



The Mall School

As Headmaster of The Mall School and President of the MSA I would like to thank all the members of the committee and other parents who have contributed so much during the last twelve months to ensure the continued success of the school. I am pleased to report that it has been another extremely successful year for The Mall.

All Year 8 boys in the summer passed Scholarship or Common Entrance to secure their places to their senior schools. Five scholarships were awarded last year and six boys were awarded book prizes by senior schools for strong performance in the final exams. In the UK Junior Maths Challenge Year 7 and 8 boys were awarded 15 gold, 15 silver and 5 bronze medals. Four Year 5 boys won the King's College School Maths challenge competing against pupils from other prep schools and a Year 6 team of four boys reached the second round of the National Young Mathematicians Competition.

In music over 70 candidates passed music exams this year ranging from the Preparatory Test to Grade 5 with 26 candidates achieving a merit and 12 a distinction. In sport our swimmers are the independent schools borough champions for the tenth year in succession. Boys from The Mall won the U13 Middlesex County Golf Championship; the British Taekwondo Championships; the 200m kayak sprint at the London Youth Games and won a gold medal in the London Youth Games. In athletics twenty boys represented the school at the London championships with ten reaching the finals and two coming first.

Last year in December fifteen of our Year 8 boys joined with students from Konstanz School in Germany to commemorate the events of the Christmas Truce in 1914 by singing carols and watching a football match played between representatives from the British and German armies.

This is only a flavour of some of the many things which boys from The Mall have been doing over the last twelve months which has also seen the refurbishment of Mall Infants and the Waterfield building; the introduction of hot lunches for boys in Reception and Year 1 and the creation of a superb science garden on the main school site.

None of this would be possible without the support of parents and particularly the support provided by the MSA. Not just the financial support the MSA provides but also the organisation and running of the numerous events which go on throughout the year: Christmas and Summer Fairs; the wonderful Summer Ball; quizzes for boys and parents; bar duty at our concerts and plays; and manning cake stalls to name but a few. For all these events and on behalf of the boys and staff of The Mall I would like to say a heartfelt thank you.

Finally I would like to thank Susie Karir who is stepping down at this meeting for the excellent work she has done as Treasurer. And a huge thank you to Sally Taylor and Roni Bailey who have been an excellent double act as co-chairs of the MSA and who have worked tirelessly for the school during their time in office. This has been another successful year due in no small part to the time and effort you have put in.

Thank you again and I wish the MSA all the very best for the next twelve months.