



Annual Reviews

We are in the middle of the intensive two week period of holding all of the Annual Reviews for pupils and students across the school, and I'd like to thank everyone so far who has joined us for these meetings and I hope that everyone has found the school reports informative and aspirational.

We do of course understand that there can be times when parents and carers simply can't rearrange other commitments to be present for the review meeting, but it is always very pleasing to see just how high the turnout is year on year and I'd like to pass on our thanks to all of you for this and for the open discussions we have at each meeting.

Sports Day (11th July 2017)

Hot on the heels of the Annual Review fortnight, we will be heading towards Sports Day on the Tuesday of the penultimate week of term.

Once again the Griffiths Centre (GC) students have planned this meticulously to make the whole day a fun, themed event with different new activities which the classes will move round across the event. This year's theme is the seaside, and we are inviting everyone to stay/arrive for a picnic lunch together between the morning and afternoon sessions. The Nursery through to the 5th Family Group will have their half of the day in the morning, with our 6th through to 10th Family Groups having the afternoon, and of course the GC students hosting and running both parts over the whole day.

As you'll have seen on the flyer about the day, Let's Play will be running a BBQ at lunchtime, The Friends of Frank Wise will be providing a refreshments stand and 'new to you' school uniforms, and there was a reply slip to complete about how you wish to deal with the picnic lunch for your child. We hope we'll see you there!

Local Offer

During the Spring term Natalie Dayer, our Out of School Liaison Officer (OSLO), sent out a questionnaire about The Local Offer. The Local Offer has two key purposes: To make specialist provision for the disabled more responsive to local needs. To provide clear, comprehensive, accessible and up-to-date information about the available provision and how to access it. It would seem that quite a lot of families are not really aware of this, so I thought it would be helpful to just provide a link to it here for you to take a look at some time when it's convenient for you.

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/public-site/special-educational-needs-and-disability-local-offer>

Nursing Provision

We are sending out a letter to families from Alex Davis, Interim Head of Service, about changes in how Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS) are provided to special schools across the county. I felt it important that I share with you a little more about the impact this has on the school, and so have copied a letter to all of you onto the back of this newsletter.

We shall continue to discuss matters with Oxford Health and with the Local Authority, and with the change from having our own full time CNS we shall have to look into what impact this has on our own, non-medically trained staff in managing the needs of all of the children across the school.