



# Inform

Headmaster's Issue

Friday 4th September 2009

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Term has started well with a school community of over 650 including 128 boarders. It is good to be back amongst a happy and purposeful community. It is a real pleasure to welcome a number of new staff.

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| Nr N Hayes                    | Head of Design & Technology |
| Miss L Hughes                 | Biology                     |
| Mr M Round                    | Chemistry                   |
| Mr M Sleep                    | PE                          |
| Miss K Storer                 | Music                       |
| Mr G Wilce                    | Physics                     |
| Mrs H Gohil & Mrs F Whittaker | School Nurses               |
| Miss R Godfrey                | Houseparent of Linholm      |

In addition, it is also wonderful to welcome teachers from overseas who join us to gain experience of our education system, provide expertise in their specialised areas and help us with the boarding community. Barbora Andertova joins us from Czech Republic and Ivalina Yonova from Bulgaria

### Examination Results

St John's pupils have taken me at my word and "raised the bar" with outstanding success in the public examinations. At A Level, our students achieved a 98% pass rate, with 58% of results at grade A and B and 80% at grades A, B and C. A number of young people achieved really excellent results and the transition to universities was very straightforward indeed.

At GCSE, we were delighted with our overall pass rate of 90% at grade C and above. 90% of our pupils gained five or more passes. Again, a splendid achievement.

We were delighted that these results continue to fit the background and academic profile of our pupils very well. We are not complacent, however, and will continue to do our very best to enable the pupils to achieve their appropriate level of success in the years to come.

### Homework Timetables

All pupils have been issued with homework diaries. The relevant timetables are enclosed within this mailing.

### Parental Information - Year 8 & 9 - Tuesday 8th September at 6:00pm

I want to draw the attention of parents to this evening which we would encourage as many as possible to attend. It is not a traditional Parents' Evening, but it will allow a number of Senior Teachers, Heads of Year and Form Tutors to introduce themselves and let you know what is expected within Years 8 and 9.

I look forward to welcoming you to this event. It usually lasts for about one hour.

### Sponsored Walk

It has been decided to move the annual sponsored walk to the summer term.

### Pastoral Care

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that your child's Form Tutor should be the first point of contact if situations arise which need action/discussion. Please call the School Office where the staff will arrange for the appropriate member of staff to return your call.

In addition, the Heads of Year and Senior Teachers are available for more detailed discussion when needed. The Headmaster is also always happy to be involved in situations which cannot be resolved elsewhere.

The following staff are currently in our pastoral team:

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| <b>Mr Saunders</b>   | Senior Master (Pastoral) and Head of Sixth Form  |
| <b>Mrs N Maloy</b>   | Assistant Head of Sixth Form                     |
| <b>Miss Matthews</b> | Head of Year 11                                  |
| <b>Miss Bailey</b>   | Head of Year 10                                  |
| <b>Mrs Skinner</b>   | Assistant Senior Teacher (Girls), Head of Year 9 |
| <b>Mr Celestine</b>  | Head of Year 8                                   |
| <b>Mr Forshaw</b>    | Senior Teacher (Exams), Head of Year 7           |
| <b>Mr Renahan</b>    | Senior Teacher, (Head of Boarding)               |

### HPV Talk to girls in Year 8, 10 and 11

The School Nurse will be visiting us on Friday 11th September at 11:00am to give a talk to all Year 8, 10 and 11 girls on the HPV vaccine.

### Sports Fixtures

**Pupils are expected to check the school notice boards for information on fixtures (time, location etc).**

### Reminder...

**OPRO** will be visiting St John's on 10th September at 12:40pm to fit children for mouth guards. Anyone wishing to be fitted should visit the Medical Centre at this time.

### Dates For Your Diary

**Wed 16th September**-Year 11 Parents' Evening -6:00-8:00  
**Thurs 24th September** - New Parents' Evening & Whole School Open Evening - 5:30 - 8:00  
**Tues 29th September** - Year 9 Parents' Evening-6:00-8:00



# Lower School News

