

SEDGEHILL

weekly

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MESSAGE FROM MS CASSIDY

I wrote earlier in the term about the assessment measures we are putting in place to help support Year 11 students as they move towards GCSEs. This week I thought I would tell you a little more about how we are looking to use assessment for younger year groups to ensure that they too are getting the support they need.

We have held assemblies this week to tell each of Year 7 to Year 10 how we will assess their progress over the coming weeks. Every student in each of those years will take a number of exams between now and Christmas. They have each been given an assessment manifest setting out what they need to revise and the resources they can use to help them do so. It is important that they take this seriously as we will use the results to focus our future teaching and interventions. I hope you will encourage them to do so.

I should also mention that we are undergoing our own assessment this week. Ofsted have been in for a monitoring visit. The inspectors visited lessons and spent a lot of time talking to students and staff. It was a very positive couple of days and we look forward to receiving their conclusions in due course. When we do, we will, of course, post them on the school's website.

Have a good weekend.

UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS

A reminder to parents of Year 13 students that all university applications need to be made through UCAS, and UCAS applications should be completed before Christmas. The application process is slow and time-consuming so students should be well under way by now.

In order that you can support them with their applications, below is a checklist of things students need to have done to complete their application:

- 1) registered with UCAS;
- 2) completed the 'Personal Details' sections;
- 3) chosen five universities to apply to;
- 4) written a personal statement and received feedback from their tutor and Mr Mees;
- 5) paid the £24 application fee via ParentPay.

If anybody has any questions regarding UCAS, please do not hesitate to email Alex Mees, UCAS Coordinator: amees@sedgehillschool.co.uk.

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.

This week's Perfect Students are:

- Year 7 **Damla Ibrahimoglou**
Year 8 **Meltem Karabeyaz**
Year 9 **Melek Orhan**
Year 10 **Shantaya Douglas-Smith**
Year 11 **Tiffany Villegas Salazar**
Sixth form **Jordan Bird**

Well done to all of the above students.

THEATRE TRIP



Elvie Gainsford (Year 10) writes:

Last Wednesday, the GCSE and A level drama students went to see Frantic Assembly and the National Youth Theatre's modernised take on Shakespeare's Othello. They used physical theatre at key moments to replace the dialogue. It was an amazing idea as it meant that you didn't get too overwhelmed by the language and it helped you pick up on little details you might otherwise have missed. Throughout the play, there were also three pillars on the stage that would sway or collapse at key moments and it always tied in nicely with what the actors were doing. The lighting was also amazing. For each key theme there was a different coloured light: red for the romantic scenes; blue for the sad scenes; bright, harsh spotlights for the most intense scenes.

It was a fascinating, visually stunning play and I know that everyone who saw it would highly recommend it.

YEAR 10 FOOTBALL

The Year 10 football team won comfortably against Sandon School, beating them 3 -0 to secure a place in the fourth round of the U15 ESFA Cup.

The whole team did themselves proud, but there were outstanding performances from Pharrell Soyebó and Mason Rutherford, and a Man of the Match performance from Daniel Hemmington

Well done boys. Good luck in the next round.



CAROLS ON THE GREEN



The Sedgehill Orchestra will be performing at this year's Carols on the Green on Monday 4 December at Bellingham Green. Also performing will be dancers from Trinity Laban's Bellingham Beats group.

The event runs from 4-6pm and there will be mince pies and drinks served by the 8th Lewisham Scout Troop.

MISST PERFORMANCES

A reminder that the MiSST performances are next week: Year 8 on Thursday at 9am; Year 7 on Friday at 9am. Any Year 7 or 8 parents who want to come but have not returned the reply slip should email Ms McVey on smcvey@sedgehillschool.co.uk.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 30 November Year 8 MiSST performance, 9am
Year 10 Parents' Evening, 5-7pm

Friday 1 December Year 7 MiSST performance, 9am

Wednesday 6 December Sedgehill Christmas Concert