

Boarding Newsletter, Summer end of term

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Boarders,

Congratulations!

We have made it to the end of another hugely successful and rewarding academic year for all those in boarding, the only things left to celebrate are the final few days including being the first customers of the new ultimate slip n slide water park just a few minutes away from school and then the upcoming A level and GCSE results days in August.

Boarding continues to show real growth and with Lisbury House becoming our part-time boarding house from September I feel confident in saying that we continue to lead the state boarding landscape. As leaders in progression and development many other state boarding schools are now looking at our successful boarding model as a way of moving their school forward.

There are too many trips and activities to mention this term and I would like to say a big thank you to the boarders and parents who have supported all weekday and weekend activities. Not forgetting a huge thank you to the boarding team for organising, planning and running every activity, it really is no easy task to put together such an array of opportunities.

As I look back and reflect on the year, I hope that every boarder took advantage of the endless opportunities available, be it academically, physically or socially, and really embraced being a boarder at Sexey's.

We also sadly say goodbye to Mrs Sandra Lewis who leaves her roles as the Senior Houseparent of Macmillan after years of outstanding service in many different boarding roles. We are all very sad to see her depart but fortunately look forward to her continuing with her school based role as the attendance officer and keeping her up to date with all things boarding!



We have lots to look forward to in September and I will be able to share more detailed plans with you in due course. If anyone finds themselves at the Gillingham and Shaftesbury show in August I will be there once again working on our continued developments of raising the school profile both locally and nationally.

Our aim in boarding continues to be 'keep it simple, study hard, play hard, eat well, sleep well and make friends for life'. I hope everyone uses those key words to take into the summer holidays, well maybe not the study hard as everyone deserves a break!

From the boarding team and I, we wish you all a wonderful and relaxing holiday and I will leave this quote for you to consider 'Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time.'

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