

## Headmasters' Letter

Dear Parents,

Celebration Assembly was one packed affair this morning with clearly over one hundred and fifty, possibly close to a double century of different children being up on stage! We were playing catch-up from all the successes of the end of last term and the holidays as well as the usual HMIs from this week. Many proud pupils and parents had their deserved moments of praise and honour as certificates for Music, LAMDA, French, Maths, and Boarding were given out. We celebrated recent successes in Sport too: we have 6 National Champions in Year 7 and 8, and Connie was 19<sup>th</sup> in the Laser Run World Championships last weekend in Budapest. It was super to award Team of the Week to our 8<sup>th</sup> team hockey, many playing their first match for the school. There were a dozen HMIs for various SMW characteristics. Do have a look at <https://www.kiwico.com/> for some ingenious opportunities to get your child building and making something (and off a device!) The #GeneroUS awards were for three wonderful moments of thoughtfulness and generosity by individuals during the last week.

It was also very helpful to chat to a number of parents after assembly and I was keen to ask about how we can improve our processes and educational offering to make the school better for your child. These were interesting and helpful discussions about Kiss n' Drop, Camp, Parking and the Parent Portal. Thank you for your thoughts. Your support at events such as Celebration Assembly, matches and parents' evenings are much appreciated. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible with children in Years 3-6 at next Friday's Senior School Information Session at 4pm in the Under. Do spread the word.

We all love the **BBC**. Perhaps you could consider creating your own **BBC** for your children. **B** stands for **Bed**. **B** also stands for **Breakfast**. **C** stands for **Charm**. If everyday starts with a bed being made, a success has been ticked off. Breakfast is arguably the most important meal of the day. Charm. Being charming and polite can only get your child off to a good start. The **BBC**. What a great way for your child to start their day!



## The Week Ahead

### Week 3

#### Monday 16 September

- Duty Form - 8P
- 08:30 Form Reps' welcome coffee (Dining Hall)
- 09:00 - Year 7 History trip to Battle Abbey
- 16:10
- 18:00 - Year 7 French trip Parents' Information
- 18:45 Evening, Drama Studio.

#### Tuesday 17 September

- 13:00 F: Brambletye 6-A-Side: U11A, U13A (a)

#### Wednesday 18 September

- 14:15 H: v Handcross Park: 5th (a)
- 14:30 H: v St Andrews: 2nd, 4th (h); U11A, U11C (a)
- 14:30 F: v Brighton College Prep: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2nd, 3rd, U11A, U11B, U11C, U8 Festival (h)
- 14:30 F: Be Trewe Festival @ Handcross Park U9C
- 15:00 H: v Handcross Park: 6th (a)
- 15:15 H: v St Andrews: 1st, 3rd (h); U11B, U11D (a)

#### Thursday 19 September

- 14:00 - Year 5 Maths Challenge
- 17:30

#### Friday 20 September

- 09:15 Year 7 Open Morning
- 13:30 XC: U11 & U10 Cross Country @ Seaford College
- 16:00 - Senior School Admissions meeting for parents of Years 3-6, The Under
- 16:30

*Sports Fixtures are available on the sports website [www.ardinglysport.com](http://www.ardinglysport.com)*

## Parent Notices

### Year 7 French Trip Parents Meeting – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September

As in the Calendar, there will be a Year 7 Parents' Information Evening, on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September from 18.00 – 18.45, about the year 7 French Trip. The meeting will take place in the Prep School Drama Studio.

Information given will include Itineraries for travel and daily activities, as well as a packing list. There will also be consent forms for you to sign to allow your child/children to participate in climbing/kayaking activities (weather dependent).

Please do not worry if you are unable to attend the presentation as all the information will be emailed to you during the course of next week. Any questions please contact Madame Cleere

# THE VIEW

## Parent Information meeting for Years 3-6 concerning Senior School Entry Processes 2020+

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 4pm-4.30pm in The Under**

You are invited to attend a meeting for all Prep parents of Years 3-6 on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 4pm - 4.30pm in The Under. Apologies for the late notice.

The purpose of the meeting is to inform you of some developments in our entry processes for the Senior school from 2020 onwards. Please join us for a presentation by Ben Figgis, Headmaster of the Senior School, Nicola Burns, Head of the Middle School and Suzanne Pendlebury-Bowe, Director of Studies at the Prep School. There will be an opportunity for questions afterwards. We look forward to seeing you there.

### New Parent Portal

As you are aware there is a new Parent Portal, although this is currently very Senior School friendly, it is under development for the Prep School. In future please can absences and other requests be emailed to the Form Tutor and copied to [charlie.tomlinson@ardingly.com](mailto:charlie.tomlinson@ardingly.com)

### Year 6-8 Geography

Years 6-8 are entering the Young Geographer of the Year competition run by the Royal Geographic Society. Part of our studies has focussed on 'places that you have been to.' A small picture of your child or family on holiday may well enhance their project so please bring one in next Geography lesson if you wish!

### Reading Books

**Reminder - all pupils to have a reading book in school every day:** we are immensely proud of the reading culture we have developed in the Prep School and to this end we would like to remind parents that their children should have a reading book in school every day. This may be a book from home, or a book they have borrowed from the school or public library, or even an audio or e-book if they have permission to bring their device into school. If pupils adhere to this rule then it ensures they all have a book to read for ERIC (Everyone Reading in Class) on a Wednesday afternoon and also for their weekly or fortnightly library lessons. Form tutors and English teachers will be carrying out spot checks throughout the year just to reinforce this. Our aim is to get children excited about reading and we hope we can rely on your support.

**Meet the Tutor Evening Yr 3-8 – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 18:00-20:00hrs, The Under**

Meet The Tutor evening (please do not bring your children) is taking place in the Under on 25<sup>th</sup> September from 18:00-20:00hrs please email [charlie.tomlinson@ardingly.com](mailto:charlie.tomlinson@ardingly.com) with

your child's name, class and the time slot you would prefer and these will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Each appointment is for 5 minutes, if you have more than one child in Prep School please allow enough time between appointments to move to the other Tutor(s).

## Harvest Festival – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September

The Prep School will be holding a Harvest Festival in Assembly on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September. This event will be during the pupils' normal assembly in Chapel. Parents are not required/invited to attend this event. Mrs P-B will be sending out further details in due course.

## Clubs

### Netball Club

We are very excited to inform you that we have been able to add 2 new netball clubs to our after-school programme:

- Thursday yr 5: 4.40-5.30pm
- Thursday yr 6,7,8: 6-7pm

These clubs commence in week 3. If your child does not already have a club at these times on a Thursday and would like to attend then please email [charlotte.quayle@ardingly.com](mailto:charlotte.quayle@ardingly.com)

### Equestrian Team

We are looking at the possibility of entering an Ardingly School Equestrian team to compete at NSEA events\*, please email [charlotte.quayle@ardingly.com](mailto:charlotte.quayle@ardingly.com) if your child is interested. (\*riders will need to have their own horse)

## Small Ball Games Club – Cancelled Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September

The Year 3 and 4 'Small Ball Games' club on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September is cancelled.

## Dance Classes – Spaces available

There are spaces available for most of the Dance Sessions offered at Ardingly Prep by Chelener Dance School. Please see the attached for details and how to book.

