



# ADDINGTON

## NEWSLETTER

**Dear Parents & Carers**

**July 2017**

We have now come to the end of a very busy Summer Term after some fantastic and exciting events that have enriched the curriculum for all our pupils. Many of you will have attended our week of Proms and will know how varied, enthralling and engaging the programme was. Pupils showcased their talents through singing, playing instruments and acting and we certainly have some new musical stars of the future.

Our two sports days, despite cancellations due to both excessive heat and excessive rain, were also a huge success and gave some of our pupils their first taste of winning a medal as well as their first experience of losing – always a hard lesson to learn. It was well attended by families which always spurs the pupils on to do their best.

We also had our first music festival last Saturday during which there were many live bands, choirs, soloists and our very own staff band, the Addingtons who apparently could be heard in Woodley Precinct! The day was a huge success and families could relax and enjoy the day, knowing their children were safe to wander, dance or just relax. Thank you to the music team for making it such a successful day and one that no doubt will be repeated.

We have to say goodbye and thank you to several support staff: Shakeel Chowdhary, Sam Boseley, Jack Edwards, Jono Malone, Helen Johnson, Faye Smith and Stephanie House, many of whom have been with us more than a few years and who are all going off to pursue their careers. We also say goodbye and good luck to 3 of our teachers: Michelle Stone, our Science teacher, Sukh Colebourne, a Key Stage 1 teacher and Chris Edwards-Dewey, our Booster class teacher. We will miss them all and wish them well for the future.

A reminder that uniform is compulsory from September for all pupils up to year 10 and up to year 11 the following year. The school stocks uniform but equally the school colours can be bought from many major retailers.

It now remains for me to thank you, our families, for making me feel so welcome in my first two terms at Addington School as I have got to know all our amazing pupils.

I hope you have a restful summer holiday and I look forward to seeing all pupils back on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September**.

Yours faithfully

**Sara Attra**  
**HEADTEACHER**

## Dear Parents/ Carers

Another year at Addington comes to an end. It seems like only five minutes ago that we were welcoming the children in September, and now we are getting ready to say goodbye for the summer.

This has been a very busy half term, with five separate parent events, including a coffee morning to greet parents and carers of some of our new starters in September. It was lovely to meet everyone, and some even then came along to FestForAll, which was a brilliant event and an excellent introduction to the Addington community. Proms week and sports day, (eventually!), were also lovely events, and it was so nice to see so many of you there.

I will be reducing my hours next year as I continue working toward becoming a qualified counsellor, so will not be available on **Tuesdays** from September. I will be available for a number of days during the holidays, and will make you aware of these dates through the newsletter and the Addington app. This summer, I will be available in school from 9.30am until 12.30pm on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> August, if you need to call and chat to me about issues that arise during the holidays.

Thank you all again for another great year; I have great plans for Parent Support in the coming year, so keep an eye out for events and training sessions!

Best Wishes,

**Lucy - Parent Support Adviser**

## Our Leadership Management Team



**Sara Attra**  
Headteacher



**Lynda Wood**  
Deputy Head



**Eirfron Watkinson**  
Assistant Headteacher



**David Maycock**  
Assistant Headteacher



**Sue Tod**  
School Business Manager

## Help us receive up to £1,000 funding for our school!

All you need to do is register at [www.greenredeem.co.uk](http://www.greenredeem.co.uk) (using the advocate code HHU) and you can start collecting and donating points to the school. For every new resident that signs up using the code, Greenredeem will donate an extra 100 points to our school which could help us gain that funding! Through recycling at home and taking other green actions you can earn points to donate to the school and also get money off at local shops and restaurants or win some great prizes.

The donations scheme started on 1 July 2017 and runs until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 so there's plenty of time to get donating!

We would like to spend the funding on the After School Club.

Please sign up today, spread the word and get donating!

### Parent Contact Information

We want to cut down on the amount of paper we send to parents and to get in touch more electronically via emails, texts and our school website ([www.addington.wokingham.sch.uk](http://www.addington.wokingham.sch.uk)).

Apart from the money saved on printing costs, electronic communication is instant. In order to do this we need to be kept up to date with your latest email address and mobile numbers.

If you need to update us with any of your details please email:  
[office@addington.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:office@addington.wokingham.sch.uk)

We also have a fantastic school app which you can download (see links on our website), enabling you to receive news updates and alerts on your phone or other mobile device. You can also view our newsletters and see photos of the students.

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## Addington Youth Club

Managed and staffed by  
Wokingham Bracknell & Districts Mencap

Wednesday evening 7pm to 9pm  
Fun for all youngsters from Year 9 up

Look out for the activities planned for the current term,  
come along and try a session.

Contact Wokingham Mencap on 0300 777 8539 for more information.

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# SPORTS PAGES



## Primary, Secondary and FE Sports Days June 2017

We finally got there!!!! Thank you to all staff and students for making our two sports days so successful. Both days started with skills/games sessions in the morning and the races in the afternoon with a Tug of War in between which is always popular with our students. The Yellow Tigers were victorious in both the Primary and Secondary/FE sports days this year therefore giving them the Sports Day Shield. There were some fantastic performances and records broken but most importantly everyone seemed to really enjoy the two days. It was great to see the students and staff representing their houses with their very bright colourful house shirts and banners. It was great to see so many parents out supporting. A big thank you to our young sports leaders and the sports leaders from Bulmershe for helping to run both days and thanks again to the music department for doing the music and announcing on both afternoons. A big thank you also goes to non-class based staff and volunteers who assisted classes throughout the day.



# SPORTS DAY RESULTS



## Primary students medals for events

EVENTS	Gold	Result	Silver	Result	Bronze	Result
Table Skittles* (LP)	Aaron Sondhi	27	Inaya Akram	15	Daniel King	14
Boccia* (LP) 280pts- Finlay Bennett (2014) & Lauren Simmonds (2017)	Lauren Simmonds	280	Ben Felton-Hodson	270	Inaya Hanif	200
Rounder's Throw* (UP) 18.14m – Danny Shilton (2015)	Jospeh Kenneh	17.80	Levi Barnes	16.40	Danny Shilton	16.25
Javelin* (UP) 11.1m – Daniel Skeates (2014)	Danny Shilton	13.6**	Levi Barnes	9.30	Rowan N	9
Ball chest push* (UP) 5 meters Ollie McGrath & David Russell (2015)	Joseph Kenneh	3	Ollie McGrath	2.75	Luka White	2.50
Standing long jump* (UP) 1.42 m Jack Healey (2014)	Rowan N	1.66**	Levi Barnes	1.46	Presley Shearer	1.4

• = School record c/b = Count back

## Secondary/FE students medals for events

EVENTS	Gold	Result	Silver	Result	Bronze	Result
Softball Throw Finley Jewell 28.4m (2015)	Chanique Watson	25.7m	James Hardman	20.87	David Russell	17.40
Javelin Dominic Gardner 24m (2012)	Harry Shearer Luke Pickles	13.70	Liam Fuller	13.50	Daniel Skeates	13
Table Skittles (new) Cameron Baxter 27 (2016)	Kashif Ahmed	21	Tony Su	19	Jack Healey Jay Kruger Charlotte Hunt	17
Boccia Angus Boyd-Smith 280pts (2013)	Shaun Verney	270	Jaz Le Doo	230	Daniel Lawrence	220
Ball chest push Shayne Kirby 8.25m (2014)	Jamal Medford	6m	Usma Jamil	5.75	Ben Reynolds	4.75
Standing long jump Stuart Waters 2.64m (2015)	Shayne Kirby	2.74m*	Liam Fuller	2.32m	Luke Adams	1.84m
Archery Oliver Kent & Dominic Spicer 29pts (2014)	Ben Allum	27	Ryan Skevington	24	Vincent Myles	23
Rowing (30 sec) Liam Alleyne 168m (2015)	Shayne Kirby	164	Daniel Skeates	151	Luke Pickles	140

\*School records c/b – Count Back

WELL DONE EVERYONE!



## Secondary/FE Football Interhouse

The final Interhouse competition of the year took place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July as 59 Secondary and FE students took part in Football Interhouse.

There was some excellent football on display and great teamwork being shown by all teams. Congratulations to the **Yellow Tigers** for winning the competition. The final standings for each house are shown below:

**1<sup>st</sup>-Yellow Tigers-10 points**

**2<sup>nd</sup>-Green Crocodiles-9 points**

**3<sup>rd</sup>-Red Eagles- 7 points**

**4<sup>th</sup>-Blue Sharks- 6 points**

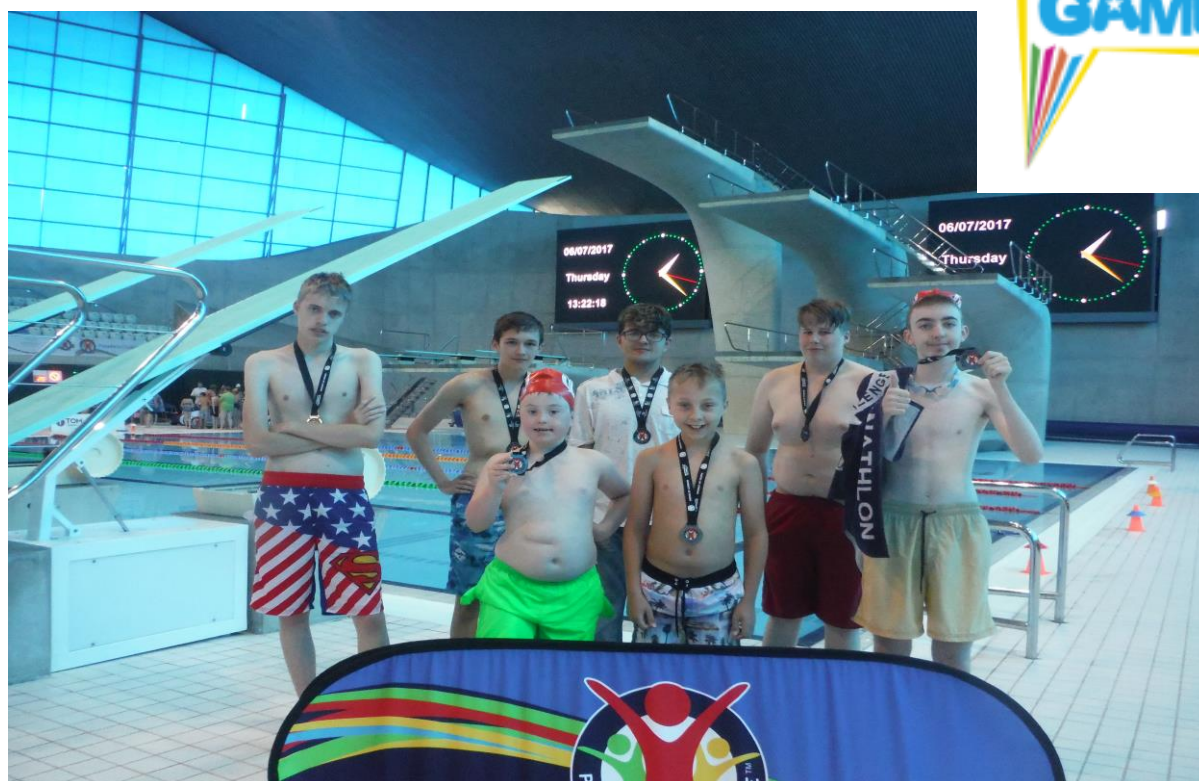
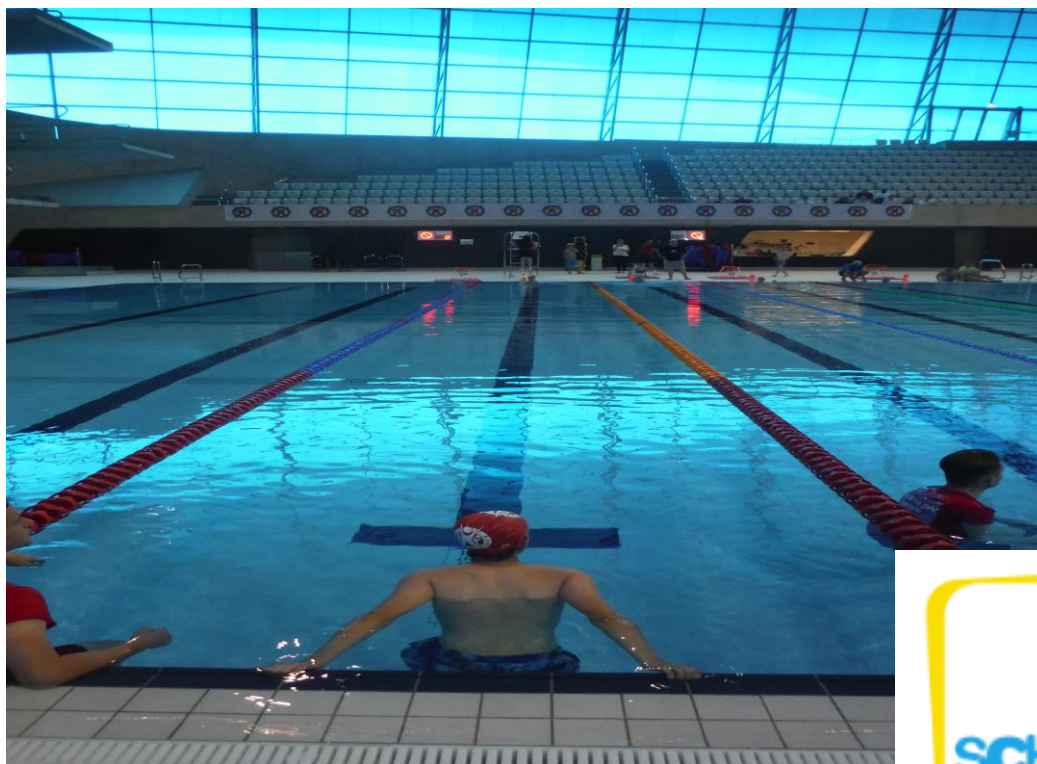


On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July, pupils from Catherine & Leila's class attended a Multi-skills festival at Waingels College. The sport leaders from Waingels organised the tournament. Pupils played Boccia, Kurling, Tennis, Basketball and Football. Henry Hicks was nominated the Star pupil.



## Swimming Panathlon Finals at London Aquatics Centre

On **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July** we took our victorious swimming team who won the regional Swimming Panathlon to the South Eastern/London Swimming Panathlon finals. This was held at the London Aquatics Centre in the Olympic Village. This was a brilliant event and our students competed in various individual and team races. The team were fantastic and finished fourth on the day which is a great achievement!



## July 2017

### Addington Association

Hello for the final time this academic year!

As the start of Autumn term we will be in regular contact with you all to share some exciting new activities the Addington Association have planned. But, for now, here's a quick reminder of who we are and what we do!

#### **What is the Addington Association?**

We were formed to support the education of all pupils at Addington with the provision of additional equipment and facilities not normally provided by the Local Authority. Our fundraising activities in the past have raised money to support the funding of mini-buses, supported the after-school club and purchased some classroom equipment.

#### **What do we do?**

As well as fundraising, the Association aims to provide social events and activities that foster relationships between the families and others associated with the school. In the past we've held Christmas and Summer Fayres, hosted Easter and Christmas coffee mornings, as well as holding raffles, quizzes, discos and a dance night!

In the coming months we're planning to complete some new activities, such as a cake stall in Woodley precinct, a stall at both the Wokingham and Woodley Christmas carnivals and even a Summer Ball.

#### **What do we need?**

Well, we need your support! There are different ways you can support the Association:

- **Join the Association** - we meet approx. once per term so the time commitment is not too extensive. Help come up with new fundraising ideas and support at events. If you would like to join or would like more information, please email [AddingtonAssociation@gmail.com](mailto:AddingtonAssociation@gmail.com) with your contact details and we will be in touch.
- **Join the Helper's List\*** - if you'd prefer not to join the Association, but would be willing to help at events, please email us at [AddingtonAssociation@gmail.com](mailto:AddingtonAssociation@gmail.com) with your contact details.
- **Donating Items** - we often ask for contributions, such as unused gifts, to raffle, sell or put in a tombola.

Please watch out for our notices next term as we really need your support! Don't forget, every pound we raise directly benefits the whole school!

**Wishing you all a wonderful summer break!**

\* Friends and family members are more than welcome to join our Helper's List!





# The Music Pages

*This school year has really raced by and already we are nearly at the end of the final term! It's a busy but exciting time for the music team as students take part in performances and show how much they have improved over the year in our Proms Week, plus our very first FestForAll.*

## Addington Proms

### Class Performances



*Every class group performed during Proms week. Pieces included 'I can see clearly', 'Everywhere Calypso' and 'Tingalayo'. Some students performed in the large hall and others performed in the*

*sensory theatre. Classes all performed brilliantly everyone should be very proud of their achievements.*

### Instrumental concerts

*All of our students that have instrumental lessons performed with the support of their teacher. They really impressed everyone with how much they have developed their skills over the year and have inspired some of our students to try new instruments.*



## Addington Ensembles



The week was a chance to showcase our ensembles and groups. Our Addington band performed 4 pieces and showed how much they have progressed over the year

now they are a larger ensemble. The Theatre Club performed a set of exciting songs including a Mary Poppins medley and music from the BFG. Xylophone and percussion club performed and along with ensemble playing featured a solo from every member in the group. 'Team Tempo' and Junior rhythm group performed some energetic pieces rhythm pieces. Some students shared the music they have exploring on the sound beam and music production students shared some of their compositions. The rock band also performed.



## Visiting Schools

Once again we had local schools visit us during Proms week to perform. They included Sandhurst School, Lambs Lane, The Avenue and Colleton School.

## Addington's Got Talent!

The Talent Show was a fantastic end to the week and brought the whole school together. Yet again our students showed their talents of singing and dancing as the afternoon was filled with students between year 1 and year 14 taking to the stage, including solos, duets and class groups, plus a special performance by Addingtons Boy Band!

## Art work

Once again this year classes took part in some art activities during Proms week. Students entered a competition for art work to go in the Proms Programme and some work was displayed. All classes produced a sculpture with the theme 'Wacky Races'. Ideas were really imaginative, including the TARDIS, a



chariot, the night bus from Harry Potter and a hot air balloon. The sculptures have then formed an art trail which students have followed around school. They will be displayed in Woodley library in September.

Thank you to everyone who supported the week and well done to every student!

Also this term...

## Superstar Concert

Our Addington choir were joined by choirs from Kennel Lane, Arbour Vale and The Castle Schools to perform in this very special concert. After learning songs in lunch time rehearsals, the massed choir met for the first time after school on the concert day and took part in some musical games and activities before rehearsing in preparation for the evening concert. Addington had three featured soloists. Well done to all that took part!

## Key Stage 1 singing event

This half term we have hosted a morning of singing for Key Stage 1 children in the local area. Nearly 300 children came to join us for a fun singing morning.



## FestForAll



*We held our very first FestForAll on 15<sup>th</sup> July and it was a huge success. Our aim was to create a festival that our students could enjoy with their families. The main stage featured music from rock bands, dancers, singers and choirs and finished with a set from the Addingtones! There were craft stalls, games, a bouncy castle, a BBQ and Pimms tent plus rickshaw rides, ferret races and much more to keep everyone entertained. Thank you to everyone that came and helped to make the event a success - watch this space for future plans!*



*Wishing you a restful and sunny summer holiday!  
Rhona, Sean, Jules and Martin*



## Headteacher's Award Winners



Congratulations to the following students who achieved awards for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the Summer Term:

### Foundation/ Key Stage 1

Sulaiman Muhammad  
Owen Kyle  
Fabio Mazzarella

### Key Stage 2

Danny Shilton  
Luka White  
Ollie McGrath  
Eddie Clement

### Key Stage 3

Jack Healey  
Alex Green  
Zoe Maunder

### Key Stage 4

Jazz Le Doo  
Duncan Stonehouse

### Key Stage 5

Soneem Pun  
Aaron Landor  
Salih Akyildiz

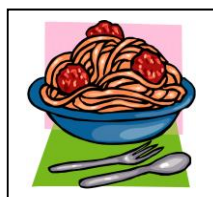
### Access

Lewie Cheeseman  
Ria Lakhanpal

## ADDINGTON SCHOOL - ANNUAL PUPIL AWARDS - 2016 / 2017

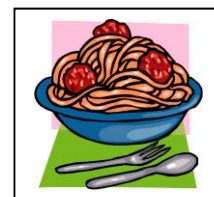
- ★ Annual Headteacher Award - **Ayesha Bibi**
- ★ Friendship Award - **Sai Vishal Singam**
- ★ Primary Progress - **Connor Richardson**
- ★ Secondary Progress - **Scott Denton**
- ★ Behaviour Award - **Danny Shilton**
- ★ Behaviour Award - **Harry Shearer**
- ★ Sportsperson of the Year - **Liam Fuller**
- ★ Most Improved Sportsperson - **Alex Green**
- ★ Musician of the Year - **Daisy Cripps**
- ★ Personal Achievement Award - **Christopher Smith**
- ★ Access Award - **Ria Lakhanpal**

**Well done everyone...keep up the great work!**



### SCHOOL LUNCH PRICE LIST From September 2017

Primary Pupils.....£2 per day  
Secondary/FE Pupils.....£2.20 per day



All monies should be paid in advance.

**ONLINE PAYMENT IS NOW AVAILABLE** please ask for details

Please remember that lunch **MUST** be paid for every day.

# ROUTES INTO WORK



## Citizenship

### BUDDIES



This final term of the school year has been the most active for the Buddies. As well as their usual break-time friendship buddy duties, and on-going class responsibilities, they also had to remember to follow a separate time-table to accompany visitors to a range of school events.

Meeting and greeting parents and school visitors has played a huge role in the buddies list of duties this term. During proms week, the buddies had a busy schedule of accompanying visitors to and from performances from every key stage. These visitors included school governors, parents, children and teachers from neighbouring schools as well as performers from neighbouring schools.

The buddies also played an important role in both Primary and Secondary sports days. They were able to work together as a team to quickly accompany all parents to sports days on the field, ensuring that parents sat in the correct house teams in time for the beginning of events. Buddies duties were also called upon during two big events in the school calendar – the Celebration of Work Experience and the final Leaver's Assembly. The smooth running of all of these events was very dependent on the buddies carrying out their duties promptly and swiftly so that everything could start on time!

Thank-you buddies for all your hard work this term, and we hope that you thoroughly enjoy your summer break!

## **British Values**

British Values have been at the core of all our summer term traditions at Addington School. Students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to re-connect with our social and cultural heritage through some of the traditional anthems that were played at proms, as well as the more modern anthems that lend themselves to the diversity that we love to celebrate in school. It has also been lovely to see the sense of pride that students have taken in the making and display of models for the school arts award. Working together as a community, students have had opportunities to develop their sense of belonging as well as actively contributing positively to the school environment.



# ROUTES INTO WORK

## Hospitality



It has been a very productive and successful year for the City and Guilds Level 1 students in Hospitality - all six students have completed and achieved their Level 1 Award qualification. Congratulations to all of them! Furthermore, this bunch of young entrepreneurs are not even attempting to slow down the pace following this recent success. Within two weeks, with the guidance of their instructor Karen Seymour and her team, they have planned, baked and catered for six different events in the school calendar, including a Rotary Club lunch, a celebration at Wokingham Town Hall at which John Redwood MP was in attendance, as well as school functions. What is even more wonderful is the fact that the entrepreneurs have now placed a fee on their services!

It is really fantastic that our young people recognise the value of their work-skills, both in terms of their own personal and professional development as well as helping them to gain paid employment. Well done to all of them, and they truly deserve a restful summer!

## Horticulture

We are delighted with achievements and success this term; two students achieved their City and Guilds Level 1 Certificate in Horticulture and another student has graduated with a City & Guilds Level 1 Diploma in Horticulture.

It was great to be able to handle some beautiful slow worms that were found in a half empty compost bag at the allotment. We brought them into school to show everyone then we put them back safely in the ground.

Students have harvested a few kilos of onions and our final job this term is to harvest the lavender, before it goes too dry, and store it ready to make Christmas gifts. The tubs at the front of the school have grown considerably since the students first planted them and have been admired by lots of people. We now have staging in the plastic bottle greenhouse and the students have planted peppers in large pots with a wicking system for irrigation – next will be the pumpkins!

The students have done very well to work so much in the hot weather this term, drinking gallons of water and pacing themselves! Well done to all the students who have worked hard this year in Horticulture, and we look forward to growing more great things from September!



# WORK RELATED LEARNING

## National Grid - EmployAbility

### **The Interns**

The Interns in the Employability supported internship programme have succeeded in completing their one year internship working at the National Grid! This is a fantastic achievement, and the interns should feel very proud of their achievements. Each intern has been on a very personal journey that has taken them out of their 'comfort zone,' given them new and exciting opportunities as well as broadened their horizons in terms of what they can achieve in life.

We are delighted that each of the one of the interns has carved out their own individual paths following the programme, based on what they feel is right for them and their progress over the past year. One of the interns has accepted a full-time permanent position of employment at a Level 2 job within National Grid.

Whilst one student has accepted a paid apprenticeship at Ikea, another intern secured one of only fifty nationwide positions in a tapered internship supported by Royal Mencap. Two of the students have decided to move on to college, with a focus on progressing to Level 1 courses. It really has been the most exciting year for the interns, and we are looking forward to tracking their successes in the future!

### **New Intake**

This year, three young people have been successful in gaining a place on the 2017-18 EmployAbility supported internship at National Grid. The young people have completed 'taster' days within their new placements, and have met their managers at National Grid. During the summer holidays these young people will be following a travel training programme, supported by the Wokingham Supported Employment Service at Optalis. We wish the good luck, and are looking forward to sharing their successes in the new academic year.





# ROUTES INTO WORK

## Celebration of Work Experience 2016-17



The careers department thoroughly enjoyed the highlight of our year in July – recognising all the achievements of our young people during work experience and celebrating these with their parents, teachers, employers and support staff.

Employers were delighted to have had the opportunity to share the positive experiences they and their staff enjoyed from working with our young people. Several students were delighted to have been offered paid part-time employment following their work experience success, and all have been offered excellent references that can be used in the future.

A huge 'thank-you' to everyone who attended and made the day so special for all the students.

Well done to all our young people who took part in 2016 – 17 work experience!







## **ADDINGTON SCHOOL TERM DATES** **2017 - 2018**

### **Autumn Term 2017**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Half Term: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October

Training Days for Staff – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September  
– School closed

### **Spring Term 2018**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Half Term: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

Training Day for Staff – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – school closed

### **Summer Term 2018**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July

May Day Holiday – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May

Half Term: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Training Days for Staff – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April – school closed