

THOMAS JONES

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Sustained Success

2023 has been rewarding, culminating in a number of successes, including our recent Ofsted inspection. Attendance has been a remarkable 97%. The standard of cello, violin, viola and piano has further transcended, validated by Thomas Jones' talented peripatetic music staff. Choir shone so brightly last week in both concerts. Academic outcomes at the end of Key Stage 2 are amongst the top 2% nationally. The fact that we are so oversubscribed, with long waiting lists for every class, should not be taken for granted. Interest from prospective Reception parents, keen to enrol their children in September 2024 has been overwhelming. Professional development has been of an exacting nature. Just one highlight was a seminar led by Mr Mark Hartley, MBE that focused on cognition, memory and pedagogy.

Venturing out

*"In the bleak midwinter,
Frosty wind may moan"*

Christina Rossetti

There is no denying that the weather was exquisite yesterday. The winter sun shining through the bare tree branches in our grounds was spectacular and the clear cobalt sky sublime. I hope that during the forthcoming holidays, despite the gloomy, windy forecast, fine days prevail and afford opportunities to venture into London's many parks and gardens for a brisk walk or gentle stroll.

Evocation of Eager Learners

There is much in the media again about schools that is not positive. Thomas Jones continues to defy such reports. On a good day, of which there are plenty, the school is an evocation of eager learners and aspiration. Deputy Head Ms Lindsay Johnson and I have been humbled by the extent of your kindness and encouragement in recent weeks. By way of a gentle reminder, pupils return to Thomas Jones after the holiday on Tuesday 9th January.

Yours sincerely,



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