



**The Crypt School  
Newsletter  
April 2016**

Dear Parents

After a lengthy and rigorous selection process I am delighted to announce that the new Student Executive, drawn from the ranks of current Year 12. The Executive will act as role models for all students and work together with staff to ensure the continued success of the school in 2016/17.

School Captain : Matt Hughes; Vice Captain : Rachel Jackson.

Student executive :

Alex Barrett, Jack Halford, Olivia Hughes, Jude Hunt, Benedict May, Sonny Neal, Sam Phillips, Dominic Plant, Caitlin Santacroce, Cameron Seyers, Aaron Woodard

My thanks to all those in Year 12 who applied to be a member of the Executive. We had almost 50 applications and the quality and calibre of those applying was outstanding. They are a delightful year group and I know that all students in year 12 will continue to contribute greatly to the life of the school.

May I also take this opportunity to thank the outgoing School Captain, Harvey Johnson, Vice Captain, Alex McIlwraith, and Student Executive for their excellent contribution to the school. They have supported the school on many occasions and were always excellent advocates for the school.

Some parents may well be aware that the School's Twitter account was hacked into over the Easter holidays, with individuals posting inappropriate comments about our plans to move to a fully coeducation school in September 2018. Both the PE and main School Twitter accounts have been suspended.

May I take this opportunity to ask parents to remind their sons and daughters that social media is to be used responsibly and misuse will result in sanctions being applied by the school, and possibly the police.

The School Facebook accounts remains open and will include information such as letters sent home, study leave and examination dates. This information is also available on the school website. Term dates for 2016/17 are also on the website.

Please can parents also be reminded that absences during school time will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. Studies have proven that absences taken during term time have a detrimental effect on learning.

A letter regarding our consultation to move to fully coeducational has been distributed to parents via parentpay or post.

It has been brought to our attention that a small number of students are bringing 'training' knives into school. Please can you reiterate to students that these items should be left at home because such items are strictly prohibited in school and they are deemed as an offensive weapon that can cause injury or offence?

According to the police, 'the definition of an offensive weapon is any article made or adapted for use for causing injury to the person, or intended by the person having it with him for such use by him, or by some other person. (N.B. this definition includes a disguised knife). It is an offence to have in your possession an offensive weapon in a public place.'

### **Spanish**

Parents may be interested in a proposed opportunity next academic year (2016-2017) for their son / daughter to take part in after school GCSE Spanish lessons.

As you may know, Spanish has been withdrawn from the Year 10/11 curriculum due to financial pressures however boys, particularly in year 9 and 10, who may have wanted to study Spanish at GCSE will be able to do so at these after school sessions run by Mrs Joykson.

If you are interested in this opportunity please contact Sue Wales [swales@crypt.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:swales@crypt.gloucs.sch.uk) and we can send you further details about timings and cost at a later date.

### **Future Event :**

Our Year 9 rugby have had an extremely successful year, after reaching the final 8 in the Rosslyn 7s National Competition, they are now playing in the EDF Cup Final at Kingsholm on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2016, KO at 4.00 p.m. All are welcome to attend to support the team.



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Headmaster