

SEDGEHILL

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MESSAGE FROM MS CASSIDY

Happy 2018 to all! And welcome back to a new year and a new term.

The first month of the year is a chance to refocus aims and to ensure we are doing everything we can to meet them. This has been the theme of our assemblies over the last week. And we have looked to hit the ground running with high expectations and hard work from the first moment of term.

Year 11 and Year 13 have been sitting their second set of mock exams. This is a particularly important set of exams. The results will provide crucial indicators of progress and will form the basis of our predicted grades for the summer. As always, those who have put in the work will find their efforts rewarded. Those who have not cannot afford to continue to bury their heads in the sand!

It has been lovely to walk around the school this week and see all year groups and all students working hard in lessons and settling back into life at school quickly.

I am really excited and pleased to be back after the holiday because I am confident we can have an even more successful term this term. We are going to have even higher expectations of students this term in particular around the quality and quantity of their writing skills. We want students to develop their skills at writing and will be looking to give more opportunities for this to happen in class.

But it will not be all work. We will also, of course, be looking to provide lots of opportunities for students to enjoy extracurricular activities and experience things outside the classroom. We will look to update you on some of these activities in articles in this newsletter as the term progresses.

OFSTED

You will remember that Ofsted came into school last term to complete a monitoring visit. We are very pleased with the report they have now published on their website and which you can find here:

<http://www.sedgehillschool.co.uk/19/ofsted>

They spent two days in school during which time they observed lots of lessons, looked at student work and met with numerous staff and students. It was particularly pleasing to see them say 'Leaders at all levels share high ambitions for the school and its pupils and are committed to making the necessary changes' and 'Pupils were unanimous in their praise for this new system (Disruption Free Learning) and the impact it is having on their learning' as part of their report.

I hope you can find time to read the report in full.

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	Jade Kinlock
Year 8	Faith Abu Thomas / Nazeera Dias
Year 9	Melek Mandal
Year 10	Luke Voice
Year 11	Nicole Stack / Rachel Orebote / Selin Bozyigit
Sixth form	Edward Otto

Well done to all of the above students.

BELLINGHAM GOLDEN OLDIES CHRISTMAS PARTY



Louise Tobin (Year 9) writes:

The Bellingham Golden Oldies are part of a charitable organisation who run events for the local elderly community. In December they hold a Christmas party which over the last six years students of Sedgemoor School have been a part of. We help by donating Hampers and desserts for the patrons, which we get by fund raising and donations from students and parents.



Some students are invited to the venue to serve food and make hot drinks for the elderly people attending, which resulted in more tea than I had ever seen in one place before in my life. We are all encouraged to dance with the patrons – Ms Barrett did some line dancing.

The hampers and donations were raffled during the event, which the winners were pleased with. As a thank you the organisers gave all the students a selection box as a thank you, I used mine to shelter myself from the rain on the way home, but the weather didn't dampen any ones spirit we all had a really great time.

YOUNG ENTERPRISE



Sedgemoor Business department introduces Young Enterprise 2017-18. This consists of a team of selected individuals from year 10-12 working together in a team, coming up with a business product or service to market in a real life scenario. This involves being committed throughout the year, attending trade fairs, gaining valuable entrepreneurial experience and making money. The group had its first meeting just before Christmas with their mentor Michelle, a Project Manager at Lloyds Bank.

Edward Otto (Year 12) writes:

The first business enterprise meeting lasted an hour and we talked about key terms in real life business situations, such as minutes, agenda and the job of a project manager. The enterprise programme is important because we were given an experience as business entrepreneurs and we were given an insight to what a project manager job consists of.

EX-SEDGEMOOR STUDENT STRIKES



Sedgemoor is feeling particularly proud of ex-student Shawn McCoulsky, who scored Newport County's winning goal to knock Leeds United (53 places higher in the league) out of the FA Cup this weekend.

After leaving Sedgemoor in 2015, Shawn signed for championship side Bristol City, and is currently on loan at Newport, where he has scored 11 goals in 24 games so far this season.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 18 January Year 11 Parents' Evening, 5-8pm

Thursday 25 January Sixth Form Open Evening, 6-8pm

Thursday 8 February Year 9 Parents' Evening, 5-8pm