



Imagine, Believe, Achieve

5th July 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

We have had a very hectic couple of weeks in the College as we have said goodbye to one year group and welcomed another.

On Friday 28th of June, the whole community turned out to see a cavalcade of VW campervans, Ferraris, Jaguars, Ford Capri's and even a horse and caravan, arrive to deliver our Year 11 students for their Prom. It was a fantastic evening, in glorious weather, but also one that is tinted with just a little sadness as we as a College say goodbye and wish them well for the future. A full spread of pictures is in this week's Ely Standard.

As one Year group leaves, another arrives as our new Year 6 cohort joined us for two days this week as part of their transition process. They participated in a number of lessons culminating in an afternoon of PE, where they also got a little wet along with our PE staff. It was great to meet them all together as a Year group, as well as the parents and carers who met with staff in the evening. We look forward to seeing them in their new uniform come September when they officially become part of our College community.

Based on the successful start we had to the new school year last September we are repeating the same arrangements for this September. Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd of September are staff training days. We would like to welcome Year 7 and 11 students only on Wednesday 4th of September, with everyone in College from 5th of September. This is to allow Year 7 to have a smooth transition into school supported by their Year 11 'buddies', before all the other students join us on the Thursday.

You may have heard rumours about the Witchford 'pygmy goats' that we are bringing into College as a project. The rumours are true and we have managed to have the project supported by Waitrose in Ely. Please support this by asking friends and family to collect the green tokens and vote for us in store.

Dates coming up:

- Oscars Awards Evening - Thursday 11th of July
- Staff training day - Monday 15th of July
- Year 8 Graduation - Tuesday 16th of July
- Summer concert - Monday 22nd July
- School closes - Tuesday 23rd July at 12:00 noon

Finally, I am pleased to announce that Witchford has been awarded the Gold Artsmark award for our Performing Arts provision. This is a fantastic acknowledgement for all of the work that Mrs D'Cunha and the team have done this year.

Yours faithfully

Daniel Baxby
Principal