

Secondary School Principal Report 2015-2016

It is my pleasure on behalf of the whole Secondary School staff and students to offer sincere thanks to the PTG for their tremendous support of the Secondary School in 2015-16. Each year an army of volunteers commit a great deal of time and effort –not to mention sweat and tears – to attend Coffee Mornings and Curriculum events, to welcome and put newcomers at ease and generally to provide a powerful advocacy for the Secondary School. I would like to particularly congratulate and thank Njah for successfully taking on the reins of leadership and on behalf of Helen Thew pass on great thanks to Malene who has worked so closely with her over the year. Malene, as Secondary Representative, has played a valuable role linking school with home, bringing important and often sensitive matters to our attention and sharing our responses with the community.

I know that Lena Perriam, our new Senior Teacher for Student Welfare in Key Stage 3 and all of the Heads of Year, in addition to Suzanne Lindley and Tony Berghuis who have led a number of curriculum related sessions, have really valued the support of each of the year representatives. They have all enthusiastically supported all events and taken care to extend the idea of school as community and ‘family’ to all new and existing parents through being that first point of contact, sharing feedback and promoting the values of the school. We certainly don’t underestimate the value of the ‘old hands’ who are often able to provide to newer parents with some of the institutional history behind how and why we do certain things in particular ways and reassure them that we have the best interests of their children, our students at heart.

Year 7: Tess Liptavat and Saipin (Nog) Tangtrongchitr

Year 8: Anne Morgenthaler Vandlik and Katharina Ayrlle

Year 9: Rachael Cheung and Alex Masson

Year 10: Angela Frye and Annie Theodoulou

Year 11: Laura McDonald and Hazel Birchall

Year 12: Maneesha Mahajhan and Suzie Jhanji

Year 13: Maike Schoeppner and Himisha Mehta

As always the PTG continues to develop and further improve the two huge events of the year International Day and Fun Day. These are incredibly popular with students and staff alike. I know that both of these are genuine team efforts involving close cooperation between the PTG and the school but special thanks should go to the following PTG members. Daphne Seiler for organising the whole event and providing leadership and support for an army of others for Fun Day. For the International Day celebrations I would like to thank Vani Sharma for overall coordination, Katharina Ayrlle who organised the excellent Expo, Ambika Pradeep and Mei Chen Ledoit who oversaw the fabulous food hall, Suzie Jhanji for the (super) creative Cultural Show and Njah Khan for the perfect parade.

Mick Smith,
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