



6th May 2022

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that this letter finds you all well. Thank you to all of you who responded to the uniform consultation at the time, as well as those of you that fed back following the proposal for September. As I am sure you will have read from Mr. Carmichael's update, we are happy to compromise on those items of uniform that have increased in price. You have unanimously agreed with us that the uniform needs to be smart, so we look forward to seeing some new skirts in September. I would not want any family to struggle to afford uniform, so if there are any issues, please do get in touch. This whole process has confirmed to me that we need to set up a parent focus group, so that we can work with you to make Iceni Academy the best it can be. I would like to start this in September, so if any of you would like to be involved, please email my PA on office@iceni.attrust.org.uk and we will be in touch in the new academic year. We look forward to hearing from you!

There have been so many things to celebrate that have happened, or are about to happen, that I cannot keep them until the half-termly newsletter! So please indulge me whilst I show off about some of the fantastic things that have been happening this term.

First of all, we have our very first (that anyone here can remember!) Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition currently out until Sunday:



Big thanks are due to Ms. Colson and Mr. Charlesworth for the extensive preparation needed as well as giving up their weekend to supervise the trip. This expedition comes hot on the heels of the CCF overnight camp last week, which saw students constructing bivouacs to sleep under – not something I will be joining in with, but again thanks are needed for Mr. Charlesworth and Ms. Bhadrinath for taking them to the training centre!

It really is lovely to see how the academy has started to open up in terms of extra-curricular activities and trips. We have over 80 students out today, visiting the Globe Theatre in London, to see, 'Much Ado About Nothing', and students are still talking about the 'Storming The Castle' trip that they went on last term. These trips are so important to enhance the experiences and cultural capital of our students. Please do get in touch if your child would ever like to go but would struggle to afford it. We will always see what can be done.

The summer production rehearsals are in full swing, and I am looking forward to seeing 'Grease' later on this term. Ms. Francis, Ms. Pyke and Ms. Laws are doing a great job on this. Last night I was serenaded with 'Summer Nights' as I worked in my office – we have a talented bunch of students here!

Students in year 11 are preparing for their GCSE examinations, which start in just over a week. They have all worked so hard, I am really looking forward to them getting the results they so richly deserve. The last time there were external exams in the academy, these students were only in year 8, so they have not experienced the run up to exams for other year groups. Nonetheless, they are all well prepared, having behaved superbly in the February mock series.

Finally, I have asked the Subject Leaders to forward the names of students who exemplify great attitudes to learning in their subjects. I will be inviting these students to letting me treat them to lunch on a Friday, so I will share the first batch of names in a couple of weeks.

I hope that the good weather is here to stay, and you all have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Hogg'.

Lesley Hogg.

Principal.