

THOMAS JONES

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Easter and Ramadan Mubarak

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all our Christian families Happy Easter and those of you from a Muslim background Ramadan Mubarak. I look forward to seeing all pupils again on Tuesday 19th April.

Summer Uniform

As is our tradition, the Year 6 scholars have been 'modelling' Thomas Jones' summer uniform. This has, in recent years benefitted everybody, and especially families that are new to the school. From the start of next term, all pupils should wear the above, including the midnight blue bucket hat. This item of uniform has become something of an 'emblem' and an integral component of pupils' attire. We are not unique, but the above is a valid strand that sets us apart - a bold sartorial statement and, on an entirely practical level, something that affords protection from the sun's harmful rays and spring showers.

Daffodils and Grape Hyacinth

*'Yet, March's awakening breath will woo the earth,
To feed the kindest dews its favourite flower'*

Percy Bysshe Shelley

Today, the sun is shining brightly and there is a proper nod to spring, despite a short-lived snow flurry. Here and there, in clusters, grape hyacinth and daffodils carpet our grounds. I hope the weather remains fine, affording an opportunity to spend some quality time outside and perhaps to visit one of London's many parks or gardens.

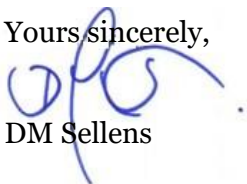
Exceptional Attendance

The manner in which pupils have so effusively committed, over the last eleven weeks, is humbling. With children as young as four years of age, demonstrating a desire to immerse themselves in learning, attendance across the school is 97%. There are a high number of pupils who have not missed a single day of school.

Hockey and an Inventive Dynamic

Our Hockey team are now, officially, borough champions. We celebrated this remarkable achievement on Monday in a special assembly. Year 3 pupils have crafted a collaborative collage of leaves, pebbles, berries, twigs and flowers, inspired by sculptor Andy Goldsworthy. The children intently watched a video of the revered land artist creating rain shadows and crafting exquisite structures using natural slate. The outcomes, whilst ephemeral, are displayed, in the grounds. In a return to normality, Year 4 visited the Verulamium Roman Gallery in St Albans last week. The Year 6 scholars have also ventured out, to The British Museum to explore the Benin Bronzes.

Yours sincerely,



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