



Noadswood Blazer



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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

MISS K. MARSHALL

Welcome to 2019 at Noadswood, everyone. It will be a very special, if really rather sad year for us, as we will say farewell to Miss Compton at the end of the Summer Term, July 2019. After only two and a half years of working alongside her, it is so clear to me what a model of integrity, commitment, compassion and really excellent English teacher she is, let alone what the community as a whole will feel about her - we look forward to marking her farewell in a way that befits someone so special to everyone, but we certainly don't look forward to the farewell itself.

I am looking forward to learning walks across the entire school this half term, separate from Star Trekking or any of the other usual walkabouts I do - when I spot your child being really engaged and successful in their learning, I shall do my level best to let you know personally.

Our 'Noadswood Kinda' weeks continue - ask your child about who or what they have appreciated in school this week, then ask them to get hold of a compliment slip from a member of staff so they can write it down and pass it to the person - it'll make their week.

They can pass them on about pupils via the boxes - one per House - on the stage in the hall, or for staff, it's the box in Reception. Remind them to put the full name and preferably the tutor group for pupils of the person they're writing about! I had to work a few out last term.

My assemblies this week are on the theme of adventure, despite the cold and dark, and of the importance of making active choice for 'harmonious co-existence', as we approach World Faith Day on Sunday January 20th.

Whether we have a particular faith or indeed none, the 'Golden Rule' of treating others in the ways we like to be treated, in order to lift others and ourselves is one we see as so important in all aspects of school life. If you'd like to say something you feel about this idea, don't hesitate to drop me a line at headteacher@noadswood.hants.sch.uk.

I hope 2019 treats you all with kindness, happiness and health and the next newsletter will be our fortnightly bulletin in a couple of week's time.

Best wishes,

Miss Marshall
Headteacher



KEYDATES

07/01 First Day of Spring Term
15/01 Yr9 Parents Evening
14/01 & 15/01 Yr 7 Open Mornings

25/01 Mufti Day
07/02 Year 8 Citizenship Day

15/02 Inset Day - School Closed
18/02 - 22/02 Spring Half Term
School Closed

Gym and Dance Show 2018

On Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th December 2018 120 pupils from Noadswood School performed in the annual Gym and Dance Show. As always it demonstrated the pupils' fantastic talent, drive, determination and sheer enjoyment for the artistic sports. Pupils from Year 7 to 11 performed in this event and the show included pieces from both Noadswood's Gymnastics and Dance Clubs, BTEC Dance performance pieces, our very successful Southern Region Sports Acrobatics Squads and pieces that had been choreographed and auditioned by the pupils themselves. The routines across both evenings showcased artistic, aerobic and acrobatic gymnastics, cheerleading and modern, jazz and balletic styles of dance.

The Gym and Dance Show at Noadswood has been an event that has continued to grow year on year. The Physical Education Department believes it really gives the pupils involved a sense of achievement, it provides all pupils who would like to be involved the opportunity to display their individual talent and in many cases this then encourages and excites the next generation.



KNIGHTWOOD HOUSE NEWS

In all my years of teaching I don't think we have ever had an eight week half term, as we did leading up to Christmas. What has been a pleasure to see, is the resilience that so many pupils have shown, still striving for the very best even when perhaps feeling a little under the weather in those final weeks. Year 11 survived the pressures of sitting their mock exams, it was greatly encouraging to witness so many of them taking their studies very seriously – I do hope they now return, fully refreshed for their final few important months of life at Noadswood.

Our Year 7's have settled in well to the different demands of secondary school life, many throwing themselves into new challenges and completing the '25 things to do before Christmas' activities. I do hope they enjoyed their reward just before the holidays.

It has also been a pleasure to witness some young people taking real initiative for themselves. One who I would like to draw attention to is Abbie Blake in Year 8, who decided to raise money independently for Children in Need with a sponsored bounce, bringing in money in little bags full of change on a number of occasions. Nearly £50 raised by actions rather than just good intentions. Well done Abbie!

Sadly, last term we said goodbye to Miss Cheek who left us for pastures new on the Isle of Wight. Her care and compassion for the children, both in her classes, and especially her Tutor group have been an absolute joy to behold. We wish Miss Cheek every success with her new challenge and welcome Miss Cadd to the Knightwood team, who has already been working with the tutor group since September.



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We were also delighted to witness a Knightwood win in the House cup on the final day before Christmas. Four year groups coming 2nd, Year 8's winning their trophy – our consistency as the eternal bridesmaids finally paying off. Let us continue this good fortune in 2019. Happy 2019 to one and all.

Mr Fenton & Mrs French