Dear Parent/Guardian

As the school year draws to a close, we have to say goodbye to some members of staff. Mrs Norman-Reade's final days after 11 years as Drama and Art Technician were busy as ever last week, with Year 9 and L6th Drama performances; we wish her well as she and her husband embark on their travels. We have enjoyed working with Mrs Walker, who has taught Biology at TWGGS this year, and we wish her every success in her promoted post. Miss Kemp-King has taught Psychology here for two years and she leaves us to broaden her experience, in order to pursue her long-term goal to become an Educational Psychologist, whilst Miss Garcia Ruiz, who joined at the same time, moves to her new life in Bournemouth. We wish them both every future success and happiness. Mr Russell joined TWGGS 8 years ago, initially as Curriculum Leader in English, and has done so much more than teach English, enthusiastically running the school football club and teams for several years, and being instrumental in terms of staff social activities, especially sports. We wish him well in what will, I am sure, be a busy and interesting retirement, led in his characteristically active style!

Uniform - Mrs Wybar

We have been very grateful for parents' support with our drive to improve pupils' appearance, and especially this year with regard to footwear. Please may I remind everyone that school shoes must be leather (or leather in appearance) and cannot be trainers (or similar), plimsolls, boots or made of canvas. As this year, pupils who are in the wrong shoes will initially be warned, with letters sent to parents, and then kept in detention after school on Fridays if they persist. We ask you for your support in enforcing the uniform regulations, ensuring that pupils are appropriately dressed for school and that your child has a suitable pair of shoes. There is a tiny number of pupils who, for medical reasons, need to wear specific footwear. In those few cases, we ask parents to write a note in the planner, detailing the specific need, and the pupil should take that to Mrs Wybar, who will authorise this, if deemed appropriate.

Could I also ask parents to check their children's uniform more widely? In particular, several pupils are wearing skirts or dresses which are too short (some of which have been taken up) or jumpers with holes in the sleeves. Pupils moving into Year 10 next year may wear the KS4 straight skirt, or may continue to wear their pleated skirts, **but only if these are long enough – no more than 2 inches above the knee.** The school uniform regulations are available on the website, for ease of reference.

Auction of Promises on 5th October – Julie Robinson

The PTA is holding an Auction of Promises on 5th October in conjunction with the Ghana Education Project. You will have received a parent mail asking for Lots and giving you the link to purchase tickets. **We are seeking donations of Lots to auction.** This could be a voucher you can source from a restaurant or hairdressers for example. It could be an offer from a local business, you may have contacts with a dance or drama school, sports coach etc. You may have a skill you can offer such as cake baking, sewing, gardening, dog walking etc. You may be lucky enough to have a holiday property you could offer for a weekend or week. It could just be an item you would like to donate that we could make into hampers. No offer is too small or large so please contact Julie Robinson at robinson4julie@gmail.com who will be happy to discuss any potential Lots. (Donations can be anonymous if preferred)

Mrs Wybar is leading by example and is offering a wine tasting experience, so please join her and help to make this event a great success

Some of the proceeds will be donated to the Ghana Education Project who are donating over 40 Lots to the auction. If you would like to find out what the charity has achieved with the huge support of TWGGS please follow this link https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ll tX2qXyKM

Congratulations to Cleo Morris L6S - Mrs Wybar

Congratulations to Cleo Morris who recently won a trip to the European Synchrotron Radiation Facility (ESRF) in Grenoble for her outstanding essay on Rosalind Franklin as part of the prestigious XMaS Scientist Experience Competition. Whilst at the ESRF the selected prizewinners had the chance to tour the XMaS Beamline, meet scientists from various disciplines and also explore the beautiful city of Grenoble. Well done Cleo!

Year 9 Trip to Devon - Ishbel Ewing 9S

On the 4th June 2018, Year 9 travelled to Knapp House in Devon to enjoy one of the best trips during our time at TWGGS. Not only did it include activities of a huge range but the entire atmosphere of the camp made many memories which we will undoubtedly remember for years. My group started the week with a splash as we all went surfing down at the beach. The weather was perfect for the afternoon as we were given our wet suits. They were very difficult to put on and uncomfortable to move around in when dry. I was the first to dive into the expected cold sea water of the Bristol channel and didn't waste any time body boarding for the next half hour. We were all doing the "Shaka" action after catching a good wave and this became a continual joke for the rest of

the week. I found surfing harder to do because of the balancing but thoroughly enjoyed it anyway. The many other activities included a speed boat ride, crabbing, tree travel, water-skiing (my favourite), tunnelling, climbing, fun boat rides thanks to Mr. P, and many other days filled with adventure. Another enjoyable activity was the ringo ride during water-skiing. It was a once in a lifetime experience and was made even better when doing it with some of my closest friends.

The food was delicious and the instructors were very helpful. I confess several of us had personal favourites and nicknames for them all which made chats more entertaining. It was also amusing to see our teachers get themselves involved with all the games and events... even the disco! Now that I look back, all the little things which could have been annoying or given small thought at the time added up to be one new experience altogether, for example, the unexpected sardine game with Miss Manklow or the impromptu performance of our designated musical numbers from the Year 9 music festival.

Overall, the week I had at Knapp House shared with my old and new friends will definitely be remembered for a long time. I was sad as everyone else was that the week ended as we all had a fabulous week filled with memories. I am thankful for all the planning the school did so that I could experience such adventures and activities.

Year 8 Visit to The Europa Centre – Sophie Harrington 8G and Sophie Mitchell 8G

We went to the Europa Centre in the London Borough of Havering on 21st June. On the inside, there was a mock German town called Rubendorf. There were 4 members of staff who introduced themselves in German and then for the rest of the visit continued speaking German. Each person had to collect information about a 'missing person' by asking questions (in German) to each member of staff. There was a range of shops such as a bakery, a pharmacy and a travel agents. We used vocabulary we had learned in class, but speaking German out of the context of the classroom allowed us to engage in a proper conversation that you might actually have in Germany, which was really insightful and interesting. Overall, we had an enjoyable experience at The Europa Centre and the German dialogue helped our understanding too.

Carnegie Awards Shadowing Book Group – Ms Sanderson, Librarian

On a Monday morning in the middle of June, following two months of intense reading and discussion, the TWGGS Carnegie Shadowing Book Group joined forces with groups from Skinners', Tunbridge Wells Boys' Grammar School and Skinners Kent Academy in the grand hall of Skinners' School for the great Carnegie Balloon Debate. Each of the eight groups were allocated a book from the Carnegie shortlist and, fuelled by cake and a love of reading, they then wrote and delivered some fantastic presentations to persuade the panel of judges that their book was worthy of winning the prestigious Carnegie award. The group championing Patrick Ness' beautiful coming of age novel *Release* were deserved winners of the debate with TWGGS readers Jazz Chinnapaka 7W and Mysha Shahzad 7W contributing confidently and eloquently to the presentation.

The official Carnegie winner, announced later that day, was Geraldine McCaughrean's *Where the World Ends* which tells the story of a group of boys and men who have to fight for survival on a remote stac of rock far off the coast of St Kilda in 1728. Full of tension and tragedy and based on a true story, *Where the World Ends* is a thrilling read, however the popular choice amongst the TWGGS readers was undoubtedly *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas, followed closely by *After the Fire* by Will Hill.

Well done to all the pupils who read the books (eight titles in nine weeks, phew!), came to the weekly book group, wrote book reviews and designed book covers, and took part in the balloon debate. Let's do it all again next year!

Year 9 Tanya Landman Author Visit – Ms Sanderson, Librarian

Just a few days after this year's Carnegie Award winner was announced, we were delighted to welcome the 2015 winner Tanya Landman to the school! Tanya entertained the Year 9s with a passionate and theatrical account of her 'doomed' careers prior to becoming a full time writer (including a two year stint working as Kevin the Teddy Bear) and spoke in depth about the inspiration behind her historical novels, in particular *Apache* and the award winning *Buffalo Solider*. On hearing that Year 9 had recently visited Knapp House in Devon Tanya also spoke about her novel *Hell and High Water* which is set in and around the historic house and features it's notorious 18th century resident Thomas Benson. Following her talk Tanya hosted two Murder Mystery writing workshops, in which pupils were shown how to structure and plan their own murder mystery story. It was a gruesome and enjoyable morning in which many an annoying celebrity came to a fictional sticky end!

Y9 Drama Festival 2018: The World of Roald Dahl – Dr Blanch, Mrs Davis and Miss Patman

This year's Drama Festival, held on the afternoon of July 11th was a full of firsts: it was the FIRST time each form performed pieces by the same writer, the FIRST time we featured plays by Roald Dahl, and the FIRST time Y9 were performing on the same day as a World Cup Semi-Final! Not for the first time, however, Year 9 staged a wonderful afternoon of colourful, exciting, entertaining story-telling, having worked phenomenally hard on their productions for the three weeks leading up to the performance. Effective team-working proved crucial in bring to life the bizarre, fantastical worlds of Roald Dahl's imagination. The

high quality of each form's productions made judging a challenge this year, but after much deliberation, Drama Festival awards were presented to:

9G – Best Overall Production/Best Use of Sound & Lighting: The Twits

9T - Best Visual Spectacle: James & the Giant Peach

9S – Best Ensemble/Movement : The BFG 9W – Best Use of Narration: The Witches

9I – Best Use of Set/Box Set: Charlie & the Chocolate Factory

Our Y9 actors embraced the challenge of bringing Dahl's weird and wonderful characters to life on stage. Awards for best performances in each form went to: Mae Harbinson and Florence Gillespie (9I), Freya Mundy and Isabel Fletcher (9S), Stephanie Byard and Anna Bowring (9W), Katherine Beaumont and Annabel Taylor (9G), and Madeleine Jacques and Lucy Mercer (9T). For her bold and exuberant characterisation of Mr Twit, Bella Smalley 9G was awarded the prize for best overall performer of the festival. Many congratulations to the winners in every category. We are already looking forward to next year!

Year 10 Business Enterprise Day - Poppy Galloway 10W

All dressed up in business apparel, the Year 10s came to school ready to participate in a day of enterprise that tested their creative, public speaking and teamwork skills, as opposed to skills required for the exams that had been happening just a few days before. When we arrived at school eager to find out what the staff had in store for us, we were spilt into teams of about 5 or 6 people from various forms that we would not normally work with on a daily basis. We were then briefed about the task that we had to complete over the course of that day. The challenge? To provide catering, entertainment and decorations for a party of 100 people celebrating Prince Harry and Meghan Markle's wedding. Although hypothetical, the management team running the day were very strict on the pricing of food and the deadlines by which things had to be completed. After getting to know each other's strengths and weaknesses, we decided each team member's role in the group. This was a vital part of the day as it taught us that in order to make an efficient team, each person must work on different aspects of the company. There were 4 main roles: team manager, financial director, creative designers and the catering executive. Much like a real company, we had to create a company name, business card and set menu entertainment and decorations for the evening. While each member of the team got to work creating various mood boards of ideas and drawing out table plans, the team leaders and financial directors were called out to meet with one of the management team to make sure the timings were on track and the numbers were in order. As the financial director, it was really interesting to see how so much has to be considered when working out costings, profits and tax especially when you have a maximum budget like we did!

After lunch, each team pitched its ideas to the rest of the room with the view that the winner from each room would go on to pitch their business plan to the whole year and a panel of judges to decide the overall winner. The competition was tough and despite being rather fatigued after a long day of working, all the teams really pitched well, with evidence of hard work being displayed in the form of display boards, crafted table pieces and even origami napkins! Although the competition was fierce, Windsor Catering (my team's company) progressed to the final, much to our surprise. Having rarely spoken in front of that many people, I would be lying if I said I wasn't a little nervous about our pitch. As the other 4 teams were the winners from their classrooms, we knew all the teams were deserving, with each company matching the high quality standard of the previous. As Windsor Catering was the last to speak, we were blown away by the competition and knew our proposal would have to be well executed if we were in with a chance. The judges deliberated over the final five companies but finally came to a conclusion. Windsor Catering won the competition which, for my team, was the perfect ending to a brilliant day. I'm sure all of Year 10 will agree when I say that it was a rewarding day that taught us a lot about the real world of business which we would otherwise be unexposed to. Thank you to the staff who dedicated a vast amount of time to organising this event, without whom, it would not have been possible.

CCF Annual Camp - Rose Lietke 9W

Annual Camp 2018 has been a fantastic experience and I think I can speak on behalf of all of the Year 9 cadets when I say that it has been one of the hottest, stickiest and hardworking yet rewarding weeks of our school years! After the first night I think everyone was confident with who they were with and had already made a whole lot of new friends. As it turned out we were actually mixed up almost every day and this meant we met new people throughout the whole week. In the evenings we even found ourselves making new friends with the other contingents at Nesscliff! When it came to the food, we'd all been warned by older year groups that it wasn't always great so most of our Bergens were half full with snacks and treats. However, when it came to it, meal times were the best time of the day! We soon learnt (after the first day) that food was a necessity when it came to enjoying the activities. So no matter whether you liked it or not everybody had to eat!

We did a huge amount of activities from shooting with live ammunition for the first time to an adventure training day. Each day was just as packed full of activities as the last, but the temperature was not at all sympathetic reaching 30 degrees! Lots of the activities also tested our teamwork and leadership skills. A lot of us learnt that the ability to listen to each other was vital otherwise there would be chaos. I loved the activities as they never left us bored and any worries that we previously had about the camp

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were all forgotten and replaced with optimism and concentration! Overall annual camp has been amazing. We definitely left wiser and mature than we did when we set off and we all went home extremely tired but full of pride and sense of accomplishment of all the skills we have learnt. I can't wait to go again next year and experience the camp atmosphere with my friends as Year 10s.

Nesscliff Gun Run Competition 2018 - Cadet Martha Jones 9T

This gun run was initially included in our CCF camp for the all boys' contingents but at TWGGS CCF we like a bit of a challenge. In this competition, teams race against each other pulling a large gun (which is a bit like a cannon) through an obstacle course and they have to dismantle it to get through certain parts and then put it back together again in order to fire it and then race for the finish line. When I heard I was chosen to participate in this race, I was overjoyed and quite shocked as I was one of 12 out of a contingent of approximately 80. As a team we marched up to the course to have our briefing and practice run with this new competition. As we approached we started to feel a bit intimidated because we saw these huge, strong, older boys practising on the course and they were going really quickly. They were so much older and faster than us that it was difficult not to feel a bit overwhelmed with the task before us. However, we had an abiding belief in our own mental strength, team work and commitment. We had a short practice, just hours before the actual race: we knew we had to make up for our lack of physical size by doing everything perfectly.

After lunch we headed out onto the field and got ready to race. We were very nervous but thanks to our seniors we remained calm. They told us to stick to our jobs, run our own race and concentrate on doing each one of the separate tasks perfectly. There was no talk of defeat, we were going to 'give our best'. The first race was against the boys of Wilson's School – they had previously been delighted to have their heat against the 'girls' school' but we managed to keep our cool throughout the race and we won! We were so stunned, relieved and happy and just as we walked off the field we saw the rest of the TWGGS contingent coming to greet us with overjoyed faces and smiles from ear to ear. But we still had another race to go! As we lined up ready to go into the final, we started to giggle with excitement but we had to keep calm and not get too overconfident. During that race I screamed louder, ran faster and pulled stronger than I have ever done before, and as we came running through the finish line, we glanced back to see our opponents about 100m behind and that was when we started to jump for joy. We clapped them through the finish line before walking swiftly off to the rest of our contingent. We had won the entire competition and done our school contingent and our officers proud. We could not contain our excitement! I have learnt from this experience to believe in myself more and believe in my team because together we can achieve anything.

Careers Department – Mrs Vallely

The Careers Department has been having another busy term. In May, we held the annual PSHE session where the U6th pupils share with the L6th pupils their experiences with applying to university or an apprenticeship, or organising a gap year. It is always a popular session which the pupils in both year groups usually find very helpful. Also in May, during PSHE, the L6th pupils attended a sexual health information session led by members of the charity, METRO. The last couple of PSHE sessions this summer have been dedicated to helping the L6th pupils register and log on to the UCAS website, and to begin their applications for university. The Upper Sixth pupils had a very useful presentation in PSHE from a speaker from Citizen's Advice who gave them information about financial capability.

In June we organised a Personal Statement Writing workshop for the L6th pupils. Charlotte Welsby, from the Canterbury Christ Church University outreach team, gave a presentation with ideas and guidance on getting started. She was an engaging speaker and went down well with the majority of the pupils, who should now be well on their way with their UCAS applications. The session was also useful more generally for any pupils who may not be applying for university, as the advice given can be used on any job or apprenticeship application. In addition, we invited a representative from Whatuni.com to an assembly to tell the L6th about their website, which provides free advice and guidance for students. I would encourage L6th parents to have a look at their website https://www.whatuni.com – click on 'advice' and then 'parents'

We are pleased to relate that we have teamed up with Pathway CTM for a second year. This is a company which helps sixth formers to find work experience, insight days, and introductions into the workplace. We have asked the current L6th pupils to register and sign up with Pathway, and will be doing the same with the new L6th in the Autumn Term. We are delighted to be in discussions with the MD of AV Trinity, a company of financial advisers on Mount Ephraim, who is keen to engage with TWGGS pupils and help with advising on interview and other employability skills and we look forward to welcoming them into school before Christmas. We have also been introduced by Simon Harris from the Careers and Enterprise Company, to Zoe Clark, HR manager for TrinityM, an insurance company based in Tonbridge. Zoe has agreed to be our Enterprise Adviser, and to advise and help us to achieve more, and more meaningful, encounters with employers throughout the school, thus also helping us to fulfil our requirements under the government's new careers strategy for schools. We welcome contacts from any parents to help us extend these offerings. Please get in touch with Mrs Vallely. Finally, Mrs Elinson, independent Careers Adviser, has been continuing with the Year 7 and Year 8 PSHE sessions introducing the skills needed in many jobs, and helping the pupils to start thinking about their future choices.

Keeva Pflitsch 8S – Acro Success – Mrs Wybar

Congratulations to Keeva Pflitsch on her recent win in the Youth category of the Tigers International Acro Cup, and also for her success at the Turin International Acro Cup held last weekend. Keeva and her partners were up against a tough category of 23 groups; however they came 4th in the qualifiers which saw them through to the finals the next day. A podium place wasn't to be, but they came a very respectable 5th, losing out to current world and European champions. This was Keeva's first International as a trio base and we wish her every success in the future!

Molly Sacker U6I - U21 World Sailing Championships - Mrs Wybar

Congratulations to Molly Sacker who recently came 33rd overall (2nd sailor from GB) in the 2018 Laser Radial U21 Women's World Championships. Well done on this fantastic achievement!

Hockey Success for Tilly Strand-Ford 8G – Miss Parkinson

Congratulations to Tilly Strand-Ford whose Saxon South team came fourth in the Manchester tournament recently. Tilly has been invited to play for the UK Lions and she has also been selected to attend a Performance Centre a year early. This is a fantastic achievement.

TWGGS Ski Team - Miss Parkinson

TWGGS Ski Team have been training hard since December and on the 6th May attended the Kent Schools' Ski Championships at the newly resurfaced Chatham Ski Centre to race in slalom competitions in the morning and in the team dual slalom event in the afternoon. The training paid off with all girls completing the long course. TWGGS A team (Elle Ayton U6W, Evie Ayton 10I, Rebecca Forte 10S and Lydia Dunkin 9I) won the overall secondary girls team, with TWGGS B team (Alice Lewey 9W, Mia Devey 8S, Millie James 7W and Harriet Dunkin 7T) narrowly beating TWGGS C team (Amelia Aves 8S, Isobel Aves 7W and Sophie Green 7I) to take second place. Elle Ayton gained second place in the overall secondary girls, Evie Ayton came forth and Rebecca Forte came sixth. Well done to all the skiers.

Lily Harding 9I – Judo Success– Miss Manklow

Lily has once again performed excellently in Judo, securing yet another win. She won gold on Saturday 23rd June at the Kent International Open at Medway Park in Gillingham. On Saturday 30th June Lily's team (The Southern Area pre cadet girls) became National Champions winning their category at the British National Teams Championships 2018. Well done Lily!

Visiting RMAS Sandhurst – A day for STEM - Cadet Freya Ridge 9T

On the 24th May, I travelled with the CCF to the Royal Military Academy, in Sandhurst because they were running a female only day for pupils interested in STEM-type careers. Firstly, we had an introductory talk from Major General, Paul Nanson, who is in charge of Sandhurst and the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Ministry of Defence, Tobias Ellwood MP. After that, our group leaders, who were serving female NCOs took us to the Old College, where we made our way around the drill square, visiting stands representing different branches of the British Army. We then went inside the building to a long corridor with many different companies like Airbus, BT and Caterpillar talking to us about the different opportunities they can offer us, such as internships and apprenticeships. We were also offered free pens, cupcakes, sweets and even water bottles. Before the end of the day, we visited another room similar to this and had a talk from three influential women – a Brigadier in the Army dealing with cyber warfare and security; someone in charge of the Faraday Investment Fund; and a Fire Officer investigating building regulations in London. Overall, I had a great day and would not hesitate to volunteer again.

Ice Maidens' talk and the National Army Museum visit – Cadet Lydia Dunkin 91

On Wednesday 23rd May, a group of Year 9 and 10 Cadets went on an exciting trip to the National Army Museum, in order to explore the exhibits and listen to the Ice Maidens talk. On arriving in Chelsea we headed eagerly to the Special Forces Exhibition. The exhibit was fascinating and filled with interactive elements such as aptitude tests for the Special Air Service (SAS) as well as historic artefacts. We also enjoyed looking around the rest of the museum which was both fun and educational. We had dinner and returned to the museum at half six for the main event- the Ice Maidens talk. The Ice Maidens are a group of six inspirational women who broke four records for crossing Antarctica using muscle power alone. The talk was very empowering as they discussed the physical and mental setbacks of their journey. Matching the spirit of both TWGGS and the CCF, they attribute their success to teamwork and mutual respect. I think everyone came away from the day encouraged to pursue an adventure of their own after being asked, "What is your Antarctica?"

CCF End of Year Report – RSM Grace Rhoden U6W

As Regimental Sergeant Major, it has been a privilege to lead the TWGGS CCF contingent through an incredibly busy year. The year, 2017/18, saw the largest intake of Year 9 recruits, largely thanks to SSM Trebino running a great programme for them in January to give everyone an idea of what to expect from CCF. This included things like teamwork challenges, basic drill and an introduction to the Navy section. At the end of the introductory programme in February we took over 100 cadets away to

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Crowborough Training Camp for their first experience of military life. During this weekend some of the Year 11s also started their cadet teaching qualification. Despite the cold and snow it was a great weekend which included our Biennial inspection by Brigadier Ridge, a serving Army Officer.

This year TWGGS CCF has been very successful in Army Section competitions. In preparation for these challenges, we did a training weekend in January, where we took 20 cadets to Crowborough to improve their tactical knowledge, military skills and fitness. The first competition was in March in Folkestone against other cadet forces in the South-East. The standard was very high and we did well to win best CCF. In April, a carefully chosen team of eight went to the Brecon Beacons in Wales to compete in the toughest cadet competition in the country: the Cambrian Patrol. This competition tested our teamwork, endurance and military skills. At the end of an exhausting weekend we received a Gold medal and won best national team which is an amazing achievement. During the first week of July, the Army section took 80 cadets on annual camp to Shropshire, the largest number we have ever taken. We worked our way around a number of different stands including ranges, tactics and adventure training. However, the highlight of the week was winning the gun run competition, on the final day, against other CCFs. We had to disassemble and reassemble a canon to get it through a series of obstacles.

As well as the internal camps run by TWGGS there have been many other opportunities available to the cadets. In November, a large group of cadets from both the Army and Navy sections took part in the Remembrance Day Parade commemorating the penultimate year of WW1. It was, as always, a very moving ceremony. Some of the other extra activities this year include parachute jumping, week-long adventure training courses and visits to RMA Sandhurst. We also went to London and were lucky enough to meet some of the Ice Maidens, the first all-female team to cross Antarctica on foot. Cpl Tabitha Gardiner 11G was successful in gaining a highly competitive place on the Canadian exchange, where she's spending six weeks over the summer. Likewise, the Royal Navy section have been out on a number of activities this year and they continue to show progress in the contingent with new staff and new ideas.

It has been a very successful and enjoyable year for TWGGS CCF, but none of it would be possible without Major Reynolds and her dedicated staff and volunteers who give up so much of their free time to run training exercises, camps and trips. It has been a pleasure to lead the contingent this year and I look forward to hearing about all the amazing things TWGGS achieves in the future.

U15 Tennis Squad through to Division 2 Finals – Miss Manklow

This year the U15 Tennis squad successfully defeated all teams in their division to make it through to the finals on Wednesday 27th July. The event was doubles only timed tennis, meaning the teams had to win as many games as possible in the given 20 minutes for matches. Our U15 team played excellently throughout the day with only one draw in their first game; they won all other matches. This resulted in them becoming Division 2 Champions where they will progress to the next round next year. An excellent result; well done! Becky Colbran 9S (Captain), Helen Coomber 8I, Issy Coker 8I, Amelia Thomas 9W and Amalie Abdali 9T.

Kent School Games Finals of Super 8s Athletics – Miss Thornton

On Thursday 14th June, seven Year 7 pupils attended the Kent School finals of Super 8s athletics at the Julie Rose Stadium, Ashford. After success in the qualifiers, TWGGS joined forces with Tunbridge Wells Grammar School for Boys to represent the district. Pupils all competed in one track, one field and one relay event throughout the day, accumulating many points to go towards their overall total. TWGGS and TWGSB represented their schools fantastically, possessing great support, athletic ability and sportsmanship. Although pupils performed superbly, unfortunately they did not place in the top three.

All participants should be extremely proud of their performances – well done! Poppy Dascombe, Amelia Lomax, Grace Kench, Emily Marriage, Daisy Bayer, Kirsty Jones and Eloise Greig, all in 7T.

School Photograph – Miss Parkinson

There will be a whole school photograph on Tuesday September 11th. Please could you ensure that your child wears winter uniform for this day.

Finally, it only remains for me to wish you all a relaxing and pleasant summer holiday.

With best wishes,

Mrs L Wybar, Headteacher