

# parents' notes

FRIENDS' SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

"Be aware of the spirit of God at work in the ordinary activities and experience of your daily life" (Advices and Queries 1.02.7)

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## Graham Wigley

I am glad to report that Graham is making a strong recovery from his illness. He has been at home now for about a week and every day feels that he is getting better. Part of this recovery must be thanks to the many good wishes he has been receiving from the whole school community, pupils, parents and staff. I am sure he will thank you all himself when he returns but meanwhile please keep up the excellent 'medicine'! I am not yet in a position to tell you when Graham will return to work but I think it will be very soon. We shall keep you informed by ParentMail and of course, through Parents' Notes. Anna Chaudhri.

## Examination Results

Friends' School has once again celebrated excellent examination results this year. At A Level our overall pass rate was 98.3 %, much in line with recent years and 51% of the grades were A\* to B (17% were A\*). At GCSE the pass rate was 100% and our top grades were well up on last year, with an impressive 42.2 % of pupils achieving A\* or A grades. Friends' pupils continue to perform well above the national average and are also exceeding their own high expectations in many cases. We congratulate all our students on their hard work and thank the teaching staff for their great dedication to helping all our students achieve their best.



## Pupil News

Our congratulations go to Maddie Hansen, Year 11, who has been commended on her poem 'Eighteen-thirty-seven' and selected for the Foyle Young Poets prize giving ceremony on National Poetry Day. She was one of the eighty five young writers who were selected from more than seven thousand entrants to the competition. An excellent achievement!

## Visit from Shami Chakrabarti

Today we are delighted to welcome Shami Chakrabarti, Director of Liberty. Ms Chakrabarti will be speaking to our Year 11 and Sixth Form students about her work in defence of human rights. We are very grateful to her for finding time in her busy schedule to talk to us about an area which is very close to our hearts in a Quaker School. Some students will have an opportunity to talk more closely with Ms Chakrabarti over lunch.

## Forthcoming events, including sports fixtures

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| Tues 20th Sept | 15:30 - U15 Rugby (a) v Stoke   |
| Wed 21st       | 16:00 - 1ST XI Hockey (a) v Leventhorpe   |
| Thurs 22nd     | 15:30 - U13 Rugby (h) v Stoke<br>16:30 - U13 Hockey (a) v St. Mary's            |
| Fri 23rd       | German exchange arrive at FSSW - Year 9 and 10<br>Sixth Form Quaker Pilgrimage. |

