

HEADMASTER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WEEK 2, 13TH SEPTEMBER, 2024



Dear Parents

As the first full week of the new academic year draws to a close, I write to you today with a huge smile. My splendid mood is not due to the impending weekend (although that Friday feeling always helps), but because it has been truly wonderful to see the Town Close swing into action with full technicolour vibrancy now that the term is truly underway. One of the most important jobs for a new Headmaster, is to really get a feel for the school that they have been entrusted with so that they can magnify all that is great and begin to address areas for development to move the School forward. Developing this understanding of the rhythm of life at Town Close has very much been my focus this week by spending lots of time in the classrooms, as well as out and about with every year group from Nursery to Year 8. Particular highlights of this week for myself included the excellent Pre Prep Music Morning event; speaking with Year 8 about their brilliant Geography coursework trip to How Hill; and having the chance to share one of my favourite Oliver Jeffer's stories 'Stuck' with Nursery.

My absolute highlight of this busy week, was filming the '[Heads of School Induction](#)' video which we shared with the Prep pupils in assembly this morning and that you will find a link to in this newsletter. Whilst it was huge fun to film, it is also representative of both the busy role of being Headmaster and the even busier nature of school life at Town Close. There is always so much going on, but every moment is an opportunity to shape and mould the young people who make up our school community into the best versions of themselves. Quite simply; every moment matters.

Looking ahead to next week, I hope that many of you will be able to join me for Tea and Cake on Monday afternoon – fingers crossed for the weather to be as lovely as it has been today. Following that I look forward to representing Town Close School at the IAPS Annual Conference in the latter part of the week. I hope that you have a pleasant weekend and look forward to seeing all of the pupils on Monday.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. P. ...'.

