

# LITCHAM SCHOOL



## HEAD OF SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well.

Our Year 11 students have approached their mock exams with real maturity and determination. They have been genuinely impressive, showing a positive attitude throughout. Well done to them all. As we move into the next phase of preparation, please encourage your child to keep revising regularly and to make full use of the support and guidance available from staff.

Over the past week I have had the pleasure of meeting with our School Council and with *The Motivators* — a brilliant group of students who champion literacy across the school. They are already planning an exciting Debate Afternoon, which promises to be a fantastic opportunity for students to develop confidence, communication skills, and critical thinking.

We are continuing to work closely with the Wensum Trust to further strengthen our whole school reading strategy. This partnership is already supporting us to embed high-quality reading opportunities across all phases of the school.

It has also been wonderful to see students getting involved in wider opportunities across the school. As part of our work with *The Papillon Project*, several students are volunteering during lunchtimes to develop our school garden and allotment area. Their enthusiasm and teamwork have been fantastic to see, and this project continues to make a positive difference to our outdoor spaces.

Alongside this, our extra-curricular clubs continue to flourish. I recently enjoyed hearing about the Warhammer Club in action during Friday lunchtimes – a great example of students engaging in creative, collaborative activities that build problem-solving and social skills. We also have a variety of sporting clubs continuing this half term such as basketball, table tennis and girl's football. Check the school website for details of all clubs and upcoming events.

Our Primary Phase is also full of activity and energy. Staff and children are working hard rehearsing for Christingle ahead of our Church service, and it has been a pleasure to see pupils enjoying their music sessions. I also had the chance to work with a very enthusiastic Year 6 class during a PSHE lesson – a real highlight of my week. We are very much looking forward to the Christmas events coming up.

Please also keep an eye on our Facebook page and upcoming Instagram page, where you'll soon see more regular updates celebrating the life of the school. Further details about our social media relaunch will be shared shortly.

Finally, we are looking forward to re-launching Litcham School's Governing Body after Christmas. A strong and active governing body plays a vital role in ensuring the school continues to improve by offering support, challenge, and strategic direction. More details will follow, including how parents and members of our community can become involved.

Kind regards,

**Ben Phillips**

Head of School



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