

Dear Parent or Carer

This is a fairly brief update from me as I am also sending a letter representing the views of all Buckinghamshire headteachers about our funding position. Please do find time to read it and make whatever representations you feel are appropriate.

The headlines in newspapers and news bulletins are true. We really are facing some very difficult times ahead, having worked through a very challenging few years we know that our budgets will be even more difficult to manage in the medium term future.

At Sir Henry Floyd Grammar School. We have been making good use of our finances so are in a far more secure position than many schools. However we have had to make some tough decisions – we have reduced the amount of teaching time that we give to sixth form courses and have been ruthless about cutting out subjects that attract small numbers of students. In the past few days we have had to make a very difficult decision and have decided that we will not be able to teach the IB Diploma to our Year 12 students next year.

I am very proud of the fact that we have continued to provide an excellent standard of education to our students. We have had to work harder and harder to do that but we have done it – and intend to keep on doing so! I give the illustrations above to help to explain that the issues raised in the letter I have attached are very genuine and honest.

This may be an appropriate moment to ask you to look at the information about our Fundraising Appeal on our school website!

Sports successes

We have had some very good netball results this week. Both Year 10 and Year 11 girls have done very well in their district tournaments. Congratulations to them all.

Charity days

Can I remind parents that our Charity Committee are going to be working very enthusiastically next week to raise money for the Thames valley air Ambulance. We are holding a non-uniform day on Friday with a fancy dress theme of Superheroes and Villains. There will be several events designed to encourage students to give some money to this very worthy cause, chosen by the students themselves.

Performing Arts showcases

We have run two showcase events in the past few days. A level dancers and musicians have been performing their examination pieces. The presentations have been amazing – very inspiring!

Data Checking sheets

In February we sent every parent a copy of the information that we hold about their children on our database. We are legally obliged to check that our data is

accurate and this annual check is our main mechanism for doing it. Please do return the form (with any corrections required) as soon as you can – even if no changes are needed.

Lost Property

Lost property will be on display in reception next week. Unclaimed items will be disposed of during the Easter break.

Locker Clearance

All students are required to empty their personal belongings from their locker at the end of term, only books can be left. Please do what you can at home to encourage students to take home everything that you hope to see!

Yours sincerely

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