

FAMILY NEWS

A huge thank you to our four Heads of Family, who have created such a wonderful Championship and competition this academic year. In what has been a topsy-turvy leaderboard, the final standings were announced today. In fourth place are Beeches with 1617 points. In third place are Whitehall with 1681 points. In second place and toppled from being champions are Riddings, with 1693 points. Which means that the winning Family, and rising from fourth place last year, to victory this year, are Hollies, with 1809 points! Massive congratulations to Miss Thorpe and everyone in Hollies Family, who not only won the Family Championship, but did the double by winning the Sports Day trophy too! Participation was their key to victory, with more students and staff taking part in Family activities than in any other Family. Today, the winning students in Hollies all got to 'run the inflatable', whilst eating ice-creams. Well done to everyone in the school, for making the Family Championship so much fun, with a healthy sense of competition this year!



Beeches



Hollies



Riddings



Whitehall



WHAT A YEAR!

In the last few newsletters, we have shared information about the many enriching activities that have taken place in school, as we have built up to the end of the academic year; some photos of which are on the following pages. Alongside all the events represented in photos, last week each of our Families attended a church service where they celebrated the achievements of their Family during the academic year. Various students and staff contributed to the services in the form of musical performances, readings, prayers and informative talks. It was a very special, spiritual week of celebration.

ACTIVITIES WEEK



SPORTS DAY



YEAR 8 RESIDENTIAL TO THE TOWERS



VALENCIA TRIP



DUKE OF EDINBURGH



AND FINALLY...

Today marks the end of the academic year and it really has been a wonderful year for our school community. Inevitably, as a school year comes to a close, staff move on to pastures new and this year, three members of staff are retiring. We give huge thanks for the collective contribution of Vicki Carnell, Neil Muir and Julie Walton, who have between them dedicated nearly 80 years of service to the school community! We wish them a long, happy and healthy retirement. Also leaving us today are Matt Spann, who is embarking on a new endeavour outside of teaching, Rhona Logie who moves to be Head of Girls' PE at Weaverham High School and Emily Ambler who is moving home to be near her family in the south of England. We will miss all these colleagues and wish them every success in the future.

Wishing everyone a great summer and looking forward to catching up again in September!

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