

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all the students, families, businesses and organisations who came to support our International Culture Event! I am very grateful to our wonderful head students Rachel and Phyliss who were supported by many other sixth formers alongside our director of community Mrs Osei Tutu; all of these wonderful people worked tirelessly with many others within school to make this happen. It was lovely to celebrate a whole range of different cultures through some wonderful food, clothes and dance. It was a great opportunity to celebrate our vibrant community and appreciate that we are an incredibly diverse school with over 50 countries represented during our fashion show. We look forward to running this again next year.



### Key dates

All Years		
Friday 10 May	<b>Music – Alina Orchestra Performance – The Stables</b>	Students must make their own way to The Stables and be collected at the end of the evening. Students meet in the foyer of The Stables at 7.15pm and be collected at an estimated collection time of 9.30pm

<b>Year 7</b>		
<b>Wednesday 15 May</b>	<b>Drama – Aladdin Theatre Trip</b>	We will leave school at <b>1.45pm</b> by coach. <b>Students will need to be collected from the theatre by parents/guardians at approximately 5.00pm.</b>
<b>Year 9</b>		
<b>Friday 10 May – Saturday 11 May</b>	<b>Bronze D of E expedition</b>	<p>Please can students arrive to school for 8am on Friday and meet at the main reception. We will travel to the starting point by school minibus. Students should come to school dressed ready to walk with their rucksacks suitably packed.</p> <p>Please note due to the many variables within a DofE Expedition, students arrival times at the end point will be varied but we estimate groups to be finished walking between 3-5pm.</p>
<b>Year 10</b>		
<b>Friday 10 May</b>	<b>Year 10 PE Leadership Diploma</b>	10B/PD1 students will visit Emerson Valley School between 8.35 – 11.20. They must bring their PE kit with them along with a water bottle.
<b>Tuesday 14 May</b>	<b>Year 10 PE Leadership Diploma</b>	10D/PD1 students will visit Emerson Valley School between 8.35 – 11.20. They must bring their PE kit with them along with a water bottle.

<b>Thursday 16 May – Sunday 19 May</b>	<b>DofE Silver Practice Expedition</b>	Full timings and details will be sent out to parents in the next few days.
<b>Sixth Form</b>		
<b>Wednesday 8 May</b>	<b>Year 12 DT Trip to V&amp;A Museum</b>	8.15 – 18.00 - Please ensure that the students wear comfortable shoes for walking around and bring a packed lunch with them. (students who are entitled to free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch from school). Students will be allowed time to visit the V&A shop if they wish to purchase an item.

### **Year 11 Prom and Year 13 Ball Dresses**

We have been overwhelmed by the amount of dress donations we have received and many of them are brand new, thank you. If any student is interested in taking a look at these beautiful dresses, please go to Mrs Sullivan’s office in the Year Leader corridor and she will be happy to show you. The dresses are completely free and can either be kept or returned back to school (after cleaning) so they can be used in future years.

### **New Minibus**

The school is currently investigating replacing our older minibus and would be interested to hear from any parents that may have contacts in this industry to assist us in purchasing a minibus in the most cost-effective manner. Many thanks in anticipation.

Best wishes

Gareth McCluskey

Headteacher