

## **2018/19 Term 2**

It's been an amazing Term 2 for Stephenson House and it is a pleasure once again to see how pupils have contributed to the wider school community. It has been a busy term with Year 11 completing their mock exams and I have been very impressed with the way in which 11S1 and 11S2 have been dedicated to their studies over the past month or so. I hope they have a restful and relaxed Christmas break and recharge their batteries.

We have spent some time in Stephenson House this term focusing on resilience and developing a stronger character. This is an essential component for all pupils as they move through school and I am sure we have an important part in developing this as a skill set at St Katherine's School and in particular Stephenson House.

It is great to see so many pupils involved in house competitions ranging from sport to fun fix Friday events such as cup stacking and paper aeroplane flying. The latter being an amazing spectacle with Stephenson House bringing home the win after a final flight by Will Conroy 11S1 who flew his plane pretty much the whole of the sportshall!!! Team-work in designing and then the flying of the plane was lovely to see and an important one of our values in Stephenson House.

Extra Curricular has once again proven to be a popular part of the life of pupils in Stephenson House and it has been a pleasure to see pupils taking part in school sport and inter-house sport competitions. It was also a delight to watch and be in the audience for the school production of Sister Act and it is a credit to the pupils and staff who dedicate so much of their time to this performance.

'Stephenson Stars' has continued to be a prominent reward event each Friday for our pupils and is lovely to see so many pupils recognised for a number of areas of school life such as progress in lessons, behaviour, attendance and contribution to the school community.

Speaking of recognition I would like to highlight two pupils in Year 7 Stephenson House who have done some amazing things this term. Sam Belcher in 7S1 was joint winner of the Christmas Card Competition held in the art department by Miss Tallis. Another highlight is Cosmo Browne in 7S2 who has been chosen to represent GB in futsal. Wow a bright future for this young man and we look forward to seeing how he gets on!!

Attendance has been a big focus for pupils in Stephenson house and we have talked a lot about how being in school has a huge impact on the progress pupils make. We have celebrated a number of pupils who have shown considerable improvements in their attendance from last year;

Emily Starr 10S, Hussein Almawery 8S, Morgan Bebb 11S2, Connor Whiting 10S  
Alfie Rendell 11S2, Annie-Lou Brookfield 10S, Titus Keate 11S1, Millie Sweeney 10S

I would also like to congratulate the Golden Eagles of Tem 2 who have shown some of the key values of Stephenson House and stood out for this reason. Well done to these pupils;

Stephenson's Golden Eagles Term 2

7S1 Alice Brochot-Sharpe, Charlie Thoburn  
7S2 George Garland, Sophia Harper  
8S Danielle Cameron, Ali Mahmood  
9S Ben Lumoso, Niamh Gaynor  
10S Pannie Dilowanichakorn, Harvey Harris  
11S1 Charlie Bulmer, Lauren Hooper  
11S2 Wren Talbot-Ponsonby, Aaron Emery

Finally I would like to wish all parents/carers and pupils attached to Stephenson House a wonderful Christmas