



MAHARISHI SCHOOL

CONSCIOUSNESS - BASED EDUCATION

10 February 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

The first half of the Spring term, although only five weeks, has been very busy indeed!

Our Y11 cohort started 2017 with two weeks of mock examinations and organised and conducted themselves admirably. This was followed by our first Mock Results Evening for pupils and their parents. Mrs Walters delivered an informative presentation on the many support and revision strategies in place from now until the end of the GCSE examinations and the pupils were presented with two envelopes; one containing their mock GCSE grades, shortly followed by another envelope containing the GCSE results our pupils are capable of achieving with focus and commitment from this point onwards. Feedback from parents and pupils has been very positive and our Y11s are now attending a whole host of support and revision classes.

We are extremely proud of our primary phase swimming team who represented us in the SHARES annual swimming gala this term, competing with pupils from other local schools. Many of the children reached the finals and we won a silver and a bronze medal. The pupils showed great team spirit and were a credit to the school.

Our second Open Day of the school year took place in January. Feedback from prospective parents, about what is on offer here at Maharishi School, was very positive and we all enjoyed Dr Cassells' presentation on Consciousness-based Education.

Our new reading volunteers started this term in both the primary and secondary phase and pupils and volunteers have said that they are enjoying and benefiting from the experience; our Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh pupils have been attending weekly sessions to prepare for their bronze expedition in the summer term - they have been learning navigation skills, map reading and

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meal planning; Y5 have begun a weekly lunchtime choir with Miss Wagstaff - feedback from all who have managed to 'eavesdrop' has been really positive and we are very much looking forward to their first performance next term; and we also have a teaching student from Edge Hill University, completing her final placement with us, who is running a lunchtime sign language club for Year 3 pupils.

In January we had a Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) parents' meeting and a CSE secondary pupil awareness session. Pupils found it to be very interesting and participated well in discussions, and the parents' session was well attended. Thank you to all parents who were able to attend and to those who showed an interest in the session. We would like to be able to support parents further by providing speakers and a venue for additional presentations and events. If there are areas that you feel would be beneficial for our parents, and we are able to facilitate this, please let us know.

We would like to wish you a restful and enjoyable half term break and thank you for your continued support of the school

With many warm wishes

Mrs Edwards
Headteacher.