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**Dear Parents** 

## Re Academic Success for High March Pupils

It is at this time of year that I am able to write to all parents regarding the destination schools for our Year 6 pupils. As usual all the girls have worked very hard to secure their places and I am pleased to write that almost 70% of our cohort have been offered a grammar school place this year.

Many of our pupils also sat the entrance examinations to a range of independent senior schools and this year we have a 100% success rate with all of our candidates being offered places at their first choice school. This has meant that over recent weeks many parents have been making difficult decisions as to which place to accept! This endorses the benefits of moving your child to her senior school at the end of Year 6. Not only can you be assured that a place will be awarded, but your daughter's development will be enhanced by spending a year at the top of her junior school in which she will enjoy varied experiences such as being a prefect or participating in residential trips.

This year the following scholarships have been awarded to independent senior schools:

## **Berkhamsted School**

Drama Exhibition – Jasmine Conner Sport Scholarship – Maria McMullan

## **Pipers Corner School**

Academic Scholarship – Melissa Sutton Art Scholarship – Sofia Tartaglia-Baker

## **Queen Anne's School**

Academic Scholarship – Olivia Botha Academic Scholarship – Iris Daly Academic Scholarship – Jessica Ivey Academic Scholarship – Sophie Young Art Scholarship – Sophie Young

I know that you will join with me in congratulating all the girls on this wonderful academic success. They have all worked extremely hard this year to attain these heights and fully deserve these awards and the places at their secondary schools. To celebrate their achievement a visit has been booked to Hillingdon Outdoor Activity Centre for their Leavers' Treat on Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>.

The teaching staff are also to be congratulated on the excellent tuition that they have given the girls, often giving up their own time to give them extra lessons. Successes

such as these, however, are due to the commitment and dedication of the whole staff team and I have already thanked all of the staff for their commitment to the school and the children.

We would also like to acknowledge the part that parents have played in assisting us, as good communication between home and school, working in partnership, is key to both the happiness and academic success of every child.

I am also very pleased to confirm the result of the **Del Anderson Poetry Scholarship**. We were very impressed by the overall standard this year and would like to congratulate all of the candidates in Year 5 who participated for their enthusiasm and participation. Particular congratulations, however, go to **Eloise Hundal** who was a very worthy winner of the scholarship and to **Clementine Cullen, Annabel Hermanns** and **Laurel Thatcher** who have been awarded exhibitions. **Verity Dove** was commended for her sensitive rendition of the set poem.

The **Robert Anderson Memorial Scholarship** is open to any girls in Year 3. The assessment process for this scholarship has changed this year and the awards will be based upon the girls' performances in their end of year examinations and in the CATs tests which they will all sit in the week before May half term.

Next term the Anderson Family is once again endowing **Drama and Music Scholarships** in recognition of the success of generations of High March pupils in the arena of the Performing Arts. High March has acquired a reputation for producing some fine actresses and musicians and this Scholarship reinforces the School's commitment to a broad and rich curriculum and belief in educating the whole child. The Open Scholarships will be open to pupils in Year 4 exhibiting particular talent in the realms of Drama and / or Music and will be tenable in Years 5 and 6. Further details will be sent out shortly to all the parents of pupils in Year 4.

Yours sincerely

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