

10<sup>th</sup> July, 2008

Dear Parents,

### **District Sports Success!**

In the District Sports competition at Hillingdon Athletics Stadium last week, the St. Helen's team were overall winners in the relay competition, came second in the track competition, third in the field events competition, and achieved third place overall.

Gold medals winners: Sydney Bunting, James Cairns, Yasmin Ghosh-Roy (2), Manraj Jassal, Kimran Kaley, Hannah Mahon, Myles Manning (2), Thomas McKinlay, Joseph Mullally, Priyam Patel, Diya Shaikh and Harriet Stallard (s).

Silver medals winners: James Cairns, Paige Churchill, Aadam Jung, Ariana Jung, Jonathan Lee, Alexandra McGowan, Dominick Mahon (2) and Isabella Sibley (2), Thomas Slade-Smith

Bronze medals winners: Maya Bharal, Ariana Jung, Flip King, Joseph Mullally, Diya Shaikh and Seema Taank .

A great performance!

### **Examination Success**

Our Year 6 pupils have performed very well indeed in their various examinations.

- ❖ 14 out of the 17 children who sat entrance examinations at **Independent Senior Schools** were offered places at one or more of their chosen schools, most at their first-choice schools. Yasmin Ghosh-Roy achieved the distinction of winning an academic scholarship at St. Mary's School.
- ❖ 71% of the children who sat 11+ tests for Buckinghamshire or Berkshire **Grammar Schools** passed. The overall Buckinghamshire County pass rate is typically 27% - 32%.
- ❖ Our **Key Stage 2 results** have not yet arrived. You may have heard through the media that the posting of results has been delayed. We will post them to Y6 parents as soon as possible and I will provide parents all with a summary of the grades achieved at the beginning of next term.
- ❖ We run an accelerated maths programme for all pupils at S. Helen's, and, in addition to the Key Stage 2 tests, our Year 6 pupils sit an optional **Year 7 examination in mathematics**. 29 children (78% of the year) achieved Level 6, and all but two of the remainder achieved level 5. The national percentage at Level 6 was 0% (rounded to the nearest percentage point!) Level 6 is the national target for 15-year-old children. This is a fantastic result.

These results are excellent, and the children deserve our congratulations.

### Destinations of Y6 Leavers

Numbers of pupils are indicated in brackets.

Independent Schools:	Godstowe School (1) Heathfield School (1) Heritage School, Cypress (1) The John Lyon School (2) The Royal Masonic School (2) St. Helen's School, Northwood (2)
Grammar Schools:	Beaconsfield High School (2) Chesham High School (1) Dr. Challoners' Grammar School (3) Dr. Challoners' High School (5) Henrietta Barnet School (1) Herschel Grammar School (1) John Hampden School (1) Langley Grammar School (4) Royal Grammar School (2) Slough Grammar School (1)
Comprehensive/High Schools:	Bishopshalt School (1) Bishop Ramsey School (1) Chalfont Community School (1) Vyners School (3)

### Thanks

Our grateful thanks to the huge number of parents who have helped this year, through the Parents' Association and Parents' Forum, or with costume making, backstage supervision, assisting with trips, hearing reading in class, or in any other way. Your support, energy and expertise are highly valued!

We wish you and your families a relaxing and enjoyable summer. To those families who are leaving St. Helen's, we offer you every good wish for the future, and encourage you to keep in touch. As for the rest - we look forward enormously to welcoming you back to the school in September!

With very best wishes,

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