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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am sure that many of you will have noticed the transformation to the front of the school. Those old concrete pots have been replaced and so have the plants in them and we have some beautiful blue and yellow plants in the garden by the front door. These have all been provided by the PTA: not only the plants and the pots but the many hours of labour to plant them all up and dig out all of the old stuff. What a difference it has made. The old pots are going to be repainted and filled with other lovely plants around the rest of the school so there will have been a 'whole school transformation'.

We are very grateful to the members of the PTA for all of this hard work and for their commitment to the ongoing up keep of the garden.

Mrs C Murrell
Headteacher

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE - YEAR 11/12

Notice from the Learning and Skills Council: Requesting an application form online

As part of our development of the learner support service the Learning and Skills Council (LSC) are pleased to inform you that learners can now request 2009/10 Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) application packs from the "how to apply" section on the Directgov website. You can also collect packs from my office, near reception.

Students are asked to fill out some basic information about themselves, including their name, date of birth and address. Once submitted an application pack will be sent to his/her home address within 10 working days.

You can request an application pack for EMA from
www.direct.gov.uk/en/EducationAndLearning/14To19/MoneyToLearn/EMA/DG_066_955

Please remember that under the EMA Guarantee students who received EMA in 2008/2009 are automatically eligible to receive the same amount of support in 2009/10. For more information about the EMA Guarantee please visit the website: <http://ema.lsc.gov.uk/>

Mrs Crossey
EMA Co-ordinator

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

We are extremely grateful for all your help (and AKVs!) so far. Each and every voucher will count towards brand new equipment to enhance your daughter's PE lessons. Sainsbury's have now stopped handing out vouchers and this is the time where we need you to check your bags and drawers for any that you may have tucked away! Collecting all those vouchers for us is really appreciated but we can only use them if they get to us on time. The last date for handing in vouchers is **Friday 3rd July**.

Thanks again for your fantastic support!

PE Department

LORD MCNALLY VISITS THE YEAR 12 GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS GROUP

A few weeks ago, Lord McNally, the Liberal Democrat leader in the House of Lords came to speak to our year 12 politics class. We had the opportunity to ask him questions and inquired about his opinions on the results of the imminent General Election and the state of the economy. He was both stimulating and educational as he talked about his ideas regarding all sorts of political issues ranging from Government accountability to Gordon Brown's smile! We enjoyed the discussion very much and have gained a lot of insight into contemporary UK government and politics which we were all able to utilise to our benefit during the recent exam.

Stephanie Effiom 12F