











16 MAY 2022

## Principal's Message

Dear families,

The summer term has started at quite a pace. With our extra-curricular provision proving popular, we are also seeing a number of educational visits being organised to give our students memorable experiences and enjoyment. It was a pleasure to see 100 of our secondary students taken to Blackwell Adventure this week and see them thoroughly enjoy themselves, in recognition for their consistent hard work and effort. More of this to come.

Exam season is also upon us. We were immensely proud of our Y6 students who demonstrated resilience and dedication in their SATs week. Y11 have also shown maturity in their preparations and the  $16^{th}$  May marks the start of their examination period. Although we are confident they are well prepared and ready, we do of course want to wish them well.

With the school rapidly improving in all areas and an endorsement from Ofsted back in November, I have been very pleased to see renewed interest in the school from the local community. We will do all we can to support families who seek a placement for their child at our school, prioritising those who have siblings with us already. We do have a few places remaining in our primary provision.

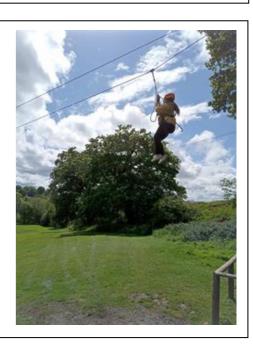
There is still much to look forward to in this short half term, from University visits to Jubilee celebrations. I must thank staff for making it all happen and wish you all a restful break when it comes.

Miss M. Green - Principal

### **Blackwell Adventure**

Our rewards programme is improving with staff wanting to recognise and reward students who consistently apply themselves and demonstrate our school values of excellence and dedication. This week 100 students who have the highest number of positives in years 7 to 10 were taken to Blackwell Adventure. They enjoyed zip wires, laser tag and much more, having tremendous fun and creating experiences with their peers, they will remember for the rest of their lives. Staff and students thoroughly enjoyed themselves!

(Ms K. Wheeler – Pastoral)





# Commonwealth Games Good Luck Challenge

Congratulations to all the KS3 students who wrote a letter or designed a poster to send to athletes competing in the Commonwealth Games.

Students have enjoyed being creative but it is also good to see them thinking of others and getting excited by the upcoming Games, which take place in Birmingham this summer. (Miss L. Walton – Art)

#### **Drumming Workshops**



Following a successful performance at Birmingham Conservatoire for our drumming ensemble, we have provided all KS3 students with a unique opportunity in school. In music lessons they are enjoying drumming workshops delivered by experienced practitioners. A fully immersive experience for students, it leaves them with a lasting impression and promotes cultural diversity. (Mr D. Thomas - Music)

#### Theatre visits



Macbeth at the Globe – (Mrs J. Dovey – English)

There are so many benefits of visiting the theatre, from improving communication and social skills to pure enjoyment! With a successful Y11 visit to the Globe Theatre already this year, there is much more to come starting with a literacy project with the Speakers Trust for our students in years 5, 6 and 7.

#### **School Games Organiser Events**

We are relishing our role as School Games Organiser offering competitive opportunities for a range of schools in the local area. It was excellent to have our local schools visit for a cricket tournament recently. In light of the opportunities we provide, we are immensely proud to have received the Pathways to Podium Gold Award which recognises our commitment to Physical Education. (Mr M. Payton – PE)



