

Noadswood Blazer – Year 11

Back in September I embarked on my new role as Head of Year 11 supported by Miss Fitzgerald the Assistant Year Leader, it has been great to get to know, meet and support pupils in the year group over the course of this term.

A few weeks into term and Open Events for prospective pupils took place with the Prefect team doing a brilliant job conducting tours of the school over several mornings and also during our Open Evening. Well done to all those involved, you did us all proud and the feedback was amazing. Special mentions to our senior prefect team, Dan, Rosie, Olivia and Isaac for the presentations they made at Open evening and at our feeder Primary schools, they showed true courage and resilience and were a true credit to Noadswood. Early on the term pupils were also given the opportunity to attend a brilliant Careers fair organised by Mr Lewis and Miss Gates, there was an excellent turn out with pupils able to gather information about colleges and apprenticeships. The exhibitors were very impressed with how enthusiastic pupils were and the brilliant and insightful questions that they asked. This term year 11 have also been working on their college applications, attending open events and even interviews with colleges such as Brockenhurst which have started to take place in recent weeks too.

The mock exams were upon us shortly after we returned to school after the half term break and Mrs Cacchi, the Exams Officer was very impressed with the mature and sensible way in which Year 11 conducted themselves especially given this was their first real experience of conducting exams under the conditions they will experience in the Summer. We hope Year 11 will be pleased with their successes and that their hard work and effort has paid off. We have seen some successes outside of school with pupils competing in a number of sporting events. Lucy Bailey competed in National show jumping events and her team became the National Show-jumping Riding Club Champions. Well done Lucy, a great achievement.

Prom was launched to Year 11 which is sure to be the highlight of the year and an excellent and well deserved opportunity for Year 11 to celebrate all of the successes and hard work they will undoubtedly put in over the next few months. It's fair to say it's been a challenging few years and this is something for us all to look forward to.

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Mrs Way & Miss L Fitzgerald