



Dear Parents/Carers

Last night we enjoyed our annual Open Evening on a glorious autumnal evening. The site looked magnificent in multi-coloured lights and the melodious sounds of samba, jazz and brass echoed around the cloisters. The highlight, however, was undoubtedly the huge number of pupils who volunteered to help out; their confidence, pride and passion were remarked upon by so many prospective parents. Thank you to all of them for being there and to parents for supporting the event; they were a credit to you all.

### **NEW Y11/10 Oakes Sixth Form Open Evening**

Oakes College, the sixth form provision at The Netherhall, has its Open Evening on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 6.00pm-8.30pm. All are welcome. More information can be found at [www.oakescc.org](http://www.oakescc.org)

### **NEW Parent Information Event, County Lines, The Netherhall**

One of our Trust schools, The Netherhall, is hosting an information sharing event about county lines on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October, 6pm-7pm (flyer [here](#)). This will be delivered by a former policeman who works with us one day a week and with Netherhall. The new Parent Hub I3 has a wealth of information to support parents and will be offering a series of free courses to support parents/carers throughout the year. You can find out more information [here](#).

### **NICE TO KNOW Children in the News**

On Tuesday a group of pupils took part in filming for Sky's FYI News show. FYI News is a weekly programme for young people, which we use as part of our 'FYI News Club' in the library during Tuesday morning break. Our pupils were given balanced information about a variety of current affairs and then asked to discuss them in pairs in front of the camera. It was wonderful to see how engaged, knowledgeable and confident our pupils are; they tackled complex issues with nuance and respect. Their personal messages to world leaders at COP27, delivered straight to camera, were particularly powerful. The discussions and messages will be shown on the Sky news channel three times a day on Saturday and Sunday. We will also be having a special extended 'FYI News Club' on Tuesday lunchtime where we will watch the show on the big screen in the library, so do encourage your children to come along!



### **NICE TO KNOW Duke of Edinburgh**

Last weekend we held the training expedition in Bedfordshire for our Y10 Bronze DofE participants in preparation for their forthcoming qualifying expedition in Thetford over the weekend of 15-16 October.

We have 81 participants from this year group who have now completed their expedition training in advance of their assessment, which represents the highest number we have ever taken forward to the qualification stage. We wish them well for their assessed venture.

### **NICE TO KNOW SVC Rubik League**

This week saw the official launch of the SVC Rubik League: an opportunity for any pupil to experience competitive speedcubing. Each competitor will race the clock to solve five different scrambles. The bar has been set high with our first competitors this week, all solving the first scramble under a minute!

### **NICE TO KNOW Training Day**

Today was one of our five training days during the academic year. Today we shared training on disciplinary reading, impartiality and performance management. We look forward to all pupils returning refreshed and raring to go on Monday.

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We hope the pupils have enjoyed their extra day off and wish you all a lovely weekend,

Jonathan Russell