

Headlines

Spring Term
7th January 2022



“The spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils is excellent.”
ISI inspection report

Letter from the Headmaster

Dear Parents

Happy New Year. The boys have much to achieve in 2022 so let's work together to make it memorable for their educational progress, friendships, and experiences.

The start of term has been steady going, with nearly all the boys and staff in attendance. We've got some measures in place to keep it that way (you can see the risk assessment executive summary on our website here: <https://rb.gy/g6tspr>) and will continue with such in a pragmatic and proportional manner.

The full curriculum is on; clubs, fixtures, parent assemblies, etc., but with care and attention where needed. Over the next weeks, should we have staff shortages due to government isolation rules, we will be creative and enthused with our skilled human resources in order to keep timetables on the road. Rest assured we will find a good way forward.

On the staffing front, Mrs Yolandy Griffith joins us as our new Head of Music next month. For now, Mrs Walker our Music Teacher, will be able to help with any queries around musical tuition, etc.

Thanks for the warm feedback on the new termly report cards, I'm pleased the additional information and targets proved helpful. Another innovation we want to improve upon is a 'mixed economy' on face-to-face and virtual meetings, balancing your convenience but also enabling quality time around consultations. We've added extra meetings this year and changed timelines to give you more information and earlier. We are planning another on-line parent seminar later this term on more personal and social education aspects of learning. We are also exploring a behaviour management masterclass with some top tips from the pros on helping your boys make the right choices, at home or in school.

At the moment I realise a lot of you are working from home, but this may not be the case into 2022. Do register with EnergyKidz, our before and after school 'wrap around' care for free, as even if you don't use it and are running late for pick up, EnergyKidz can provide very short notice childcare, it's a lot cheaper than getting charged by us for a late collection: <https://rb.gy/f8kyv3>

Finally, congratulations go to Harry in Year 8 who is our Head Boy for the Spring Term.

Have a good weekend.

John Towers
Headmaster

Lower School: Reception, Years 1 and 2

Reception have returned to school full of smiles despite the frosty weather. We warmly welcome Charlie to Tigers; he is already well immersed into the Homefield way. We are excited to begin our new topic 'Starry Night' and we've already enthusiastically been exploring nocturnal animals and discussing what happens when we sleep at night. We will be exploring doubling numbers soon and homework will be sent home next week to help you support the boys with their learning.

It was wonderful to welcome back our Year 1 and Year 2 boys this week. As always, our boys returned full of energy and eagerness towards their learning; smiles all round as we reunited once more.

The boys have shown a keen interest in the world around them, developing their map reading and atlas skills in Year 2 whilst our Year 1 boys have started to monitor our localised weather using the school's Weather Station technology. Both activities had led to our boys extending their curiosity and to interesting discussions and comparisons between our own environments compared with other parts of the world.



House System

This week, our Lower School boys have been inducted into the Homefield House system. Previously, only for boys in Years 3-8, every boy at Homefield is now a proud member of a House.

The four Houses are Bomfords (yellow), Ellis (blue), Grays (green) and Walfords (red). Our Lower School will have been given a badge of their House colour to wear on their blazer, whereas our Senior boys display their house on their tie. If your son misplaces his badge, we will provide a replacement (at a small cost).

Boys with older siblings are in the same House as their brother. All boys will be added to their House Teams tile so they can keep up to date with House information and events.

We are looking forward to the boys contributing to their House team's points total and taking part in events throughout the year! Last term's House Point winners were Bomfords... who will win this term?!



Homefield Heroes

Monkeys: Jacob for excellent work and super teamwork in PE.

Tigers: Charlie for settling into Homefield so well and following instructions brilliantly.

1H: Rahul for settling into Homefield so well with great enthusiasm.

2H: Junxi for fantastic comprehension work this week.

2S: Sebastian for continuing to improve upon his work and class participation.

Other Awards in Years 1 and 2

We celebrate kindness, resilience, and organisation with the following awards:

- **Kindness: Kangaroo award**
- **Courageous: Koala award**
- **Helping Hands award**

Kindness (Kangaroo award)

1H Michael for being a super new boy buddy.

2H Finnlay for being a kind a supportive friend.

2S Ryan for being a kind buddy and friend to a new student

Resilience (Courageous: Koala award)

1H Louis for working hard with his handwriting.

2H Ralph for continuing to have courage even when worried about an outcome.

2S Benji for settling into his new school so well.

Organisation (Helping Hands award)

1H Mikael for following instructions carefully.

2H Axel for being helpful at lunchtime ensuring everybody had water.

2S Euan for helping Mrs Costain and the classroom monitors around the classroom.

Parents' Association

If you are new to the school and have not signed up to Classlist yet, please register at www.classlist.com/ or download the free Classlist app.

We are currently looking for more parents to volunteer as a Class Rep or on the HA team. If you are able to get involved, please email:

homefieldassociation@hotmail.co.uk





Pastoral

Senior Department

The following boys receive special recognition:

Year 3

3S Max: for his work ethic and his confidence in conversation to staff.

Year 4

4S Aarush: for being helpful and making sure boys had their coats on at break and lunch.

Years 5 and 6

Special mentions to the following boys for a positive start to the new term:

5H Aaden, 5P Krish and 5S Abdullah

6H Sebastian, 6P Luke and 6S Jeyavel

Year 7

Ayaan 7MJM for excellent effort and improvement in contact rugby.

Year 8

James 8CS for being focused and working hard in computing lessons last term.

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