Dear Parents,

We are now at the midway point of this half term and we continue to be impressed by the achievements of our students. Their efforts in the languages inter-house competition last week (see below) were particularly admirable and we look forward to more of the same in the next event, which will be netball.

**Parent Governor**

We are delighted to announce that Naomi Winnifrith was elected to be our parent governor at the end of last term. We are looking forward to working with her and the governing body to ensure that our school goes from strength to strength.

**School Trip - Hill End**

Please note a minimum payment of £20 should have been paid by now for the Year 7 residential trip to Hill End. Further payments of £10 are due in Feb, Mar and April. All payments to be made via Parentmail please.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

**Feedback on Student reports.**

As part of our reflections on the student reports given out on parent day, last cycle, we would like to gather some feedback on how useful these were to parents, and how they could be improved. Please complete the questionnaire at the link below to help us do so. The deadline for responses is **Friday 31st January** so that we have enough time to reflect on feedback and make any changes in time for this assessment week.

https://forms.gle/E6raxieGb58ob3Mr8

**House Language Competition**

"Last Thursday, Swan students took part in our first House Language Competition. They were given translated sentences in Yolmo, which is a language spoken in Nepal, and had to analyse its structure to work out what some of the words meant and to produce a couple of sentences in Yolmo too. I was very impressed with the dedication shown by all houses, and 7Y retained the house cup, by gaining 8 points out of a possible 9. Ms McCoy"

**SwanComm**

All parents and carers are invited to the next SwanComm meeting on **Monday 3rd February** 7.30 - 9pm at the school. Please come and help us get SwanComm off the ground!
Following the success of the disco at the end of last term we are looking to do something else this term. Come along with your ideas and help plan the events programme.
We are also still looking for committee members - so if you are interested in standing for a committee role please come along.
All are welcome - even if it is just to see what is happening!

**Uniform Reminders**

A reminder that we expect all students to be smartly dressed in Swan School uniform every day. This to reinforce our professional learning environment and minimise opportunities for differences between students, which can be exploited. Just a couple of reminders about specific areas of uniform.

- PE Kit - trousers/shorts/skirts must be plain navy blue, not black. Student will receive an expectations detention if they are not in the correct kit.
- Vests/Under-shirts - in this cold weather, we are happy for students to wear a warm layer underneath their shirt. However, this must be a neutral colour that is not visible through their shirt (e.g. white) and should be in addition to, not a replacement for, their school jumper.
- Coats - if students choose to wear a coat, it must be plain and dark coloured. High visibility (reflective) items for cycling are also allowed. We recommend a waterproof item. Hoodies are not allowed.

Details of all our uniform can be found on our website here. If you are unsure about any item of clothing, please feel free to bring it to school before it is worn so that we can check it.

**School Drop Off & Collection Reminder**

We would like to remind all parents not to drive into the school site - this was an essential condition of our school being given planning permission and a specific requirement of our school travel plan. If you must drop off/collect then the Ferry Centre should be used.

***Parents must not drop off or collect from the Cherwell School South Site Road. This is causing significant congestion and endangering students' safety.***

**Key Dates**

- SwanComm - **Monday 3rd February**. This is to begin at 7.30pm - 9.30pm.
- **Thursday 6th February** - inter-house sports competition
- Last day of term - **Friday 14th February**. Please be aware that that this will include an early finish of 12.30pm for students as staff have training in the afternoon. We return to school on **Monday 24th February** at normal time.

Regards,

The Swan School