

# PURCELL PARENT NEWSLETTER

26th May 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Despite having worked in education for 27 years, I'm always taken by surprise when the final half term of the academic year arrives! This year, like every other, I can't quite believe that the summer holiday is literally just a few, busy, weeks away, yet here we are! This last half term has been characteristically busy with a whole variety of incredible musical events, and public examinations have brought their own pressures and logistical demands. A glance through the "Weekly Highlights" gives a flavour of the range, variety and quality of our students' achievements, which remains astounding. Looking ahead, there's no sense of "winding down" to summer - next half term is another packed one with the final run of exams taking place and a busy and inspiring schedule of events taking us to the summer holiday. Like last year, we will be inviting all parents into school (weather permitting) on the last day of term for our final assembly, prizegiving and end of year BBQ; more details of this will follow early next half term.

## From the Head of Sixth Form

It seems as if it was only yesterday that we were looking to welcome the current Year 13 students to the Sixth Form and now they're nearly ready to go! We will miss them all and I hope they manage to find some time this half term to rest and recuperate before their final exams in the following weeks.

We want to remind you as well as your children that you are, and will always remain, a member of the Purcell Family. We'd love to stay in touch with you over the years and invite you to events as and when they

come up. We'd also be very happy to welcome you back just to say hi! We would appreciate your help in ensuring that the leavers fill in the necessary forms to allow us to send A-Level and Pre-U certificates as well as record the other information that we are required to keep. We've moved these forms online and whilst students will be sent reminders directly, the form can be accessed online [here](#).

Over these last few weeks, as your child will be completing their exams, they may wish to

spend some time out of school and the daily routines. The Music Department has a whole host of concerts and other activities arranged for the remainder of term and, of course, instrumental lessons will be continuing as usual. If your child wishes to be absent from school for any reason please continue to request absence in the usual way by emailing [studentabsence@purcell-school.org](mailto:studentabsence@purcell-school.org) with the details.

Kind regards,

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# From Mike Long, Director of Teaching & Learning

## Mock Week - W/B June 12th

Year 10 and 12 students will sit their academic mock exams the week beginning June 12th. For year 10, core subjects will be sat in the gym and completed under exam conditions. Year 12 will sit most subjects in the gym or hall under exam conditions. This is an

opportunity for students to experience the exam process in preparation for next year's exams, as well as provide teachers with an accurate picture of their progress halfway through the course. Subject teachers will provide

specific information on each paper and what to revise over the half-term.

## Driving on the School Site

I need to ask all parents/guardians who drive on the school site to strictly observe the 5 mile an hour speed limit. This is important for obvious reasons. The blind corner by the

Principal's house is a particularly dangerous section and needs to be taken with extreme care - even if you are running late! I have observed that many take this corner at a

speed that would make an emergency stop impossible, were there to be the need. Thank you for your cooperation.

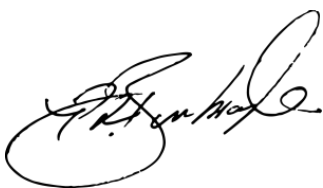
## Concerts Coming Up Next Term

Monday 26th June		
19:00	Brass Department Concert	CP Hall
Tuesday 27th June		
all day	Purcell Composers @ 60 Musical Trails Concerts	Around School
16:00-19:00	Purcell Composers @ 60 Unusual Spaces concerts	Unusual spaces!
19:00	Creative Ensemble Concert	Recital Room
Wednesday 28th June		
19:30	Piano Department prize winners' concert	St James's Piccadilly
19:30	Purcell plays Jazz Funk with Stefan Redtenbacher, Big Band and friends	Watford Palace Theatre
Thursday 29th June		
16:00, 17:00 and 19:00	Comp Comp	CP Hall and Recital Room
19:30	Purcell Orchestra, James Gilchrist, Chloe Harrison; Elgar, Britten, Mahler, Beethoven Proms at St Jude's	St Jude's Church, Hampstead Garden Suburb
Friday 30th June		
19:00	Philomel play Mozart, Gipps, Britten	CP Hall

Saturday 1st July		
<b>Afternoon</b>	Purcell Palooza	On the field
Sunday 2nd July		
<b>Morning</b>	New students induction morning	CP Hall
<b>15:00</b>	Chamber ensembles at Lees Court	Lees Court, Faversham
<b>19:00</b>	Musical Madness	CP Hall
Monday 3rd July		
<b>12:00</b>	Chamber Ensembles concert at Clumber Studio	Private event in Surrey
<b>19:00</b>	Pop and Commercial Dept session bands gig at the Horns in Watford	The Horns pub, Watford
<b>19:00</b>	Purcell Composers @60: Purcell Parallels IV	CP Hall
Tuesday 4th July		
<b>11:00</b>	Felsenstein Award	Recital Room
<b>19:00</b>	Rachmaninoff 150 concert: Chamber Choir, Symphonic Wind Orchestra, Chamber groups and soloists	CP Hall
Wednesday 5th July		
<b>19:00</b>	6th form pianists' recital	Recital Room
Thursday 6th July		
<b>19:30</b>	SIM concert	CP Hall
Friday 7th July		
<b>Morning</b>	Prize giving assembly, barbecue, end of term	

Wishing you a lovely half term break,

Best wishes



Paul Bambrough  
Principal