

# The De Montfort School

UNLOCKING YOUR CHILD'S POTENTIAL

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Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of what has been a very busy and eventful year at TDMS, I wanted to provide you with some information about results days, next term's arrangements and to thank you again for the support you continue to give our school.

Results days are as follows:

GCE A & AS Level Results	Thursday 15 August 2019	Year 13	8.00am to 10.00am
GCSE Results	Thursday 22 August 2019	Year 11 (Year 12/13)	8.00am to 10.00am

Looking back briefly over the year we were pleased with our latest SATs results which have seen our students make tremendous gains from the beginning of the year. Whilst we recognise that we have still lots to do to achieve the standards we are aspiring to, we must congratulate our students and staff who have worked so hard and of course, you for your support.

Throughout the year, our students' attitudes towards learning have been continuously improving, a view reinforced by the numbers of detentions and exclusions falling yet again this year.

Attendance however, remains a major priority for us at TDMS, so please do ensure that your child(ren) really appreciates that every day really does matter. Indeed, research has indicated that even attendance at 95% can mean one lower grade across every subject at GCSE compared to 100%, the difference between a 5 and a 6 or between an 8 or a 9 with the new numbered system.

Throughout the year, we have especially enjoyed working alongside our First Schools. With regard to St Richard's C of E First School we were absolutely delighted to be able to once again support their fantastic Sports Day, attended by large numbers of parents. St Richard's Years 4 and 5 also joined us for a very moving remembrance service at TDMS in November. 2019 will mark the 101<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the end of The Great War and Mr Ridlington (Headteacher at St Richard's) and I are looking to involve even more year groups on **Friday 8 November 2019**.

Parents are very welcome from both our schools, coming together to recognise the sacrifices made by others for the freedoms we enjoy. More details to follow.

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The year has ended with an excellent Awards Evening where we were able to celebrate the tremendous academic and personal achievements of our students. A special thank you to Cllr Frances Smith who spoke about the importance of determination, resilience and taking opportunities in life with her clear message that who you are tomorrow starts with who you are today.

Other highlights have included our incredible Arts Show, a fabulous Middle Schools Concert and our Summer Concert. Some of our students are currently performing in Agatha Christie's 'And Then There Were None' which started in Broadway last night. Tickets are available from The Almonry, Evesham 01386 446944.

It was an absolute pleasure to welcome Eddie the Eagle to TDMS recently. Eddie is the Sponsor of CASS, a charity organisation that has already supported some of our amazingly talented students with their sporting dreams. Our students have also enjoyed two amazing days of Enrichment this week which included endangered species campaign work, escape rooms and visits to theme parks.

Can I also take this opportunity to thank all those parents who have given their time to support our Parent Voice Team who have met throughout the year. Your support has been invaluable. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 22 October at 6.00pm** and if you would like to be part of this team which constantly looks at how we can continue to improve our school, you would be very welcome.

As you know, cultural diversity is important to us at TDMS and we have retained our International School Award again this year. We are also determined to support our local environment and excitingly, we are hopefully looking to adopt Four Pools Road in the excellent 'Adopt a Street' initiative. Watch out for more information soon.

I am sure you will join with me in again thanking the staff at TDMS who yet again have "gone beyond the call" to help unlock your child's potential. In particular, large numbers of staff who gave up their holidays to help both Year 11s and Year 13s.

TDMS students return on **Wednesday 4 September 2019 (except Year 13 who start on Thursday 5 September 2019)**, and we would like to remind you of our high uniform expectations and have attached our uniform list as a reminder. Please do ensure the new skirt is appropriately worn by your daughter to avoid previous concerns raised by numerous parents regarding modesty.

Due to changes in the cashless catering system students will need to bring cash for all food they wish to purchase from the canteen, from September to December. From January 2020, students will be able to use the cashless system again. Apologies for the inconvenience this may cause.

So much happens on a weekly basis at TDMS so please do continue to follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

Good luck again to all our students awaiting examination results over the summer; let's hope you get the results your hard work deserves.

Wishing everyone a restful, safe and happy summer break.

Yours sincerely



Guy Nichols