

# MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

It's so lovely to be travelling to and from school in daylight, and to be surrounded by the new growth, daffodils and blossom, sure signs of warmer times to come! After the winter freeze, it is great to be able to open a window and feel the outside coming in. I hope you are enjoying the new season too. Of course, spring is when the Year 11 girls start to think of the end of their Hollygirt years. They are all looking forward to their Prom in the Easter holidays and contemplating their revision programmes (but perhaps not as eagerly as choosing a dress and excruciating heels). Most of the coursework is completed and each individual knows just how much they have to do to fulfil their potential with the remaining couple of months before exams start. Careful, thorough preparation really will make a difference.

As spring has now officially sprung it is time for senior girls to cast off their black coats and to recommence wearing their blazers to and from school.

From September, I am rewording the requirements for our **senior skirt length** to state: **On or just above the knee.** We have had a gradual 'skirt creep' through this academic year and even with opaque black tights, some are so short as to be unseemly. I look forward to your cooperation in this matter.

Parents of girls moving on at the end of this academic year, or who have grown out of existing garments, remember you can re-coup some of your expenditure and help to raise funds for the Friends of Hollygirt Uniform Shop. The shop provides a much valued service to parents by stocking a wide range of garments at very reasonable prices. It is open monthly and dates will always be published in The Holly Leaf/Leaves.

I have had a lovely half term at concerts, plays and seeing evidence of superb work throughout school. I was particularly impressed by the silk paintings from Years 1 to 4 following their visit to Patchings Farm Art Centre last week. I have to also send a huge CONGRATULATIONS to the Year 8 quiz team, who having won their first round against Nottingham Girls' High School, went on with a convincing 390:190 win against Loughborough High School.

Their next opponents are Trent College - *good luck girls!*

You will find enclosed in your end of term mailing envelope information with regards to ordering Hollygirt school uniform online. John Cheatle Group, of which D&P is part of, are able to offer parents the ability to order directly online at:  
[www.schoolwear-centre.co.uk](http://www.schoolwear-centre.co.uk)

## Katie Scoops Two Golds and a Silver!



On 17<sup>th</sup> March, Katie Bartlett (10B) went to Battersea, London to take part in the National Junior Indoor Rowing Championships.

She got a silver for the Year 10 - 5 minute race (achieving 1,379 metres);  
A gold for the Years 7-13 Boat Race Relay (8's) over 6,780 metres in 22 minutes;  
(having won gold last year as well!)  
A gold for the Years 7-10 2,000 metre relay (4's) in 6 minutes and 28 seconds.

Having won **GOLD**, she now gets to ride in the speedboats following the Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race in April. It's great to see you getting your rewards, Katie, for all of the training you do!