



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to my first newsletter of the year. As Head of Upper School this newsletter will have a Sixth Form focus, but of course all of our students are either current or future sixth formers so I hope it is interesting for all.

## Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October is our Sixth Form Open Evening. A chance for Year 11 students to come and find out what level 3 study is all about. We have our widest ever selection of courses to choose from and teachers will be on there on the night to answer all your questions. You will also be able to pick up the latest copy of our prospectus. To encourage our Year 11 students to think of themselves as the next generation of Sixth Formers we are inviting them all to 'wear it smart' on the day. This means they can come in business dress for the day instead of their usual school uniform. We are still celebrating the wonderful achievements of last year's Year 13 and our best ever set of A-level results. With a pass rate of 96% and a third of all grades at grade B or higher this showed that Upper School is now consistently achieving excellence. As a result, we have our highest ever number of students attending university, with many of them placed at Russell Group institutions.



## Presentation Evening

What a wonderful evening it was on Thursday, recognising the achievements of students from Lower, Middle and Upper School. The prize-winners are true ambassadors for the school and deserve great credit. Below are a few extracts from some of speeches.

### Award for Music

*"It is not very often a performance truly touches a nerve, and I probably shouldn't admit to this, but when listening back to this particular pupil's performance, I sat and cried. It was soo beautiful and emotionally sung! The Alison Linforth Prize is awarded to pupils that have demonstrated outstanding effort in music at Colmers, so, in recognition of his amazing effort, talent and contributions to the department,*

*I would like to present this year's trophy to Mr 'Razzle Dazzle', Rafe Sullivan."*



## Award for Mathematics

*"It has been an absolute pleasure to watch her grow and develop into the fantastic mathematician that she is today. It came as no surprise to me when she achieved her grade A in her A-level mathematics exam this exam year. This young lady is now at one of the best universities in the country studying for a degree in mathematics. Get me off the stage now before I burst with pride."*

*The Eddie Smith Award for Excellence in Mathematics goes to .....Chloe Fitzpatrick."*

## Award for English

*"AS and A-Level English was not easy but she showed such strength and determination to succeed. Watching our winner approach her studies with such strength and diligence, especially in the difficult times, reminded me that the beauty of A-Level is finding something worth working hard for."*

*The winner of this year's Excellence in Literature award is Miss Beth Gardner."*

## Award for Academic Excellence in Sixth Form

*"I am not sure Lydia ever really believed just how outstanding her work was. Well, leaves us with the confidence of a young adult who is truly in control of her own destiny and, in the end that is our mission for all students here. What an absolute privilege it is for all of us at Colmers to have shared in your education and to honour you with the richly deserved award for academic excellence at KS5. Lydia Thomas."*

## Head teacher's Inspiration Award

*"This year, my award goes to Nick Fitzgerald. Nick recently left us in Year 11 and will always be remembered as one of the most courteous, humble and courageous students we have encountered. I do not ask that we all copy Nick's character, for some of us it's just too much and too hard and we can be forgiven for that. But, in Nick's case, he humbled so many of us and allowed those of us near his life to look up to him as a source of inspiration and also pride."*



Have a wonderful weekend,

Mr T Charlett, Assistant Headteacher and Head of Upper School



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