



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

11th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are looking forward to the February half term holiday; for a while you will be able to coax your daughters away from their screens to find ways to relax and recuperate. I am encouraging all staff to stop sending work-related emails and to truly switch off, because I predict that the next half of the school year is going to be frantic. From the implementation of the DfE guidance on GCSE and A-Level assessments, to mass testing to prepare for the return of pupils to the school site and the continuation of the school year which is full of lessons, extended curricular activities and significant dates in the calendar such as Founders' Day, it is going to be busy. We are all going to need the energy to finish the year with the same level of enthusiasm and determination with which we started.



The girls who have been learning in school wanted to pay tribute to Mrs Zimolag from Innovate Catering, who has been providing all the food onsite. Today the girls gave her presents and a card, to say thank you for all the delicious food, for always speaking with joy, her kind smile and taking the time to learn their names and what makes them happy.

## Parents' Workshop

I am pleased to report that feedback from the recent Talking Teens workshops is overwhelmingly positive. After the workshops, many families have remained in contact with the charity Supporting Links to receive additional advice or support. If you would like to join in then details of the next round of workshops can be found [here](#); the flyers are available on Parentmail and bookings can be made by following the links below:

Talking Resilience & Motivation: 2 sessions on Thursday 25th February & 4th March at 7.30pm to 9pm UK time and 8.30pm to 10pm CET.

It is suitable for parents and carers of all children of school age.

Talking Stress & Anxiety: 2 sessions on Thursdays 16th & 23rd March 7.30pm to 9pm UK time and 8.30pm to 10pm CET.

Both workshops are available on Zoom.

## Congratulations

Last Thursday, a team made up of two Year 12 girls, Umika and Abigail, and two boys, Bob and Yueyang, represented both Watford Grammar Schools by participating in Round 2 of a national German debate, run by the Goethe Institute. After successfully winning the first round in late November, the team went against Ibstock Place School, fighting for the motion that 'All genders should receive equal pay'. Despite being confronted by a strong opposition, they managed to succeed, securing a place in the semi-final in March. We are extremely proud of the students to have achieved this, even with the added difficulty of debating online. Good luck for the next round!



## SEWA Day

I have included information here for any families who believe they may need support over the next few weeks.

Best wishes,

Sylvia Tai

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Watford Tues/Thurs/Saturdays  
WD18 9QD 12pm - 2pm

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12pm - 2pm on  
Tuesdays,  
Thursdays or  
Saturdays