

# SEDGEHILL

weekly

15 SEPTEMBER 2017

## MESSAGE FROM MS CASSIDY

This is the first of what we plan to be a regular series of newsletters to the parents of Sedgehill School. And it is also my first opportunity to write to you as Sedgehill's new headteacher.

I do hope that you and your families are well and that your son/daughter is as pleased as I am to be at Sedgehill for the new school year - in the case of year 7, like me, for the very first time.

The early days of September are always an important time for any school, as they set the tone for the rest of the year that follows. What has struck me this year at Sedgehill is the feeling of positivity around the school. For me, this began over the summer and, in particular, in the days leading up to the return of students as the whole staff met to prepare and train for the year ahead. The desire for change and improvement then was clear and this positive feeling very much continued as our students arrived back at school.

As I walk around Sedgehill, I am impressed both by the warmth of the interactions between staff and students, and by the positive attitude that students are adopting to learning. It is already clear to me that your children have a strong desire to better themselves. I and the teachers and other staff at Sedgehill are here to enable them to do that, not least through continuing positive interactions that promote encouragement above criticism and courtesy above rudeness. This is backed by our belief in the potential of both staff and students to perform and succeed at the very highest level.

If we can combine, in the way that I think we can, that desire for improvement together with a positive attitude and the belief that we can all perform at the highest level, then Sedgehill will soon be on the way to becoming the school that we all want it to be.

## SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Sedgehill has a long tradition of wonderful school productions. In recent years, we've had musicals, Shakespeare and even a play written by one of our own students, but this year's Sedgehill School production will be Cinderella: a pantomime ...with a twist.

Auditions will be held in F101 after school on Wednesday 20 September.

You will not be required to have learnt anything in advance; just be prepared to participate in a workshop.

See posters around school for details of cast.

## PERFECT STUDENTS

Perfect Student is presented to the student from each year group who has, in that week:

- 100% attendance;
- 100% punctuality;
- gained the most achievement points.

The following students have been presented with the award this week:

Year 7 **Emmanuel Knole**

Year 8 **Ryan Williams & Manuel Akabuogu**

Year 9 **Liam Boreland**

Year 10 **Llana Gunson**

Year 11 **Akira Vairinhos**

Well done to our first Perfect Students of the year.

## OFF TO UNIVERSITY

Sedgehill's sixth formers achieved some excellent results in their A levels and BTECs this year and the overwhelming majority of those who applied were accepted into their first or second choice university.

- Highlights include:
- Carmen Luong** Chinese at the University of Edinburgh
  - Adam Driver** Maths at the University of York
  - Lewis Murphy** History at Queen Mary's University
  - Fadumo Roble** English & Philosophy at the University of Kent
  - Nailah Muhammad** Anthropology & Sociology at Goldsmiths University
  - Margarita Vaicus** Criminology at City University
  - Ronan Ewing** History at the University of Leicester
  - Renee Palmer** Business & Law at the University of Essex
  - Megan Budd** Illustration at Sheffield Hallam University
  - Ibrahim Shitta** Sport Science at St Mary's University

We wish all of our outgoing sixth formers the very best with whatever they're doing next.

## GCSE RESULTS



Our Year 11s had some fantastic GCSE results over the summer. Particularly impressive were:

<b>Sophia Teklamarian</b>	9 A*/A
<b>Naomi Ademola</b>	8 A*/A
<b>Hassan Shubar</b>	7 A*/A
<b>Nicole Oliveira</b>	6 A*/A
<b>Ibrahim Saleh</b>	6 A*/A
<b>Marlon Taylor</b>	5 A*/A
<b>Favour Igiogbe</b>	5 A*/A
<b>Kwaku Gyabi</b>	5 A*/A
<b>Olivia King</b>	5 A*/A
<b>Matilda Veshta</b>	3 A*/A

Congratulations to all of our GCSE students.

## CHANGES ARE AFOOT...

You may remember that at the end of last term we asked students, staff and parents what they liked about Sedgehill School and what improvements they would like to see.

Acting on the feedback we received, over the summer we reopened all of the drinking fountains, improved the student toilets and set up some table tennis tables in the playground.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Tuesday 19 September** Introduction to Years 7, 8 & 9 evening, 6pm

**Monday 25 September** Open Evening, 6pm

**Tuesday 26 September** Introduction to Years 10 & 11 evening, 6pm