

22nd September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Despite us having the wettest and windiest week so far this year, so much has taken place to report back to you.

Open Evening

The biggest highlight of the week was our Open Evening. We had over 170 students returning to school to showcase the many departments and extra-curricular activities on offer. The prospective parents were blown away by the positive attitudes of our students; they were respectful, mature, polite and demonstrated enormous Pride for our school – it really was a phenomenal evening.

School Council

Student Council nominations were secured at the end of the second week and this week Year Councils have met to identify their items for discussion at the School Council Meeting which will take place next week. One item on the agenda will be a review of the school rewards and how we can truly celebrate both the outstanding achievements of our students alongside acknowledging those who demonstrate the STEPs each and every day.

Canon Graham

This week I have had the pleasure of meeting Canon Graham, the Canon of Cirencester, who I have tasked with setting up a Youth Council within the town – I will keep you updated on the progress we make here.

Mr Salles – Support and Challenge Partner

On Monday, students were introduced to Mr Salles, who is our Support and Challenge Partner. He will be working with us fortnightly to support the implementation of the school development plan. Students will see him in and out of lessons as our focus this term is on the Curriculum, including Teaching and Learning. Over the next few weeks, I will be recording a small video on each of our 3 strategic priorities so that you can be kept abreast of our plans for the development of the school this year.

Here is a visual representation of our key areas:



Partnership with ZeroAvia

Tuesday evening Mrs Pearson, Mr Bye and I were invited to ZeroAvia, to meet with their Education Team. I am delighted to report that we have been selected as the only school to assist them in their 'Class of 30' project. This is a 5-year project for our Y7 students to share ZeroAvia's journey as they aim to be the first hydrogen-electric passenger fuelled aeroplane. More to follow in due course but we anticipate beginning this adventure in January 2024.

"ZeroAvia are delighted to be partnering with Cirencester Kingshill, to empower and upskill students to understand and learn about the science and engineering behind the future of flight in the era of net-zero aviation" Gabriele Teofili - Managing Director - ZeroAvia

Y11 Student Leaders

Mr Morland and I had the pleasure of completing our meetings with the Year 11 Student Leaders and have been overwhelmed by their ideas and reflections on how they can establish their responsibilities within the school.

The STEP we have in focus over the next fortnight is Respect which will be discussed within tutor groups during their weekly sessions.

***Respect:** I am open-minded and accepting of differences.
I show respect for myself, others and my environment.*

PE Kit

A request from the PE department. Please can you ensure that all PE kit is labelled clearly, there are currently a lot of items that appear to be unnamed in busy changing rooms. Thank you for your support with this.

Extend

We begin our Extend programme on Monday 25th September. We are very excited to be able to provide both lunchtime and after school clubs this term. Details of our Extend programme can be found on our website, a link to which can be found [here](#)

Weekly sporting update

Year 9 District Football Trials Success

Four boys in Year 9 have been selected to represent the District in County competitions following trials at Deer Park on Monday.

ESSA Swimming Relays

Four girls in Year 9 and 10 will be competing in the ESSA Swimming Relays at Millfield on Wednesday 27th September 2023.

U16 County Netball Tournament

We are taking a squad of U16 players to the County Challenge Tournament in Cheltenham on Tuesday 26th September 2023.

Upcoming Fixtures and Events w/c 25th September 2023:

- Tuesday 26th County Netball Tournament
- District Netball v Thomas Keble (Years 7-11) (Home)

Finally, as we leave for the weekend, I want to wish our Year 10 students every success on their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition. A huge thank you to Mr Macaulay for leading the expedition and to the 6 members of the Kingshill Team supporting over the weekend.

I wish you and your family a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jo Lindley
Headteacher