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Dear Parents/Guardians

Headmaster's End of Term Newsletter

As we work our way through the last few days of term, I thought I would take this opportunity to update you on what has been happening at the School. The first few weeks disappeared in a blur of mock examinations, assessments and parents' evenings. Just after half term we launched our new website. This was the culmination of an enormous amount of work and I now feel we are moving in the correct direction with regard our 'shop window'. What has been notable is the amount of news stories we are now managing to push out to parents and pupils via Facebook and, increasingly, Twitter. Looking ahead, the digital side of our communications will begin to look at other applications such as Instagram, Pinterest and YouTube to ensure we are fully utilising the complete suite of communication tools available to us.

All of this, as well as our on-going work with Admissions, falls under the remit of Sandra Taylor. Sandra took over as Head of Marketing and Admissions from Karen Barclay three weeks ago and she has made a great start in her new role. The website itself is a huge step forward for the WGS community but I can assure you that this is just phase 1. If you do have any comments about the website and spot anything we may have missed, please drop a line to marketing@wisbechgrammar.com

On the staff front, there has been very little in the way of movement so far this year. At assembly, we said our goodbyes to Dr Adrian Jarvis, who is moving to Nottingham and will be working in Malaysia shortly, and also to Jane Reavell who is retiring. Jane is completing a trip of a lifetime very soon and ticks off an event that is on my own 'bucket-list' by accompanying the British and Irish Lions on a tour to New Zealand; I can certainly say that I will be green with envy when her postcard arrives. I would like to take this opportunity to thank both of them for all their hard work and dedication to all things WGS during their time at the School.

New arrivals at the School are Sarah Cross, who will move into the English Department as Kate Timmis takes over the reins as Head of Department. We also welcome Neil Taylor, who arrives to lead the Cricket programme at the School.

Looking forward to developments within the School, there are a number of projects currently being discussed and researched in time for the next set of Governors' meetings in the Trinity term. The projects under discussion involve

- The Old Dining Room and the corridor area surrounding it
- A review of our netballing facilities
- The car park project (where we are still awaiting some information from Fenland and Cambridgeshire County Council)

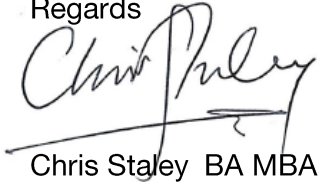
- Areas around the front of the School in and around the Magdalene House tunnel, and
- A proposed expansion of our site to encompass a proportion of the fields next to Magdalene House so that we can offer MH pupils but also Senior School pupils access to a Forest School.

We are certainly not sitting back and allowing the grass to grow under our feet.

Finally, to give you all a taster of how busy life has been over the past 13 weeks, please click onto the link below to see a copy of my end of term assembly where we celebrate some of the highlights of the past term. [Assembly Newsletter](#)

I hope you all have a peaceful Easter.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Staley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Chris Staley BA MBA
Headmaster