

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear Parents,

The first full week of term has given us the opportunity for the curriculum to properly get underway. The children's brains have been fully put into gear and a wealth of different learning opportunities have been presented. Vibrant, dynamic and interactive lessons in the classroom have enthused the children's learning. Academic rigour and reaching one's potential is vitally important, as is for the children to develop self-confidence in their own ability.

My message to all is 'always try your best and believe in yourself'.

There is much to congratulate already and in particular, I would like to say well done to all those who played an instrument or sang in our first Talents Assembly: an absolute delight to witness and I look forward to much more talents being displayed. Well done also to the children in Year 6 who have sat their first 11+ paper and we wish them well for their second paper next week.

As with any start of term, new routines and procedures need time to bed down and communication is very important in this process. We will endeavour to ensure you have the relevant information at all times, but if there are any questions, please do not hesitate to ask us.

With best wishes



Greg Das Gupta
Headmaster of St Mary's Preparatory School

Welcome to our wonderful new School. I hope you have had a brilliant first week and made lots of new friends, hopefully everybody now knows their way around, and didn't get too lost. I am looking forward to getting to know you over the new few weeks. Well done to all the Year 6's who took the first part of the 11+ on Friday morning. Thank you Mr Daly for coaching us.
Kate Andrews

Everyone has settled in and made lots of new friends and are happy to meet their new teachers.
Roya Banki

HEAD BOYS & GIRLS



Max Moor Jacob Parker Kate Andrews Roya Banki

We have had a good week at school. Everyone has made new friends and we are getting along fine. On the first day everyone was eager to go and meet their new teachers and make new friends. The playground is buzzing with excitement, boys are playing football, and girls are playing netball and all kinds of other games on the playground
Max Moor

From what I've seen so far, everyone seems to be having a fantastic time at our new School. This year will be new and exciting for both pupils and teachers. I am sure that the new School will be a great success.
Jacob Parker

BUS CHILDREN

A reminder to parents - if your child is not travelling on the school bus to or from school on one of their usual times then please inform the school and the bus driver. For pupils not travelling on the bus in the evening make sure this request is sent in first time



EVENT

NEXT WEEK'S

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 2.00pm 22nd

U11 Rugby & Hockey v Hull Collegiate School (a)

Friday 9.00am 23rd

11+ Non-Verbal Reasoning Test Boarders Exeat

Saturday 24th

Cycling Proficiency



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Your child should have brought home the Clubs and Activities choices letter this week.

The list will be published/displayed on Monday on both sites.

HAMLET UPDATE – FIRST AUDITION

The first audition was exciting and very entertaining! Mrs. Lyons sorted the children into pairs and gave them a piece of script to practice. Everyone seemed to enjoy it. Rory and Freya bravely went first and everyone acted well.

Interestingly, most of the boys stood still whilst saying their lines and the girls were jumping up and down and being very theatrical! All casting will be revealed soon!

By **Jacob Parker, 6H**



MUSIC IN THE LOWER SCHOOL



Lower School Orchestra will be on Friday lunchtime at 12.30 with Mrs Nowell in the Music Room- turn up next Friday if interested.

Wednesday break there will be choir with Mrs Nowell for those who cannot make Tuesday after school.

SWIMMING

Swimming started for Year 1 & 2 today. Everything ran to plan for the Year 2s at Yarborough who are used to seeing many of the children. The children changed quickly and sensibly and thoroughly enjoyed their pool time. I was delighted to see how water confident they were whatever their level of ability. The new venue for the Year 1s will quickly establish its routines too. I hear the children changed well and enjoyed their time pool as well. I do ask parents to check the children have their swimming kit when they leave school and remember to return games kit for their lessons on Friday.



ACTIVE ZONE

Holiday Club will take place the following weeks:
24-28th October
19th-23rd December
Full details will be sent out shortly.



THANK YOU

To the Butcher family who generously donated a super selection of books to the Upper School library – we have been able to create a new section with ‘challenging books for confident readers’.

LEICESTER TIGERS RUGBY COURSE



Lincoln Minster School hosting a week of rugby development with Leicester Tigers coaches during October half term from 24th-28th October 9.30-3.30 every day for players in the U9 to U16 age groups. It takes place on The Lindum. The cost is £145.00 for the week inclusive of hot meals,

LOST & FOUND

CONNOR OSBORN has lost his school blazer – please return it to him - room 7 if you find it.

FOUND: Set of two keys found in the garden of the Lower School – please call into Lower School

FOLMS

Please note that the AGM scheduled for Tuesday 11th October will now take place on Wednesday 12th October in the Upper School dining room.

ABSENTEES

If your child is ill, or not attending school for any other reason, please phone the appropriate school office as early as possible in the morning. A record of all absences is needed in writing upon the child's return to school.

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