

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I have always been a little sceptical about self-regulation but, following intense independent schools' inspectorate training this week, I am a convert to the importance of experts supporting but also assessing each other.

The sheer volume of regulations that independent schools have to meet to satisfy inspections is daunting but the overriding principle, that of pupil outcomes, is a reminder of what really matters in education. We can have a school with all manner of whistles and bells but, at the end of the day, the question we have to answer is 'so what?' Nothing that a school offers matters if it is not improving the personal development and achievements of its students. And this is where I believe schools can so easily get distracted.

The joy of being an independent school is that we have just that – independence to do so much more than a core curriculum. At the end of the day, however, what matters is our core delivery of teaching and learning and the way we support and encourage personal development. We know that lessons that are engaging and develop pupils' curiosity, independence and love of learning, make a huge difference to pupil outcomes and that these lessons are not just learnt in classrooms.

I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate Lloyd Beecham who will be moving to RGS Worcester as Senior Deputy Head in September. With this news, we will be recruiting for a new drama teacher by the end of term. As with all our recruitment, our focus will be on what matters for your children; appointing the teacher who will get the best possible outcomes for all our pupils. We will keep you posted.

**Kate Reynolds**  
Head.

Please note; formal indications of notice must be given by the end of term.

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## Lewestock

We have an exciting new addition to the school calendar, Lewestock is our very own mini-festival. Running over both the Saturday and Sunday with camping in the school grounds. The weekend will include: pool inflatable sessions, bouncy castle, a range of age appropriate activities for the children, disco, live music and more. All activities are included in the ticket price with a range of food and drink available to purchase. Programme updates will be posted on the school website. [Click here](#) to book tickets.

## GDPR

Due to an update to General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) you will have received an updated [Photo Consent Form](#). Thank you for the form returns we have had so far. Please ensure you have sent these back to us by 30 April.

## Photography from Leweston's Musical Production '9 to 5'

A reminder that photography from the production, courtesy of Millie Pilkington, is available to purchase at discounted prices until the end of 12th March. To view and purchase photos please follow this link and enter 'pankhurst' as the password, <https://www.everybodysmile.biz/cgi-bin/public.cgi?Id=286364>

All proceeds from sales will go towards Leweston's drama department and support the school in carrying out future productions.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**15 March** – School Concert, 17.00

**16 March** – Joint School's Sinfonia Concert, 16.30

**18 March** – JSSO Concert, Bristol, 19.30

**21 March** – Leweston Choral Society, Best of British. [Click here](#) to book tickets

**5 May** – [Badminton Horse Trials](#)