



## Message from Kevin McKellar

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have an exciting week ahead. Our visitors from the Konan High School are arriving on the 7<sup>th</sup> March to take part in our 10 year celebration ceremony.

Our students are very excited and we have been working hard on our presentation. We have many prominent guests including the Head of Eton School, Matthew Offord MP and the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress in attendance. The formal ceremony is at 11.30am until 1.00pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March and we are preparing a traditional London lunch for all our guests. We wanted to give them a very 'London experience' and we have decided to have pie and mash with real eel liquor. Our 6<sup>th</sup> Form students will be serving and hosting this event in the new 6<sup>th</sup> Form Centre.

We are also pleased to let you know that the government has decided to keep Japanese on the EBacc list. It is certainly a better alternative than studying ancient Greek! Given that we are so successful with our Japanese results this is not only a welcome relief, but we are pleased that we can keep this important tradition going in our school.

When we were in Japan, the sense of warmth and hospitality was quite overwhelming. Our Japanese hosts went out of their way to give our students and staff the best experience ever. We hope, to be able to return this compliment and we are particularly proud of the Japanese Department for helping to organise such a successful programme.

Special thanks must go to Helen Langsam, our Head of Japanese. I keep on telling Helen that she will make a great Headteacher one day - she is certainly the best Head of Japanese in the country and it is a privilege to work with her.

The students are going to write about this experience and we will present this to you in the next couple of weeks.

**Kevin McKellar**

## KS3 Review and KS3 Homework

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the last term a lot of work has been put into looking at what we teach across Years 7 and 8 in particular with the idea of finding meaningful opportunities to develop literacy, numeracy and independent learning skills. This is on-going and will take some time to complete as there is a lot of work to be reviewed and developed. However these changes will be fully in place by the academic year 2014/2015. All subjects in Years 7 and 8 are developing homework projects. Some will be ready to use after Easter and all will be ready by the next academic year. These will last up to 5 weeks and be aimed at developing independent learning skills and enriching student learning. The end product will be either in written form or as a presentation and will take the place of other homeworks in that subject. Please look out for these coming home.

By the beginning of the next academic year we will be able to present you all with a timetable of homework project tasks for the year. Other homeworks in years 7 and 8 in particular will be focussing more on pre-tutoring tasks. That is tasks that prepare students for their next lesson rather than work on what they have covered.

If you have any queries regarding these issues please contact me at school.

Tom Mann Assistant Headteacher

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March - Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March		
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 11 GCSE Maths Exam Psychology Trip Year 9 netball v The Compton	AM All Day After School
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	PSHEE Group Sports Leaders officiating at Barnet Netball Tournament Badminton coaching (All welcome from Year 9, 10 and 11) Hockey Coaching (All welcome) Year 11 Maths Intervention	Period 1 Period 3 Onwards 1.20 pm After School 3.40-4.40 pm
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 11 GCSE Maths Exam PSHEE Groups Year 13 Maths Intervention Year 9 basketball training	AM Period 3 & 5 3.40 - 4.40 pm After School
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Japanese exchange visit begins Japanese anniversary celebration rehearsal PSHEE Group Girls netball training - all years	Period 1 & 2 Period 4 After school
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Japanese anniversary celebration	Period 3 & 4