



Senior Section Newsletter

June 2022

Welcome to our June newsletter: we hope you enjoy reading about our students' achievements and activities during the first part of this term.

We have had an extremely busy start to the third term in the Senior section, with our Year 11s, 12s and 13s all sitting their Edexcel examinations in our exam hall, under the care of our experienced invigilation team. Despite challenges, students have approached these exams with their customary stoicism and we are so very proud of them. We look forward to celebrating everything they have achieved when results are released in August.

As ever, our eldest students have set a wonderful example for their younger peers, who will begin their internal exams from the middle of June. We know they will be equally diligent in the preparation and execution of these, and wish them all the very best.

We are still relishing being back on site, primarily because of the opportunities that this provides for us to connect

as a community. This term we have enjoyed two beautiful assemblies marking important religious events, Ramazan and Wesak. These included readings, dances and skits, and were a wonderful way for us to unite and share in times of cultural significance.



We have also been enjoying some fantastic class assemblies, with Years 7-10 getting back on the Senior School stage in the mornings. It is such a pleasure to see our students once again, performing songs, poems and skits and also offering some valuable advice for how best to study, how to stay positive and how to maintain healthy friendships. We look forward to the assemblies that are scheduled for the remainder of the term.



We are also very much looking forward to celebrating a successful academic year in traditional fashion, with the end of year Speech Days and Colours assembly which will be taking place in early July. We know you will join us in congratulating the many deserving recipients whose achievements we will be commending at these events.



We are also very proud of our sportsmen and women who continue to excel on – or in- the pitch, court, course and pool. We ended last term on a high with the much anticipated Year 12 vs. Year 13 basketball match, which showcased some impressive sporting prowess, alongside cheerleading, singing and compere skills in a good natured match that was extremely well-received by the enthusiastic spectators. This term, our students have continued to hone their basketball skills, with our U20 Boys B Division, captained by Ahamed Haniff,



coming second runners up at the Sri Lankan Schools Basketball Association match against Wesley College. Congratulations to the team!

This is an important time of year for our Year 9 students, who are beginning to consider their options for IGCSE study. Last month, all students attended assemblies with the Heads of Department who gave information about the IGCSE courses in their subjects to help students make their choice. Subject taster sessions will take place next month. Parents also had an opportunity to meet subject staff at the recent Year 9 parents' afternoon, which we hope was a helpful opportunity to address any remaining queries.

Our Year 11 students also have some big decisions to make, as they finalise their choices for IAL and we look forward to welcoming them back to school for some taster sessions from Monday 27th June. Many Year 11s and 12s have also been interviewing to join our Prefects Guild during the preceding weeks and we are excited to announce our new appointments, along with those of the Heads of School, shortly. Meanwhile, our Year 12 students will be returning to us from Monday 20th June as the most senior students in the school. We wish them all the best for this and know they will continue to follow in the footsteps of our outgoing Year 13s and lead by example.



Although our students are very busy with their academic and sporting commitments, the majority are also taking an active part in the many Clubs and Societies that we offer and, whether they are caring for animals, creating beautiful works of art, practising their drumming talents or playing Scrabble, we love to see their enthusiasm and dedication to these extra-curricular pursuits. New members are always welcome,

so do encourage your sons and daughters to join any activities that might be of interest.



We know all our students will continue to make the most of the opportunities and support available as we move towards the final part of the academic year and we look forward to sharing in their achievements and successes in the weeks ahead.