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Dear Parents and Students,

Educational Visits

At this time of year, a number of educational trips are organised, particularly for students in examination classes. Some visits are completed in a day, others are residential. Educational visits are great motivators and place students in the heart of their subjects, giving them the opportunity to experience the classroom theory in situ, first hand. This term amongst others:

Ile Ste Margeurite Form 7 - 5 days residential

BTEC Music Trip to London Forms 12 & 13 - 3 days residential

London AS and A Level Art 4 days residential

Madrid - AS and A Level Spanish 4 days residential

CERN Switzerland AS and A Level Physics 2 day residential

Cinema – Grasse Form 3,4,5 & 6 French Classes day trip

Gallimard Perfumerie Form 10 GCSE Chemistry day trip



A big thank you to the teaching staff for organising and running these trips in addition to their normal teaching loads.

Regional Cross Country Teachers In-Service Training Championships Days

After a very successful Departmental Cross Country Championships this week in Cagnes sur Mer, a large number of students have qualified for the Regional Championships to be held at the Base Nature in Fréjus on Wednesday 6th December. We wish them every success and will bring you results in the newsletter at the end of term.

Winter Concert

This year's Winter Concert is a little earlier in December than in previous years. The two performances will be on Thursday 7th and Friday 8th December at 09h00. For details, see a full article in this newsletter.

International Speech Competition

This annual event involving students from Forms 7,8 & 9 will be held on Wednesday 13th December at the International School of Monaco.

Piaf Meets Piazzolla

If you are a fan of either of these performing artists, don't miss the concert "Piaf Meets Piazzolla" in the School's Performing Art Centre on Saturday 16th December at 19h00. Entrance is 10€ to include a drink and free for children under 12. See posters around the School

Just a reminder that there will be no school for pupils next Thursday and Friday 23rd and 24th November. These two days are dedicated to teacher training time. Enjoy the long weekend.

Winter Assemblies

There will be three Winter Assemblies at the end of term that parents are invited to attend:

Friday 15th December - Early Years and Reception

Monday 18th December – Forms 1,2 & 3

Tuesday 19th December – Forms 4,5 & 6

All three assemblies start at 09h00.

Road in Front of the School and Bus Stop

For the parents who insist on parking on the pavement in front of the School, and even in the bus stop, you are very likely to receive a 135€ fine, if you actually leave your car (and rightly so).

If you are in the car, the police will ask you to move on, but if you leave it, they will fine you. It's true you have to walk a little, but there are spaces in the big car park – especially if you don't come too early.

End of Term

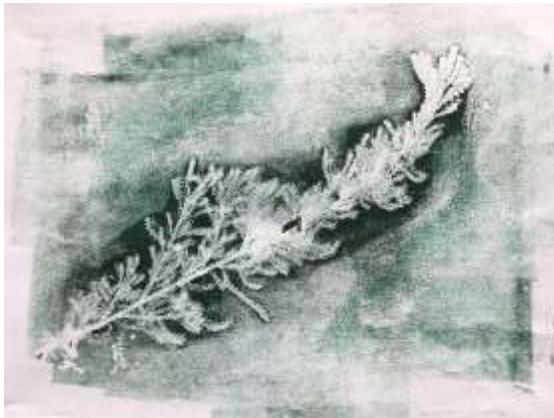
The day after the Winter Assemblies marks the end of the Autumn Term. We finish, therefore, on Wednesday 20th December at 12h00 and return on Monday 8th January 2018. There will be a newsletter on the last day of term, tucked inside the envelope with your child's report (Secondary), or in their bag (Primary).

Kindest regards,

Brian G. Hickmore

Headmaster

Year 11 Art Students are attending extra lessons on Wednesday this term to develop their coursework. I am so impressed by their continued hard work and enthusiasm and am very inspired by them and the work they are producing. Here is some work by Harper Sloane. She experimented with wet monoprinting using natural forms. The results are stunning. Year 11 is planning on hosting a couple of bake sales in order to help buy a printing press so that we can, with ease, create some high quality prints such as Harpers! Well done all of Year 11 Art! Sarah Kench



From Sue Dunnachie

This year we would like to make a concerted effort to **eliminate single use plastic in School**. This is a challenge which should be achievable. We would like to encourage parents to purchase individual washable, reusable water bottles for their children. When celebrating a birthday in School, please provide **paper plates if these are necessary as well as wooden/compostable cutlery**. If you are providing drinks please purchase **large glass bottled drinks or cans and paper cups** and not individual cartons. We are looking at the possibility of installing a compost bin in the garden area which could then hold food compost resulting from children's snacks, banana skins etc. This compost can then be used to fertilize the fruit and vegetables in the garden.

Please help us to create more awareness of the negative impact of plastic on our planet, in order that our children can learn to take more care of their environment.

On Friday 13th October the Primary School celebrated the **Harvest Festival** with a delightful Assembly which was well attended by parents. The students had obviously worked very hard on producing a thoughtful and enjoyable vision of what the harvest means to different people. We also appreciated a small selection of the songs which the Years 4, 5 and 6 Choir went on to sing at the senior citizen's home,

the Victoria Emera in Mouans Sartoux. The residents were absolutely delighted to be entertained by our students and it was touching to see how much our presence meant to them. Heartfelt thanks to all our parents for their generous food donations, a bumper year. This was taken immediately to the Petites Soeurs des Pauvres in Nice where they run a charitable home for senior citizens with no financial means of support,



as well as helping the homeless. Special thanks to Ms Dixon and Mrs Martin for producing a lovely musical interlude for the Victoria residents.

On Friday 13th October **two football teams (girls and boys) from Forms 10-13** were selected to play against three international schools at the Stade Charles Ehrmann in Nice. The three schools were the International School of Nice, the International School of Monaco and the School of Monza (Italy). Our teams had a resounding success and both teams won their tournaments and returned with another Trophy to add to our collection of Sports Trophies. Well done to all those who participated and thank you to Mr Hébant for his organisation of this tournament.

As a special time of year approaches, we like to think of those less fortunate than ourselves, particularly children who will have little to celebrate or are in hospital. This year we would like to ask families if they could donate new or used, (in excellent condition please), toys which will be donated to Lenval Hospital for Children in Nice, the Restos des Coeurs and local families in need. Please bring any donations to the Office and thank you in advance for your generosity.

From the Music Department

The music department are now offering one to one recorder lessons with visiting music teacher Lizzy Parks. A wonderful opportunity for your child to advance in practical music and music theory, with a view to encouraging younger students to develop on to more established instruments such as the Saxophone and Clarinet. For more information please contact the head of music Nicki Elcome.



Form 4a have been learning about how the Egyptians even mummified their pets! We made our versions of a mummified cat out of clay and toothpicks!



Winter Concert and BTEC Music 2017

Hi! We would like to introduce ourselves - the Year 12 BTEC Music students, Emma Ben and Vlada. We are promoting and organising the Winter Concert at Mougins School this year.

This year we will be dedicating the Winter Concert to the incredible Rick Preston who has given so much time, expertise and love to our students and the concerts at Mougins School over the years. As many of you are aware Rick is currently battling cancer so he obviously cannot maintain his usual teaching schedule. The money raised from the sale of Concert tickets will be donated to Rick to help him through this difficult period.



The winter concert will take place on **Thursday the 7th and Friday the 8th of December at 19h00** . Tickets priced at 5 Euros each will be available from Elisabeth's office, starting on the 20th of November. This year a seating chart will be put in place and tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis, so buy 'em quick! *Don't forget for all participants there is an obligatory rehearsal on Sunday the 3rd of December from 9h30 to 14h00.*

This concert will feature the exclusive talent of Mougins School's bands, choirs and other musical performances in various styles. However this concert's ultimate goal isn't only to put on great performances but it is to promote the importance that music has in the students lives and the school as a whole. **Music encourages team work, perseverance and confidence; because this school starts music at an early age, students are able to master these skills and apply them throughout their school careers and further into their lives.**

WWI Poetry with Form 7

In the Trenches

In the trenches dark and vile

You will never once see a smile

For this is war, my friend,

And hopefully we'll see the end

Many dead all around

Good friends six feet under ground;

Guns fire, lead flies overhead

Brothers, sons and fathers drown in a sea of red.

The Great War rages on and on

For two years, dusk 'til dawn,

Dawn 'til dusk. Even if we win this fight,

Will all these wrongs make a right?

Ford Shamlain

Peace at War

Months within this living hell,
deep inside the trench.

From above the sound of a distant bell,

Awakes us amid the stench.

The sky is bright this cold French day,

as we peak above the line

« A truce, a game », we hear them say,

in honour of Christmas time.

A ball is kicked from one to the other,

As laughter rings out.

Are we fighting enemy or brother,
we begin to doubt.

The light of day is falling,

Back down within our cells.

We await the morning's calling,
Of guns and cannon shells.

Ben McGuigan

The Soldiers Last March

In a blink of an eye, the guns will fire

As we climb through France's mountains, and paths of wire

Friends for the night, family forever

As we lay under stars, with fear together

Bored, But what for?

Sitting and waiting to end The Great War

BANG, men down, bloody hands held on hearts

With the few survivors falling apart

It is wrong to kill someone's son?

Human to human, were on the run

The run for life, the run for death

For this may be my very last breath

Through toil and sweat, we will
march on

For we will keep Great Britain
strong

Bella Ruddock

Let There be War No More

Sat together cold and drenched

Sharing smokes within a trench

Listening for the signal 'fire'

To send us up and over wire

All around the battles roar

Let there be war no more

The enemy's trenches are in my
sight

I am fighting my fear with all my
might

Bodies shattered on the ground

Young men crying to be found

All around is blood and gore

Let there be war no more

My friends are dead in No Man's
Land

There is no one left to hold my hand

For many took their dying breath

By walking on this field of death

Too young to knock on Heaven's
door

Let there be war no more.

By Caleb Bergström

Form 7—9 Students were challenged to create an 'artist room' for the Art homework last term. The 'room' had to reflect the style/lifestyle of an artist of their choice and all the staff have been amazed by their effort, time and imagination that has gone into these works. You can see a selection in this newsletter. Well done to all students for working so hard. A selection of the outcomes can be seen on display in the Sixth Form Art room.





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R.I.S. Valbonne Christmas Concerts: December 8 and 9, 2017

Get into the spirit of Christmas with Riviera International Singers Christmas Concert in Valbonne St. Blaise Church, rue de la Paroisse, on Friday 8th December at 20h, and Saturday 10th December at 18h.

Our programme will include traditional Carols and a selection of Christmas and sacred music.

The concerts will be followed by a warming cup of mulled wine (offered).

Entrance is 10€ for adults and 5€ for children under 12.

Christmas Fair for Cancer Research UK

Friday 17th November 10-5.30

The Grange, Mouans Sartoux

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Location: Mougins
Build: 241m²
Bedrooms: 4
Plot Size: 3150m²

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Located in a small exclusive domain consisting of 4 villas, very close to a golf course, this magnificent new contemporary property sits on a very nice 3300m² plot of land with infinity pool.

This luxurious property consists of 4 bedrooms including a master bedroom and its ensuite bathroom, as well as a large living room, a kitchen with high-end finishes, an office and several bathrooms.

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Plot Size: 3000m²



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