

JULY 2016

It is that time of year when we regrettably have to say goodbye to some wonderful students. Year 13 students have done us proud, achieving some wonderful results. I would like to thank them for their leadership, support and contribution to the Coombe community. Year 11 are predicted to achieve some very positive GCSE results, they have worked hard and I was very impressed by their preparation for the examinations, they certainly deserve to do well. I would also like to thank the teaching staff for running over thirty hours of revision sessions after school each week as well as running revision sessions over half term.

Away from the examinations it has been a very busy term and many of us feel like our feet never touched the ground. Some of the key events for me have been the Duke of Edinburgh trips, the numerous Drama showcases, the Food Technology trip to Choccywoccydoodah, Year 9 Enterprise Week and of course Sports Day. On the sporting front we have again been able to achieve success at borough and county level in Football, Cricket and Athletics.

Perhaps the highlight of the term was a request to visit the school from Nick Gibb (Schools Minister) who was keen to see the work that we do with the boys. It was encouraging for all of us that he recognised and commended us on the ambition that the school has for its students.

This has also been a term when parents, alumni and friends of the school have given very generously of their time to support a range of projects within the school. We are always keen to broaden our students' horizons and through the work of many of you we have been able to do this. In particular I would like to thank Mr Gavin Allen, who is father to one of our Year 11 students for giving up his time to speak to our students and for his very generous donation to support the school Enterprise Week. I would also like to thank Mrs Lucy Hatley who has chaired our PFA committee in recent years, for her hard work and support for the school. We are very sad that Lucy is stepping down and we will miss her enormous enthusiasm. The whole of the PFA have been fabulous in all that they have done and on behalf of the school I would like to say an enormous thank you.

Without wanting to tempt fate, we are confident that the summer will bring some wonderful GCSE examination results and we hope to see year 11 students joining Coombe Sixth Form in September. For everyone else we hope that you have a wonderful relaxing break and that students re-join us in September ready to take full advantage of everything that we have to offer.