week in school, and the pictures above give you a guide to the outstanding success of our Year 13 students in their A-level and BTEC qualifications. We knew this year group would achieve excellent results - as a whole they are 'hardworking and ambitious', two words that can also be used to describe our Sixth Form staff and teachers. We have our first cohort of students going on to study and train as doctors, we have A* and A grade students going to study a variety of computing, engineering, and science degrees at the best universities in the UK, and we also have students who are studying the arts, archaeology, sociology...the list goes on. A-level results often lead to students moving from home to study away from home and we hope all of our students, wherever they choose to study, have a great 'freshers' week' and study hard in their first term. If they stay 'hardworking and ambitious' they will continue to have great success. We will report on GCSE results in next week's edition of the newsletter.

A Busy End of Term

The final week before the summer break was certainly a week to remember! On the Tuesday afternoon, the Year 10 Celebration of Progress took place, with parent governor, Andrea Plimmer, giving a motivational address to the audience and presenting our Year 10s with their awards.



On Wednesday morning, foundation governor, Revd Prof Peter Scott, led our end of year Eucharist, giving thanks and looking forward to the summer.



On the Wednesday, we were also delighted to welcome a group of 23 teachers from Shanghai High School, China. Our visitors toured the school, visited lessons and were given presentations by staff and our Chair of Governors, Peter Hilton, on a range of topics, such as the curriculum, extra-curricular activities, professional qualifications and governance.



On the Wednesday afternoon, the Sports Centre was filled with Year 9 students, parents, staff and governors, to celebrate the success of students at the Year 9 Graduation. It was our pleasure to welcome the Lord Mayor of Manchester, Cllr Abid Chohan, to present the awards.

Friends of the school and readers of our newsletter will be aware of the very sad circumstances about Year 9 student, Anderson. We were delighted that Anderson and his family attended the event and it was a truly special moment when Anderson received a standing ovation from the audience whilst collecting his platinum award.



Rosa, now in Year 11, tells us about an event that took place on the Thursday: "On the last Thursday of term, the 3G pitches drew quite a crowd as, for the first time, a Year 10 girls' team entered one of the inter-form football tournaments. Defying many expectations, the girls held their own and ended up drawing with the other teams, with two wins apiece."



On the Thursday and Friday mornings, special extended end of year assemblies took place for all students. We were joined by Sarah Bradley, from Platt Church, Rusholme, who used Psalm 139 to remind us that God is always close to us, in celebrations and in hard times. There was also some fantastic performances by our choir and musicians.



Finally, on the Friday, we celebrated the end of another successful school year with a special 'house carnival' celebration. Unfortunately the weather was not on our side, but this did not deter the atmosphere that was building in anticipation of the announcement of the House championship winners.

For 2018/19, **MAPLE** house were declared the winners - congratulations! As we fondly look back at the events in the last week of term, we hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing summer break, and is looking forward to a successful year in school.



And finally...

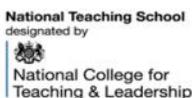
...an important date for your diary:

Tuesday, 17th September, 2019

Due to Open Evening, which will take place on the above date from 6.00pm - 8.30pm (more details in next weeks newsletter), there will be an early closure for students in all years at 2.05pm.

This year, the school has purchased 'Show My Homework', an online tool to help parents track the homework of their child. Year 7 parents will have now received login details for 'Show My Homework'. Letters with the login details for parents of Year 8-13 students will be posted to parents early next week.

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