
Friday 7th September 2018

A very warm welcome back to all of the Sibford community. Where did the summer go?? There has been so much going on in the school over the summer break with results from GCSEs, A levels and BTECs as well as residential lets, building work and preparations for the new term. We were delighted that so many of our pupils did themselves proud with their hard work and fine results.

The highlight of the project work over the summer has been the conversion of our squash courts into a state of the art climbing wall - with no small thanks to the generosity and support of the PSFA. Our staff have already had their initial training (assessments later in the term) and we are looking forward to welcoming all members of our community onto the wall to enjoy the fun and challenge of climbing.

At the highest point of the climbing wall we have our school logo and the Quaker phrase 'Live adventurously'. This was my opening theme for the year - that we should live adventurously in our approach to life - seizing opportunities, taking responsible risks, not being afraid of making mistakes, becoming independent and developing resilience. In this way I hope that we will all use our gifts for the greater good, developing as individuals and as a community and 'Letting our lives speak'.

I will be writing to parents in a separate communication including news on staff and forthcoming events but an early plug if I may for our equestrian team who will be performing at Swacliffe this Sunday (9th) as well as our first PSFA meeting of the term on Tuesday evening (which will include a tour of the climbing wall) - we would be delighted to see you at both events.

In warm Friendship,

Toby Spence
Head

PSFA Meeting

PSFA (the Parents, Staff & Friends Association of Sibford School) would like to invite all parents and guardians to join them for their Annual General Meeting which takes place on Tuesday 11 September in the Senior School Library. The meeting will start at 6.30pm with a cheese & wine reception to welcome new parents. It is hoped that all business will be completed by 8.30pm at the latest.



Welcome back to the Sixth Form!

It was a joy to welcome all of the Sixth Form back into school this week and to have the 'Sixth Form centre' once again full of noise, colour and energy!! All of the Sixth Formers began the school year by attending a morning's workshop on 'Writing Successful Post 18 Applications.' Students were guided through writing personal statements to highlight their experiences, strengths and 'soft skills.' Producing these statements also enables our Sixth Form students to focus on ways they can strengthen their future Post 18 applications through taking advantage of the wealth of extra-curricular opportunities available to our Sixth Form students: leadership, community service, work experience, Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award, Young Enterprise, World Challenge expeditions and volunteering opportunities.

To cap off the day, our Sixth Form Leadership Team were also taken through a series of outdoor challenges and team building which provided a great deal of laughs along the way.

It was a fantastic start to the academic year and I look forward to supporting our Sixth Form students to achieve their future goals!

(Cate Mallalieu-Needle, Head of Sixth Form)

Sibford School Swalcliffe NSEA Inter Schools ODE

We are delighted to be sponsoring this event which takes place on Sunday 9 September at Swalcliffe Park Equestrian and is a qualifier for the NSEA Eventing Championship. For further details visit www.horse-events.co.uk. Please come and see our equestrian team in action!



Congratulations to Abi (Year 10) Isobel (Year 9) on passing their Grade 5 Music Theory examinations.



Mouthguard Reminder

The PE Department at Sibford School values the importance of protecting pupils by keeping up to date with guidance from sports governing bodies and the Association of PE. This guidance refers to the importance of wearing mouthguards for both hockey and rugby, therefore all pupils who are participating in these sports need to ensure that they bring their mouthguards to hockey and rugby lessons and extra-curricular training and matches.

(Claire Ferley, Director of Sport)

Toby Spence read the following section of Quaker Faith and Practice in Meeting for Worship

Live adventurously. When choices arise, do you take the way that offers the fullest opportunity for the use of your gifts in the service of God and the community? Let your life speak.

