

Dear Parent,

Welcome Back

Happy New Year! I hope all parents and students had an enjoyable holiday and wish you all a peaceful and healthy New Year. Despite the inclement weather it is truly great to be back and we are already busy blowing out any Christmas cobwebs and burning off all that turkey. With an early Easter and a term reduced to only 10 weeks (divided evenly into two fives by the half term week in February) it is frightening to think what we are hoping to cram in to this session.

Staffing news

We are joined this term by Ms Charlotte Roberts who has taken over the running of the History and Geography department. She comes to us highly recommended from Hurst College. Also joining us this term is Tina Palermo. She will be working in our AEN department as a Wave 3 dyslexia teacher. Again Miss Palermo come highly recommended to us and we look forward to working with her over the coming years.

Staff Training News

The College ran its first nationally attended training session on Mindfulness. This event took place on 8th January 2016 and was attended by 22 delegates from across the British Isles as well as the staff of Slindon College. One of the speakers was Tim Loughton MP for East Worthing and Shoreham. This was a very successful event:

"Just a quick note to congratulate you and your staff on today's conference. It was a really good day and I hope it's the first of many such events. I'll report back to our locality heads about how well it all went and I'll encourage them to attend anything similar that you run in the future." Janet L

This event was organised by Sara Hopkins, our Enterprise Manager and will be the first of many. I am hoping that similar events can be run for you our parents in the near future.

Parent Forum News

We held our first Parent Forum on th 13th November 2015. This was an extremely well supported event and it was good to see so many for you on the day. One of the points that was made was that you still feel that you do not know what your children are doing during lessons as you are unable to see their work. I have therefore decided to start up a 'Show and Tell' session during Friday tea where departments will show you your son's work within their subject. The calendar for this is shown below.

Friday Parents Tea Calendar for Faculty Work

<u>Date</u>	<u>Faculty</u>
22.01.2016	English
29.01.2016	Mathematics
04.03.2016	Science and ICT
18.03.2016	Design Technology (in the Design block)
06.05.2016	Cookery
13.05.2016	History and Geography
20.05.2016	Art (in the Art block)
17.06.2016	Horticulture

Thank you again to all the parents who supported this event and I look forward to seeing you all at the next forum on Friday 26th February.

Exciting News

1. Autism Accreditation



This term the College has started on its journey towards achieving Autism Accreditation from the National Autistic Society. The accreditation process is used to improve the quality of provision for students with autism and will take up to two years to achieve. We will therefore be working closely with our National Autistic Society mentor- Nikki Kennedy over the forthcoming terms to ensure that our students who are autistic have the best possible educational experience that we can provide.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like any further information on this process.

2. ISI Report

As you know, the full Inspection Report is available on our website but here is the summary that was sent out as a Press Release to the various media.

At Slindon College “the academic curriculum is excellent and particularly well suited to the needs of the pupils, placing a strong focus on literacy and numeracy while offering a wide range of creative and practical subjects” according to the Independent School Inspection Team. The report’s main findings also confirmed the school’s excellent relationship between pupils and staff, the excellent development of the pupils’ personal, spiritual, moral, social and cultural areas, and the excellent contribution of arrangements for welfare, health and safety. The report highlighted the curriculum for pupils with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND) as “one of the strengths of the school”

David Quick, Headmaster said “We can all be very proud of this inspection report which upholds our many strengths as a school and acknowledges our rapid progress in many areas. I would like to congratulate my entire team for their tireless efforts and support and our parents and pupils for their honest and helpful feedback to the inspection team. I am delighted that we are rapidly working through our Development Plan to address recommendations for even further improvements.

Parents reaction to the report have been amazing and include “Although I never had any doubt about Slindon being the right school for my son, it is very interesting to read a detailed and glowing

review about the school’s achievements” and “this report makes excellent reading and is a credit to everyone at Slindon”

Boarding News

Our Boarding House seems to go from strength to strength. At the start of the academic year we decided to publish our weekend events programme. This has proved to be an enormous success and so we are continuing with the scheme. This term’s events/activities programme is show below.

WEEKEND ACTIVITIES – SPRING TERM 2016

Please see below the planned activities for this term. On Saturday evenings pupils are usually either taken to the cinema to see the latest film or have a DVD at home” night in the boarding house.

DATE	ACTIVITY
SAT 16 JAN	Owl, Raptor and Reptile Centre, Ringwood.
SUN 17 JAN	Trip to Chichester.
SAT 23 JAN	To be finalised.
SUN 24 JAN	Team sport indoor go-karting, Brighton.
SAT 30 JAN	Museum, & Roman Walk in Chichester. Sat evening trip to Basketball game in Worthing & MacDonalds.
SUN 31 JAN	Brighton Pavilion and Pier.
SAT 6 FEB	Laser Quest, Brighton.
SUN 7 FEB	Shopping Trip.
	HALF TERM
SAT 27 FEB	Museum of Naval Firepower, Gosport.
SUN 28 FEB	Crazy Golf.
SAT 5 MAR	To be finalised.
SUN 6 MAR	Shopping Trip.
SAT 12 MAR	Paint Balling, Climping.
SUN 13 MAR	Swanborne Lake, Arundel.
SAT 19 MAR	Wild Wood Adventure, Guildford.
SUN 20 MAR	Shopping Trip.

Please note that some activities may change at short notice due to weather conditions and/or other unforeseen circumstances.

Please contact the boarding office if you would like your child to take part in any of the activities.
Please book early to save disappointment!

Dates for your Diaries this Term.

Fri 05 Feb	PTA Meeting 2.15pm Year 9 Parents' Meeting 4.00pm.
Fri 12 Feb	Half-Term begins 4.00pm (1 week)
Sun 21 Feb	Boarders return 5.00pm
Fri 26 Feb	Parents' Forum 2.00pm – Pegler Room. Year 11 Parents' Meeting (2) 4.00pm
Wed 02 Mar	School day ends at 4.00pm for day boys – no clubs or activities.
Fri 11 Mar	Sixth Form Parents' Meeting 4.00pm
Thu 24 Mar	PTA Whole School Sponsored Walk to Bignor 10.00am Lunch. TERM ENDS.

I do hope many of you will be able to join us on the last day of term for our Sponsored Walk to Bignor - family, friends and well-behaved dogs are most welcome too!

With all good wishes

DAVID QUICK
HEADMASTER