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SWCHS Parent Newsletter

From the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

Although January is nearly over, this is my first opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year and to trust that you enjoyed the Christmas break.

January has been a busy and exciting month for the school. Year 11 has been taking mock examinations and Year 13 has been trying to beat the University applications deadline. A large number of students this year were early applicants because of their ambition to apply to Oxford or Cambridge University. For them the second week of the month brought nerve-wracking news of how they had got on. We are delighted to report that this year we have had a record number of offers: an amazing 15 in total!

There is lots to look forward to in the coming weeks; the Kaleidoscope Dance evening, our production of Shakespeare's comedy 'Twelfth Night', a round of auditions for our lower school play 'Goodnight Mr Tom', the French exchange and Pride Day. 2017 has started well.

Best wishes,

Caroline Derbyshire
Headteacher

Upcoming Events to look forward to.....

Dance:

Kaleidoscope- Colours of Dance is taking place for one night only in Saffron Hall on Wednesday 1st February. Our fully inclusive show will feature students of all abilities and from across all year groups performing in a variety of genres of dance. Songs and artists with colours in their titles have been selected for each dance piece.

Tickets can be purchased via Saffronhall.com.



Drama:

The Sixth Form Electives group will perform a modern version of **Twelfth Night** by William Shakespeare in E7 on Wednesday 8th February at 7pm.

Running time is approximately 1 hour.

Tickets (£3.00) will be available to purchase from the Sixth Form common room and E1 office from 1st February.



Lower School Play auditions, open to Years 7,8,9 and 10, for **'Goodnight Mr Tom'** will be on Tuesday 21st March from 3.30pm—5.30pm in E7. Full details of audition dates and times will be included in the student bulletin.

Performances dates: 4th - 6th July 2017.

LGBT Pride Day:

"SWCHS 2nd annual Pride day will be taking place on 3rd February - next Friday! There will be a huge number of fun and exciting things for students to get involved in, such as a student bazaar in D3/E7, an inspirational speaker in Q6 and a rainbow bake sale. This will be a fun day promoting equality and making our school a happier place for all who attend it."

Art and Design:

A group of A2 Applied Art and Design students will be exhibiting some of their work at The Exchange Gallery in Saffron Walden Library from Monday 6th March until Friday 31st March. Please do pop in to view their work.

Visitors and Trips:

Our Year 12 French exchange partners have arrived from Verdun for a week with us. We will be taking them to visit London, Kings College Cambridge, Duxford and Bletchley Park.

We are looking forward to welcoming 146 Chinese students and their teachers to SWCHS over the next few weeks. The Chinese students, from our link school in Beijing, will be partnered with SWCHS students who will accompany them during lessons, breaks and lunch. A group of SWCHS students will be visiting Beijing in 2018.

SWCHS Spanish and French students are also looking forward to their exchange visits in February.

English:

SWCHS students will be competing in the second round of The English Speaking Union Competition at Anglia Ruskin's Chelmsford Campus on Monday 9th February. The Year 9 team of girls will be competing against Year 11 students from local secondary schools.

Economics:

After comfortably winning the first round of a prestigious competition run by the Bank of England, SWCHS Economics team look forward to the Area Championships in March.

Dates for your Diary:

Wednesday 1st February	- Kaleidoscope Dance Show
Friday 10th February	- School Closes for Half Term
Monday 20th February	- School Repens
	- Year 12 Mock Exam Week
Thursday 23rd February	- Year 11 Parents' Evening
Thursday 9th March	- Year 8s Parents' Evening
Wednesday 15th March	- Drama Celebration Evening
Thursday 16th March	- Year 8w Parents' Evening
Wednesday 29th March	- Spring Concert