

# SEDGEHILL

weekly

1 DECEMBER 2017

## MESSAGE FROM MS CASSIDY

Today and yesterday, we held Music in Secondary School Trust (MISST) Assemblies for Year 7 and Year 8. It was lovely to see so many parents in school supporting their children and, for those of you who came, I hope you enjoyed these events as much as I did. It was amazing to see so many skilled musicians playing together and I felt very proud to be Sedgehill's headteacher.

For those of you who do not know, MISST is our music project which sees all students in years 7, 8 and 9 given a violin. We are supported by specialist teachers in the instrument in music lessons. Some of our students also attend Saturday masterclasses each week when they meet and practise with other talented musicians.

I watch music lessons regularly during the week and it is always enjoyable to see a whole class at once being taught how to play. They are always absorbed in the task and show genuine enjoyment. I am convinced that the benefits they gain from these lessons go far beyond learning how to play their instruments - wonderful though that is to see and hear. It is above all else a great way of showing our students what they can achieve through hard work and dedication.

I hope that even more of you will be able to attend our Christmas concert next week when you will see even more talent on display. This is on Wednesday at 7pm.

I look forward to seeing you then.

## CHRISTMAS DINNER

We wanted to give you plenty of warning that the school Christmas dinner will be on **Wednesday 13 December** and will cost **£2.30**. Please ensure that students have sufficient funds on their ParentPay account if they wish to have Christmas dinner.

## UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS

Please remember that any Year 13 wanting to go to university needs to apply through UCAS and this should be completed by the end of term (15 December) in order to give staff time to check all applications before the January deadline.

If you have any questions about UCAS applications, please do not hesitate to contact Alex Mees, UCAS Coordinator, on [amees@sedgehillschool.co.uk](mailto:amees@sedgehillschool.co.uk).

Applicants will be given more information regarding student finance and applying for student loans in the new year.

## 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 **Michael Chen / Ting Ting He**

Year 8 **Laura Ebbitt**

Year 9 **Ashani Seixas**

Year 10 **Fatoumata Soval**

Year 11 **Abashine Tharmaraj**

Sixth form **Alice Daniels**

Well done to all of the above students.

**Annual Christmas Concert**  
 Wednesday 6th December

Doors open at 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start

Contribution towards production costs:  
 Adult £4 Child £2  
 Available at reception

& the Bellingham Players  
 SEdgehill School PRESENTS

**Cinderella**  
 on a  
**SHOESTRING**

an original production  
 written by Zoë Cooper

Wednesday 13 December 2017

The next two Wednesdays are highlights in the Sedgehill Performing Arts calendar: the Christmas Concert is on Wednesday 6 December and this year's school production - *Cinderella on a Shoestring* - on Wednesday 13 December. Both performances start at 7pm and if you would like to come, we ask for a contribution towards production costs of £4 for adults and £2 for children. Money should be given to reception.

## EMPOWERING 1 BILLION WOMEN GLOBAL SUMMIT

Jasmine Allton in Year 13 was invited to speak at the Empowering 1 Billion Women by 2020 (EBW2020) global summit in the US, which celebrates and supports women in their vision to create an impact around the world and give everyone the opportunity to elevate to their fullest potential. Jasmine was invited to share her story as a young woman growing up in an urban community, having lost her mother at a young age.

Jasmine writes:

*Being invited to speak at EBW2020 was such an honour. It is an experience I will never forget and always be grateful for. I have wanted to share my story for many years but never pictured the opportunity arising whilst I am still this young. Creating an inspirational speech was crucial to me and challenging, with my speech focused on the death of my mother and my mental and physical health issues, it was important to me to not create a pity story but an encouraging story of how my personal hardships have enabled me to grow into the person I am today. I am very keen to help people and inspire others who may be going through similar adversities. It was also inspiring for me to be surrounded by so many women from different walks of life, and listen to their stories and learn from them. My advice for any person of any age would be that, as hard as it may be to accept the past, what is done we can never change, so there is no point of dwelling on the past. Instead, accept it for what it is, move on and take every situation you go through as an opportunity for you to grow through.*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Wednesday 6 December** Sedgehill Christmas Concert, 7pm

**Wednesday 13 December** Sedgehill Production: *Cinderella on a Shoestring*, 7pm

**Friday 15 December** End of Term