

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022



Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have enjoyed the recent bank holiday and the sunny days we are currently having. We have had a very positive two weeks into the new term. Year 12 students have started examinations, which will be good preparation for next year. Year 11 and Year 13 students are working extremely hard for their forthcoming examinations.

### **Student survey**

As part of the ongoing improvement strategies for the College we have joined a government-led programme to be part of a group of schools across the country leading on improvements in behaviour and behaviour practices.

We are asking students to take part in a short survey conducted by a research company called Ecorys. The survey will be completed online within a classroom setting and supervised by a teacher or member of school staff. The survey will take around 8 minutes to complete.

The survey will ask students about their experiences of behaviour within their school; including school policies, the behaviour rules of the school and how they perceive the level of behaviour in their classrooms. The survey also includes a number of questions around student enjoyment of school, feelings of support, wellbeing and relationships with their peers and teachers.

The results of the survey will be returned to the school as an anonymised report with all the student responses. All answers provided by students will be confidential and anonymous, meaning they will not be identifiable. Students will NOT be asked to provide their name. Students will only be asked to give their school year, gender and key stage. We will collect and process survey data in line with GDPR and will not identify individuals in any outputs produced. A separate communication will be sent to you on Monday so that if you do **not** give consent to your child participating in this survey, you will be able to inform us.



## Young Enterprise Chiltern Showcase Final

On Wednesday evening the Year 12 Young Enterprise team did an absolutely fantastic job at the Chiltern Showcase final. Not only did they have to set up their stall and answer questions from the three judges, they had to present their company report and ideas to over 100 people. They demonstrated fantastic team work throughout and we are very proud of them.

It was an honour to host the whole event and other students, teachers and business advisors commented on what a great venue it was. Thank you to all business teachers who organised the event and supported the students with their enterprise skills.



## ICU World Cheerleading Championships

Congratulations and well done to Gemma Matthews in Year 13. Gemma competes at the highest level in the highest ranked UK team, Unity Allstars Black who reached the finals of the ICU World Cheerleading Championships. With over 50 countries competing at this event, all 4 England teams made it to the final day. After an amazing performance, Gemma's team got gold, and they are now world champions. It was the first UK team to win a gold at a world championship!

Cheerleading has now been recognized as an Olympic sport, so look out for Gemma in the future!

## Walk-a-thon

Yesterday the whole of Year 9 completed a Walk-a-thon to raise money for those affected by the War in the Ukraine. They did really well with some fantastic performances. The highest number of laps that were completed in a 40 minute period was 12 by Ben Tattershall Dodd and Nicole Czapla. Special mentions to Callum Taffe, James Dorrington and James Hinks who all won awards for their effort. There were also a lot of spot prizes given out on the day to many other students who did amazingly well. Thank you for your generous sponsorship donations resulting in students reaching their target of raising over £1000. If you would like to donate to our charity drive, please feel free to do so on the following just giving link:

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/year9walk-a-thonforukraine?utm\\_term=bmAa7WENn](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/year9walk-a-thonforukraine?utm_term=bmAa7WENn)

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend ahead.

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs C Whitehead**  
**Principal**