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Dear Parents / Carers

Headteacher Update

I am writing this letter having just come home from the annual 'Now Dance 2022' performance, the first of these in the theatre for nearly 3 years. Although the Performing Arts Department at NSG has been highly active since lockdown restrictions were lifted, not least during the highly memorable Year 6 into 7 Summer Carnival and more recently the performance of 'Billy Elliot the Musical', this evening's performance felt very, very special to us all. Once again, the audience was treated to a variety of exquisitely choreographed dance routines that showcased the athletic and creative talent of our dancers from all year groups, ending with the Year 11 and Year 13 Leavers' Medley. What made this year's medley particularly moving was that it consisted of our current Year 11 and Year 13 students, as well as students from the previous two years now at university or in full time employment that had been unable to perform in their own Year 11 and Year 13 Leavers' Medley because of lockdown restrictions in place at the time. We were delighted that so many of our past students joined us for this event.

More Sporting Success

We would like to say a huge congratulations to the Junior and Intermediate Girls Athletics teams, who were both crowned 'County Champions' at Rockingham Triangle last Thursday. Both teams demonstrated unstoppable determination and spirit and showcased their best performances. We are incredibly proud of them!

This comes only a handful of weeks after our U12 Football team put in an exceptionally strong performance to win 5-4 on penalties, after extra-time, against an impressive Abbeyfield School side! It is fair to say that it was a tense few final minutes for the players and spectators and we were delighted to be crowned the overall winners.

Tremendous congratulations to Brooke L, Year 10, on being selected for the U16 Wales Basketball team! Brooke will be competing in the four nations tournament, featuring England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland on 6-8 May. We are incredibly proud of her and wish her the very best of luck!

We would also like to congratulate Kate D, Year 8, who was invited to spend her Easter with the Scotland 'Emerging Players' Cricket squad on their pre-season training camp at Dollar Academy, Scotland. It is an incredible achievement at such a young age and we are very proud of the determination she has shown.

Examination Years

Our Year 11 and 13 students remain focused as they reach the last weeks of their lessons before exams. We are very, very proud of these two year groups of students who have worked so hard over the last two years in



challenging circumstances. We wish them all the best for these last couple of weeks. Mrs Boddy will be sending out a separate letter to parents and carers of Year 11 and 13 students about COVID 19 and external examinations.

With best wishes,



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