



## A note from the Principal

As you will be aware we have an active Parents' Forum group which meets on a regular basis in order for parents and senior leaders to share successes, ideas and concerns. Activities related to our rebranding are high on the agenda at the moment, as is the issue of homework. These are standing items on every agenda and will be so for the rest of the year as we rethink our approach to learning at home and complete the visioning that we are doing at the moment with staff, students, parents and the Governing Body. We encourage you to share thoughts that you have about either of these issues (or indeed anything else that is on your mind regarding your child's education with us) via a confidential email address which is monitored by the Parents' Forum committee members only. The email address to use is [banparentsforum@outlook.com](mailto:banparentsforum@outlook.com). Our next meeting is on the evening of Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018.



I have been concerned for some time about road safety issues at the crossroads where Ruskin Road meets Springfield Avenue, especially in light of the fact that the safety barriers had not been replaced for a long period of time. We took the initiative and spoke with Highways and they have now mended the fences next to the shop which will provide pedestrians with greater protection. However, I am still fearful of the way in which some children cross Springfield Road. If your child walks to school can you please remind them that there is only one crossing and that is on the right hand side of the junction as you look towards the school. There is no designated crossing on the side where they cross to go to the shop. Having been up to the junction twice now to monitor how our students use the crossing I think that many of them are confused and think that the speed bump on the left hand side is also a crossing.

[Link to calendar](#)

## 6th Form cake sale

*"Last term, our sixth form social committee arranged for a tea and cake afternoon in the BA sixth form common room. The aim of the social committee is to create and encourage a relationship among 6th formers; members of the committee are rotated each term to ensure that everyone has a say about what can be done to build relationships within the sixth form. The cake afternoon was the perfect opportunity for all teachers and sixth form students to socialise and relax as a group before the stress of the exam season begins."*

Izzie, Year 13



## Year 5 Languages Masterclass



On Friday February 9th Year 5 students came from 6 different primary schools to show off their talents as budding young linguists. They enjoyed a treasure hunt for 'hellos' in different foreign languages and prepared and performed a puppet show in French and Spanish. They then learnt how to make Greek salads and enjoyed their lunch before learning to dance traditional Greek Syrtaki.







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**NEW  
DATE**

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**OPEN EVENING**

**Thursday 8th March 2018 5pm-7pm**



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## English College awards

Mentee of the term was Shamar Purvis

Attendance award goes to Bailey Wallis

EFMC won the quiz and mentor points

**Congratulations to you all!**

## Blue Tokens at Tesco

This is the last week when our project for "Musical Instruments for all" is on at Tesco's – please remember to request for the blue tokens.



## Careers Advice: would you like to be a vet?

The Royal Veterinary College upcoming events, including Open Houses, their Open Day in May, taster courses in April and their Pre-Vet summer school in August. [Click here for more information.](#)

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