



Noadswood Blazer



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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

MISS K. MARSHALL



As I write, the sun is setting on another terrific Sports' Day, during which the pupils did themselves proud: participants, spectators and mascots alike, as well as all those who did so much to make the Happy Hour Activities go with such a swing.

It showcased us at our best, just like during the recent No Putdown Week - when we all pull together, and support each other, we make such terrific magic in our school. I'll remain relentless about this magic being ever more the daily consistent vibe as we go on together.

If you'd like to be part of the discussion with me about this, please drop me a line, as some people have already done. Your ideas and perspective feed into the vision, and it's so good to hear from you or to meet.

In the meantime I'd be grateful for you taking the time over the summer to really talk with your children about what it looks like, feels like and sounds like on the many many occasions in our school when they are the very best they can be.

For me, this means showing grit and focus in their learning and the other activities in school, and equally importantly, it means us all showing real kindness and care for all pupils and staff, friends or not.

Get them to articulate this and pledge, with you, to honour this when we come back in September ever more consistently in lessons, around site, online and in the community.

I'm proud of so many pupils this evening, as I look forward to our end of term assemblies. It's been super to meet many young people who combine great commitment to school with so many other brilliant activities, from music in the Albert Hall to Street Dance, long jump, football (girls and boys), gymnastic tumbling, horse riding and outstanding performances in mock interviews... this isn't an exhaustive list!

It'll be such a pleasure to celebrate with just some of them on Friday, as well as with some terrific pupils who've worked with me so hard on upping their game to be ready, respectful and safe in their learning in all their lessons.

And it's really great to congratulate some of those pupils who, day in and day out, go the extra mile in their lessons. We've been focusing on spotting these people during the last couple of weeks as we've trekked the school for our constant bright stars.

Look out for more on this celebration of everyone who gets it so right in September.

In the last two or three weeks, some of our pupils have heard from Mollie Hughes, one of the youngest women ever to climb Everest and from Dorit Wolff, a survivor of the Holocaust and significant trauma as a child but who's gone on to live the most glorious and successful of lives.

We hope they take away from the work of these inspirational women that we believe in their capacity to climb mountains and to realise dreams. May they help the pupils never to see a problem holding them back now - however hard it sometimes gets - as something we can't come through together to thrive.

I can't wait for the next chapter with you all, and I'd like to end by thanking you all, every pupil, every colleague and every Governor for being a part of the richness, the diversity, the success and the energy of our school community in 2017-18.

Best wishes,

Miss Marshall
Headteacher

SUMMER 2018
NEWSLETTER#15

Year 9 Historians visit Portsmouth Historic Dockyard



On Monday 25th June, 46 year 9 historians visited Portsmouth Historic Dockyard for a day of hands on History to compliment their GCSE course. This involved them sorting evidence, hypothesising and handling primary sources. They visited the Mary Rose Museum, completed a workshop on Tudor surgery and visited HMS Warrior. Noadswood pupils were a credit to our school, so much so that the head of learning at the Mary Rose learning centre emailed the school stating:

"We were deeply impressed by all the students. They were an absolute delight to teach and a great credit to the school, their wonderful teachers and themselves. They listened carefully participated in the role play activity with great enthusiasm. Even those for whom role play was a bit daunting, joined in cheerfully and demonstrated that they had really understood all the

information which they had just assimilated. Their manners and behaviour were exemplary and their positive attitude to learning was impressive.

Please pass on our thanks and very best wishes to Mrs Rollett, her colleagues and all the students who visited us this morning. We see hundreds of schools every year at the Mary Rose and I have no hesitation in saying that the students from Noadswood were truly outstanding!"

A fantastic day of learning and deep thinking, well done historians!

Xanthie Fabling

On Saturday 23rd June I competed in the Aerobic Gymnastics British Championships. I had previously become the Southern Region champion and won a gold medal at the Heathrow competition, so going into the National Championships I was so excited to see what I could achieve.

Aerobic Gymnastics is the most energetic type of gymnastics where you perform an action-packed routine which is full of skills and choreography on a wooden floor. The sport consists of power, precision, passion, and giving my all. Every time I train, every time I perform I am determined to become stronger. Minutes, hours, years of training all comes down to 1 minute 20 seconds. At the British Championships I was against 20 other gymnasts all competing for the title of best NAC Aerobic Gymnast. It is an incredible feeling when you're waiting to perform, excited, nervous and determined all at once. With my team mates shouting my name I step onto the floor with confidence, ready to show the judges and crowd what I



can do. The music kicks in and I am focused and proud. I came off the floor wishing that I would soon have the NAC Cup in my hands. A short while later I found out that I had achieved the highest score I have ever received and I had become the best NAC (national) Aerobic gymnast in Britain. My coach even cried with happiness.

Aerobic Gymnastics; a sport and so much more.

Xanthie Fabling – year 10 Knightwood

Year 7's Enjoy Their Bude Adventure!

On the 3rd June 2018, some brave and excited Year 7s set off on a journey to Adventure International, Cornwall. We were hungry for adventure, and thrilled to try new things we hadn't done before. The journey was long and tiring, but when we got there we were relieved that the journey was over.

The first day was very exciting for everyone as we had our first tutor/instructor meet, and we had our first activities. Some of the activities were: canoeing, team trail, kayaking, bodyboarding and surfing. They challenged our teamwork, fears and capabilities, and after a couple of days, we began to realise that we can run faster, climb higher, and do a little more than we think. Just as long as we believe in ourselves and try our best, we will achieve that goal.

In the evenings there were various entertainments such as fancy dress, discos, karaoke and talent night. It was a chance to show off skills we have from outside of school and to show off our creativity with costumes too. Noadswood has some epic talent!

At Bude we learnt teamwork skills, independent skills, and resilience skills, which really helped when we were doing an activity which took us out



of our comfort zone. It was an incredible trip, and we're sure it will be one that we are talking about in Year 11!

We would like to say a massive thank you to Miss Rawlinson for organising this trip, and to all the Noadswood and Adventure International staff who helped this trip to be amazing. Without you this trip wouldn't have happened and we wouldn't have learnt all the things we know now!!

Year 7 pupil – Darcey Rollett

KEYDATES

18/07 Sports Day
20/07 Last Day of Summer Term
School Closes 12:30pm

23/07 Inset Day School Closed
31/08 Inset Day School Closed

03/09 Autum Term Begins
Year 7 - Start Time 11:15am
Year 8,9,10 and 11 - 2:00pm

Kimberley Barnes fights for British Taekwondo

In the past few years Kimberley has developed tremendously as a taekwondo athlete. Since joining her new club Lion Taekwondo in Barnsley in April 2017, Kimberley has successfully won a place in the British Taekwondo squad and is now also in the process of securing a place at the European Taekwondo championships with team GB.

In order for Kimberley to be successful in securing this place in the British squad for Europe, she has to travel to train with the whole team in Manchester twice a month. At these training sessions she is put through her paces by Olympic bronze medallist Sarah Stephenson.

She has been very successful since turning 13 as she is now well established as a cadet fighter. Her notable successes are winning gold in the north east open championships in Durham at the beginning of June. More recently she has won gold in the Kixstar London open in 30 degree heat on June 30th.

She will also be continuing to train with ex team GB athlete Ben Haines at Noadswood School twice a week which has helped her tremendously.

Coming up in the remainder of 2018, Kimberley will be very busy. She is competing in the Polish open in Warsaw in September, the Riga open in Latvia in October and the aptly titled Dracula open in Romania. In the UK, her main focus will be the UK National championships in Sheffield at the end of October.



HOUSE NEWS

As I sit here in the sweltering heat of our never-ending summer heatwave, it is lovely to reflect on some fantastic achievements by Knightwood pupils over the last few months. I am sure that there are many other great stories, but I want to highlight three particular young ladies:

Sophie Hodson in year 7, competing in national tumbling championships and finishing 8th overall.

Amber O'Reilly in year 10, who last weekend travelled to Poland to play basketball in an international tournament while representing the South of England.

Xanthie Fabling in year 10, who recently became the National Aerobic Gymnastics champion at the British championships.

These young ladies have used their talents to the maximum. Keep up the great work! We have also made a great start to the Inter House sports events in years 7 to 9 this week. I am greatly looking forward to seeing our fantastic runners on Wednesday 18th July, be they winners, or those earning a valuable point towards the back of the race.

Earlier this week, I also had the pleasure of attending the summer music concert, which showcased some fantastic performances, both vocal and instrumental. One of my personal favourites was a solo by Holly Hammond in year 8 singing 'Stand by Me' – bravery I certainly never had at that age!

Just today, it has been tremendous to see so many positive meetings with parents joining us in partnership at the parent-tutor meetings today. Thank you so much for the support you give us as we work together with your children to maximise their potential in every way.



MRS FRENCH



MR FENTON

Finally, may we wish you a restful (and possibly slightly cooler?) summer holiday. We do hope your summer is full of fun and plentiful ice creams.

Mr Fenton & Mrs French