



December 2009

Dear Parents and students,

This is a special time of the year with many of our graduates returning home from University overseas and with many visitors to our school. We wish you a happy Christmas and a healthy and successful New Year. This has been a busy term academically, in sports, athletics and extra curricular activities and now it is time for our students to recharge their batteries and relax as much as possible.

Although the school now has over 1,000 students the general trend is for our students to achieve more in all aspects of their school life. This includes entrance to top rated universities. Success can be maximised when we work together and we encourage parents to make contact with the relevant member of staff if you have any concerns or questions. Teachers must be dedicated to the success of all of the young people they teach but they do not have all of the answers. We want a school where we communicate in an honest and open fashion. We encourage you to play an active role so that your sons and daughters can achieve their full potential.

There have been some notable successes and we would like to congratulate those students who gained national and international High Achievers Awards:

GCSE

✚ Vasilis Andreou	- Science
✚ Christos Georgiou	- Additional Science
✚ Demetirs Kyriacou	- English Literature
✚ Kyriacos Kyriacou	- Information & Communication Technology
✚ Demetrios Lisenko	- Geography
✚ Maria Neocleous	- Mathematics
✚ George-Phytos Poetis	- German
✚ Anna Schegoleva	- French
✚ Pavlos Semelides	- Geography
✚ Nicoletta Yerasimou	- Geography
✚ Aphrodite Yiasemi	- History
✚ Michaella Anastasiou	- Art and Design: Fine Art
✚ Marialena Georgiou Byrou	- Art and Design: Fine Art
✚ Kiki Petrou	- Art and Design: Fine Art
✚ Orthodoxia Varnava	- Art and Design: Fine Art

GCE Advanced Level

✚ Adamos Hadjiantoniou	- Accounting
✚ Ioannis Charalambou Tsaili	- Accounting
✚ Elizabeth Costas Archeos	- Fine Art
✚ Marie Chryso Christou-Widdows	- Fine Art
✚ Chrystalla Havadjia	- Fine Art
✚ Andreas Koshias	- Fine Art
✚ Michalis Michaelides	- Fine Art
✚ Denis Novojilov	- Fine Art
✚ Mario Vassiliades	- Fine Art

Smoking

Parents of students who smoke should note that there will be a zero tolerance policy in operation from January. It is a sad fact that across the world so many young people continue to take up smoking despite the known health risks and that this then becomes an addiction. Our advice, as always, is that no young people should smoke and if they do then they should seek all possible methods to enable them to give up the habit.

Uniform

On uniform, the bookshop is now supplying rain coats at the request of parents. The raincoat, unlike the blazer is not a compulsory part of the uniform but may be a useful addition.

We want our children to develop self-discipline so that they can go on to achieve more in their lifetimes, gain worthwhile qualifications, make sensible decisions and be self-reliant. While they are at school we aim for them to be treated fairly and with respect – to enjoy their time here. We want them to be safe and develop with understanding so that they can learn better. We want them to grow and become well rounded and strong individuals in an uncertain world. We try to treat each person as a unique individual because that is what he or she is. This is a challenging task requiring commitment and understanding from everyone associated with our school. The power of positive thinking is immense and in this spirit I again wish you all a Happy Christmas and successful New Year.

Tom Widdows
Director



YEAR 7 STUDENTS: JANUARY 2009 RETAKES

In its effort to help students improve their GCE AS results the school has allowed and facilitated Year 7 students to resit AS units in January 2010.

However, resitting AS units in January causes disruption to the smooth running of lessons in Year 7. This may have a serious negative impact on the work that needs to be done on the A2 units.

It is therefore essential to minimize any disruption to lessons. ***Year 7 lessons will thus carry on as normal during the retakes period.*** Year 7 students are therefore expected to:

- Keep absences to a minimum and definitely not to exceed those allowed by school policy (the examination day and one day before).
- Attend lessons when not allowed to be absent and do all the necessary work assigned by their teachers.
- Be responsible to catch up with any work missed during absences.

The HoY will closely monitor absences during the retakes period. Absences beyond the school policy will not be tolerated and the Absences Policy will be implemented strictly, with serious consequences for those who do not comply.

We suggest that Year 7 students resitting AS units should plan their revision very carefully and in this respect they should make the best of the Christmas vacation. The Deputy Directors (Curriculum and Pastoral), the Head of Year 7 and the teachers are willing to help their students in any way possible.

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