



Dear RBA Families,

Firstly, I want to say a massive thank you to everyone who came out to support us at the Steve Fox Memorial Game last Friday. It was another truly fabulous occasion, and it was wonderful to see so many members of our community gather together to honour Steve's memory while raising a significant amount of money for the Steve Fox Foundation.

On a personal note, I would also like to put out an urgent plea for any video footage of my disallowed goal—I feel a VAR review is desperately needed to give the fans what they truly wanted to see!

Looking back a little further, I forgot to mention our first fire drill that took place on Thursday of last week. I was incredibly proud of the way our students conducted themselves and we were all safely out of the building in good time. While we hope the practices never turn into the real thing, it is heartening to know that students can move safely and swiftly if the need arises.

Back to this week, on Wednesday evening, we held our Year 5 Meet the Tutor and Information Evening. It was brilliant to welcome so many parents and carers into school and to start building that vitally important working relationship between home and school. Thank you to all who attended.

In related news for our Year 6 parents and carers, please keep an eye out for information heading your way soon regarding our upcoming Year 6 Meet the Tutor and SATs Information Evening on Tuesday 13th October.

This week also saw our first raft of House assemblies for the new academic year, and it was fantastic to feel the buzz and house pride across all four houses. Our newly appointed House Captains all delivered brilliant speeches—with a special shout-out to Jack M in Miller House for writing an exceptional effort. If these assemblies were anything to go by, the competition for the House Shield is going to be fierce this year!

Additionally, as part of our community action, Abrahams and Miller House are joining forces this year to support Hope Works in Bedford, an inspiring charity dedicated to supporting homeless individuals. Hope Works provides essential care including shelter, hot meals, clothing, shower facilities, educational courses, mental health support, and guidance on finding accommodation and employment.

They assemble care packages for those living on the streets and are currently in desperate need of the following items:

- Underwear (new): Men's (sizes Small, Medium, Large) and Women's (sizes Small, Medium)
- Winter Accessories: Hats, scarves, and gloves
- Treats: Chocolate bars





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We would love to collect as many of these items as possible to support their vital work. If you are able to donate, please ask your child to drop any items off at Reception. Donations are open to all students regardless of which House they belong to, and every student who donates will be awarded 3 Community VOICE points in recognition of their support.

Similarly, Norton and Turing House will be partnering to support CHUMS this year, and we look forward to launching our fundraising initiatives for them later in the school year.

Further to the letter I sent you yesterday, you can find the formal consultation documents for SWA's proposed intake of year 7s and 8 attached to this update. More information can be found on the BEST website by clicking [here](#). I would encourage you to participate in the consultation so that they have a broad range of views upon which to make a decision.

Finally, for this week, starting this academic year, each month will feature a dedicated theme linking to national events and SMSC (Social, Moral, Spiritual, and Cultural) development.

Our theme for October is Black History Month. To help our students engage with this our amazing Librarian, Mrs McKilligan, has created a recommended reading list linked to the theme, which is attached to this update. Most of these titles are in stock in the LRC and available on Accelerated Reader and we encourage students to try them out.

Thank you for taking the time to read this update - I hope that you all have a great weekend.

John Linehan

Principal



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