

Friday 16th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Headteacher Update

What a wonderful and busy half term it has been! I want to start by expressing my heartfelt gratitude to all the students and staff involved in the spectacular production of "The Wizard of Oz" musical. The magical journey we experienced through the opening performance last night was truly enchanting, and there is no doubt that it left a lasting impression on everyone fortunate enough to attend. With three more performances remaining, I would certainly encourage you to attend if you are able to.

From the moment the curtain rose to the final bow, it was evident that an immense amount of dedication, hard work, and passion went into bringing this classic tale to life. The commitment and talent displayed by our students on stage were truly remarkable, but it is important to recognise our incredible musicians that accompanied the performance and, of course, the many students supporting behind the scenes. Behind every successful production is a team of dedicated individuals, and I want to extend my gratitude to all the students involved and all the staff involved also, with many staff remaining on site until very, very late into the evening last night. From the directors and producers to the costume designers, set builders, and everyone else who played a role in the production, the collective efforts were nothing short of extraordinary. The impact of our musical extends beyond the stage, creating a sense of community and pride among all those involved. Thank you, once again, to everyone involved.

### Year 13 Mock Results Day

As I write this letter, Mrs Green, our Director of Sixth Form, and the Sixth Form team are busy preparing for today's Year 13 Mock Results Day taking place in the Clare Library. This provides a crucial opportunity for our Year 13 students to receive targeted support on their revision plans over the next few weeks and an opportunity to discuss next steps with senior members of staff at the school. If you feel that there is anything more that we could be doing to support your child in their approaching examinations, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Green on [cgreen@nsg.northants.sch.uk](mailto:cgreen@nsg.northants.sch.uk). We want to ensure we are working closely with students, parents, and carers at this vitally important time for our oldest students.



## Young Writers Competition

Following last half term's good news, I have more to share this half term about the quality of our students' writing. Earlier today, we were informed that of the 30 entries that we submitted to the Young Writers short story writing competition this week, 24 have been selected for publication. That is a total of 49 pieces of work chosen for publication this year! If you are interested in learning more about the Young Writers competition, or encouraging your child to get involved, more information is available here:

<https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions>

## Sporting Success

Many, many congratulations to our U15 Netball team who delivered an unstoppable team performance winning the County Plate competition yesterday against very strong local teams. They won all their games in the competition, beating Northampton High School 8-3 in the final. It was a superb performance from the team, and we are incredibly proud of them – good luck for the County Cup in March, girls!

Islay U, in Year 8, continued her impressive swimming record on Saturday when she secured 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 100m Breaststroke final at the County Championships: Islay has broken several local records and is currently the highest ranked swimmer in her age group in the East Midlands. It is wonderful to see such impressive performances from a young athlete that represents NSG across a range of disciplines.

Looking ahead to next term, we would like to wish Sienna M, Year 7, the best of luck as she competes as one of the youngest members of the Senior Flyball team for the Northants Falcons, at Crufts on 8th March. Good luck to Chloe C, Year 9, also as she will be representing NSG at the Secondary Schools Trampoline Competition on Friday 15 March.

I want to finish by thanking you all for your ongoing support. It is a privilege to know your children and be part of their educational journey and we are genuinely grateful to you for working with us so collaboratively in our endeavours to provide the best experiences for them that we can.

Have a restful half-term and we look forward to seeing all our students back on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February.

Best wishes,



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