

April 2009

Dear Parent

In this the final mailshot of the Spring Term you will find the latest **Minerva**, details of the **KA PTA Fundraising Golf Day** and a digest of **Summer Term Dates**. Please note that the latest Senior School **Guidance Faculty Newsletter** has been posted on the Website and that the **green fee proforma** (previously issued) should be returned as soon as possible.

**Mr Ian Lindsay**, our Deputy Rector, is to retire in August after some 38 years as a member of staff at KA. Like myself he has reached a certain age! He has given fantastic service to the School which I will acknowledge fully at Prize Giving in June. **Mr Allan Gilliland**, currently Head of Guidance and Director of Studies, himself a long-serving member of staff, will succeed Mr Lindsay as Deputy Rector. Parents are invited to drinks in the Mall at 7PM on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April when there will be an opportunity to **meet our new Rector, Mrs Lesley Douglas**.

Can I make a further **strong plea re parking outside the School**. Please note that it is both dangerous and illegal to stop on the zig-zags when depositing children. It is also both environmentally unacceptable and illegal to sit with the engine running while awaiting children. Pupils themselves intend to write to the Council asking for these regulations to be enforced!

Parents of **Senior 4** pupils should note that the formal examination period runs from **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May until Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June inclusively**. All should return on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June**. For **Senior 5/6** pupils the dates are **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May until Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June** inclusively. Senior 5 pupils should return on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June**.

Teachers of Senior 4 – Senior 6 pupils will have issued subject **revision guidelines** to their classes for the forthcoming holiday period. They will do this also for the examination period itself. Furthermore they will make their own arrangements with their pupils for the provision of additional help, guidance and support during the examination period.

Following a successful ‘transfer’ to Hyndland Parish Church for our annual Carol Service, I am delighted to confirm that Reverend Craig Lancaster of that Church has agreed to become our **new School Chaplain**. He officiated at both Junior and Senior School Easter Services.

Finally, may I remind parents of leavers (other than Senior 6 pupils) that a written **notice of withdrawal** (even if it’s provisional) must be received no later than **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April**.

This has been a very busy and productive term. Right up to the close, Senior pupils have been completing Nabs, finishing courses and preparing for the final push towards the examinations.

Yet the last fortnight has seen also a series of highly successful events. In particular, it was delightful to see so many of you at both the **Balgray Fundraising Concert** and the **Academical Match**. The final week has included **CCF Field Day** and Junior 4 – 6s sparkling production of **Wind in the Willows**. The Army Cadets are now off to Arran for Adventurous Training and our senior Students of English to Stratford for a little culture!

Enjoy the Spring holiday.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

**JOHN L BROADFOOT**  
Rector