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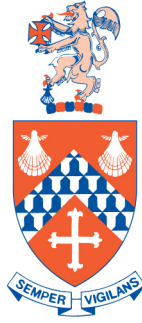
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Dear Parents,

You will have awoken this morning to the news of the terrible events that have taken place in Christchurch, New Zealand in the past few hours. As you know we have many members of staff, both past and present, from New Zealand. These attacks have come as a shock and are completely unprecedented: as such they will be attracting a good deal of media attention. I understand that the police had the situation under control very quickly and the casualties were limited to the sites of the two attacks. We are not aware that any families of our staff have been directly affected but it is inevitable that some may be indirectly affected and our thoughts are with all of them at this time.

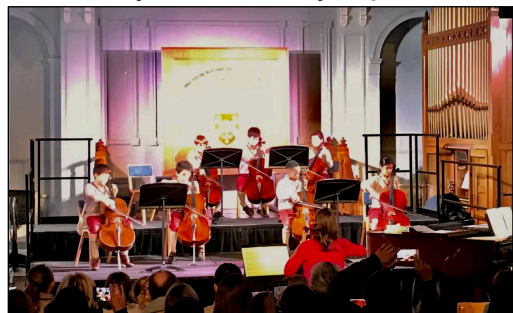


In happier news I have academic successes to pass on to you. In November last year the boys and girls in Senior School and Transitus took part in the Primary Maths Challenge. The children who did particularly well were invited to participate in The Primary Maths Challenge Bonus Round. This was completed earlier this year in January and the results have now come back to us. Awards will be given out in Assembly next week but particular congratulations go to Behnam Hamidovic, Petar Krivacevic, Aiyad Ahmed, William Coffin, David Brown and Alexandra Melnikova who all received Bronze awards and Benjamin Marlier for a Silver award.

On Tuesday this week four of our Upper Sixth boys took part in the Westminster School Prep School Geography Quiz. The hosts came first and our team of Evan Barazi, Magnus Gutteridge, Stefanos Ioannidis and Karim Seif were pipped at the post for second place by last minute bonus points.

Lower School entertained us at Assembly with a dramatic story telling of *Elmer the Elephant*. It is always astonishing to see how much these children, who are only five or six years old, can remember. Not to be outdone the children in Small School similarly told the story of *Jack and the Beanstalk* to parents and grandparents on Thursday afternoon in Flood Street. Thank you to all the members of staff who helped make these the successes they were.

As we head towards the final two weeks of this term there are still many events, trips and fixtures to come. On Tuesday the Upper Sixth will be visiting the Royal



Academy and the Drama Scholars will be going to see *The Mousetrap* on Friday. There are showcases on Wednesday and Thursday this week and the final week of term sees the Lower Sixth Musical double bill. Billings & Edmonds will be having a sale in Founders' Hall on Saturday 23 March. There is also a full programme of fixtures.

Further to last week's publication of the term dates for 2019-20 it has been noted that the dates given for Half Term in the Spring Quarter 2020 do not match many other schools holidays and so the term will be better balanced. Accordingly the dates for the Spring Quarter Half Term will be changed to **17 February to 21 February**. I apologise that this was not spotted before last week.

Best wishes,

Richard Townend