



A note from the Principal

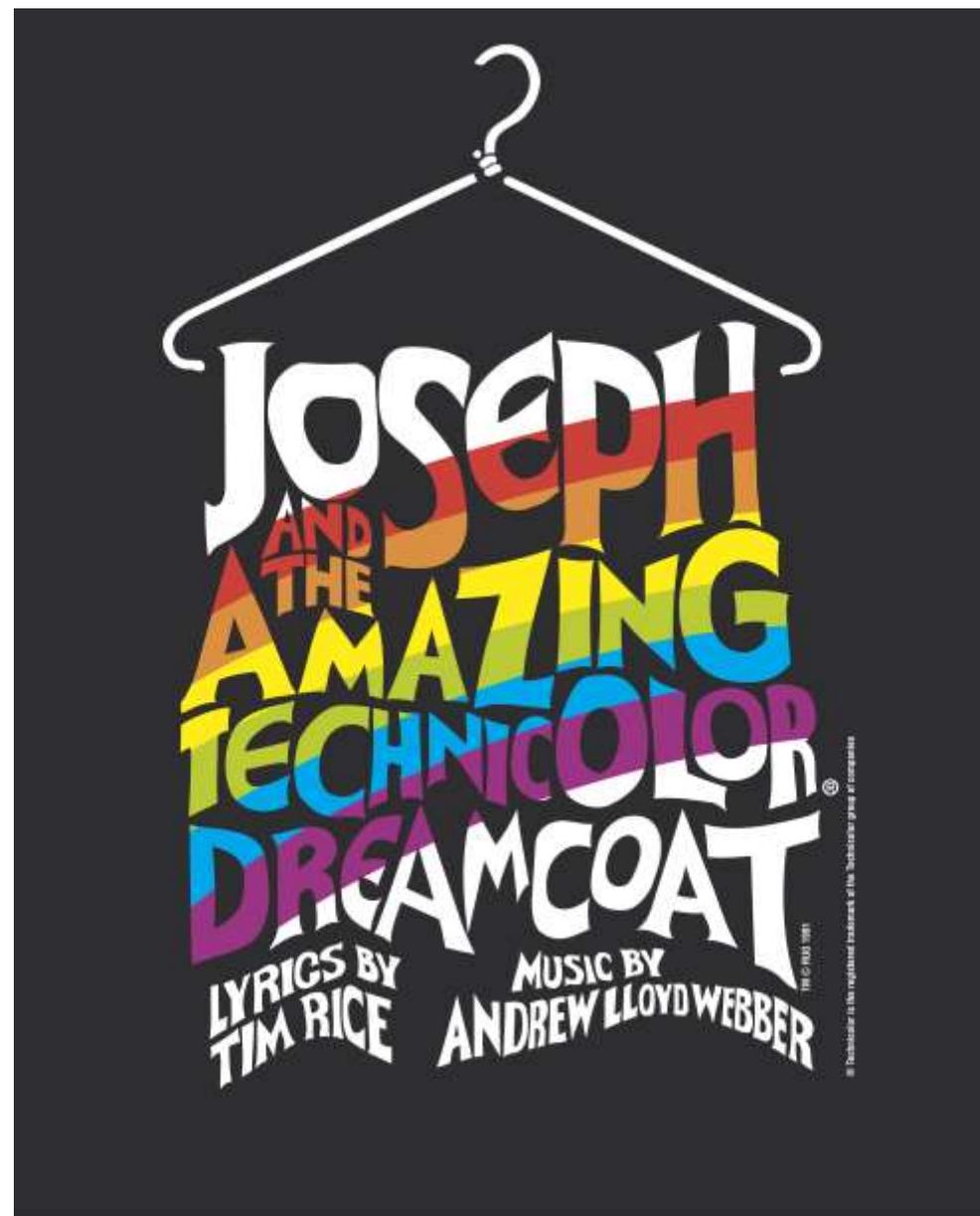
Autumn has begun and the campus is looking beautiful with the trees displaying their red and golden hues. With the advent of the colder weather can I please ask that students come dressed appropriately for school. I know how supportive parents have been regarding our stance on uniform and would remind parents that we ask that students have an appropriate coat and not a hoody. Please note that we will confiscate hoodies if they are worn onto the school site as they are not part of our uniform.



I wanted to thank all students who helped with the Open Evening last Wednesday. The campus was buzzing with parents of year 7, 9 and 11 students looking to join us. We are holding four open mornings in the next two weeks for parents of prospective Year 7s. If you know someone who might like to come and “see the school in action” please let them know. The first two dates are this Wednesday and Thursday from 9.15 – 10.00 a.m.

We have our presentation evening this Thursday and we are looking forward to celebrating student achievements with parents and invited guests. It is the highlight of our autumn term 1 and should prove to be a lovely evening for all who have been nominated to receive an award.

[Link to calendar](#)



Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dream Coat cast list will be up on Monday 8th October.

First rehearsal will be on Tuesday 9th in MU2 for everyone who wants to be involved and ALL allocated character cast members from 3.15- 4.15

Compton Verney Art Gallery



Our Year 9 students are currently involved in an exciting collaborative project with Compton Verney Art Gallery in Warwickshire.

All students in Year 9 have visited The Marvellous Mechanical Museum exhibition to see automata throughout the ages including the last made by Rowland Emmet whose inventions featured in the classic film Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. Students were captivated by the mechanical artworks and other visitors commented on how well behaved and engaged our students were.

Year 9 also attended a workshop at the gallery where they had the opportunity to make their own automata and experiment with how movement is created in an artwork. This work has prepared our students well in order to complete the current scheme of learning in Design Technology Textiles where they are designing and making textiles automata.



Miss Brookes
Teacher of Art



On Thursday 6th October, selected Year 9 students will have the opportunity to work with and contribute to artwork by Musson and Retallick

This exciting opportunity for students to work with contemporary artists forms part of the collaborative project with Compton Verney Art Gallery in Warwickshire.

M+R will visit our school and develop photography and sound recordings involving our students. This work will then form part of a light and sound installation that the artists are creating for the gallery in October.

We are very much looking forward to seeing the results of the **artists' workshops and the contributions our students will** make to The March of the Imagination exhibit.

The March of the Imagination
Art in the Park
Fri 26 Oct - Sun 11 Nov, Fri, Sat & Sun only
Compton Verney Art Gallery

Horley Scout camp

On Tuesday 2nd October, Year 7 students visited Horley Scout camp for a brilliant day of teambuilding through skills-based activities. Each college worked together in groups to create a den that would withstand the elements... luckily it was a dry day. They were armed only with string, some binbags and the resources that nature afforded them in the woods. Next it was off for a 2 mile nature walk and then orienteering which proved a challenge to some – locating the letters that would spell out a mystery word that had been cleverly secreted across the whole site; achievement points were awarded for those who met with success. Lastly was the most lively and arguably tactical event of Capture the Flag, which saw teams competing to 'own' their opponent's. Ambitious assaults on enemy defences soon gave way to more subtle tactics of using bait, evasive manoeuvres and matching offensive with defensive strategies.



Library news

Fabulous news for the library which has been granted **£8,000 from the Foyle Foundation to spend on new books!**

Students: Do you have a favourite author, or a book you long to read? Please let the library staff know and your request will be added to our shopping list. It doesn't have to be fiction; perhaps you're into cooking, martial arts, coding, origami, mountain biking... just let us know. [Why is reading so good for you?](#)

10 mile walk

Congratulations to Chloe who completed her London Bridge Challenge in aid of Diabetes UK!

"I've completed the 10 mile Diabetes walk (with no stops!!) in 3 hours!!"



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