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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very proud and excited to announce that we will be hosting Natalie Haynes in school on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Natalie Haynes is a writer and broadcaster and - according to the Washington Post- a rock star mythologist. She is the author of books such as '1000 Ships' and 'The Ancient Guide to Modern Life' and most recently 'Pandora's Jar: Women in the Greek Myth'. Her work has centred on a retelling of Classic myths and stories, and I would really recommend listening to her BBC Radio 4 series: 'Natalie Haynes Stands Up for the Classics':

On BBC Sounds:

(<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b077x8pc>)

On Audible:

(<https://www.audiobooks.com/audiobook/natalie-haynes-stands-up-for-the-classics/347264>)

or from the Apple Podcast store:

(<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/natalie-haynes-stands-up-for-the-classics/id1495971324>).

Today is the last day at the Senior School for Ms. McClintock. She has been with us for two years as a Chemistry and Science teacher and she will be much missed. She is leaving us to begin her dream job as a research assistant in air quality and emissions monitoring at the Cyprus Institute. Ms. McClintock's classes will be taken by members of the Science department. I am also very pleased to announce that Mrs. Eleni Kasparides will be taking on the role of Acting Head of English for the remainder of this Academic year.

The Performing Arts team is delighted to announce the return of the Senior School Talent Show this December. After over a year's break from performances, our talented students can't wait to get back on stage and amaze you once more! The event will take place at the Latsia Municipal Theatre on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 7.30pm, featuring a vast array of performances, including dance, singing and acting, by students across the year groups. Tickets will be available at both school receptions shortly. Seating is limited due to COVID restrictions, so please order your tickets as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

On a different note I would like to make clear the school's provision of online learning. In line with Ministry guidelines, online learning can be offered only if the student is isolating as a close contact or is unable to come into school but is otherwise well enough to work. Under all other circumstances students are expected to either be in school or to take the time that they need to recover from their illness. They will have access to the classes' Teams and they can follow work through that.

Many thanks to all those of you who have taken the time to fill in the parents' survey. I have welcomed the chance to hear your views. As you may be aware I have also asked the students for their views this week. We are also pleased to announce that the Parents' Portal will be rolled out for parents of students in Key Stages 4 and 5 (Years 10, 11, 12 and 13) on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November. Please look out for the emails with instructions and log in details.

If your children are in Year 9 or 11 you have no doubt begun to think about the choices for GCSE and A level respectively. We will be hosting our Options evenings to begin the process of making these choices in an informed manner on 25<sup>th</sup> November. More details will follow shortly.

Senior School students will this week be encouraged to continue to take a stand against bullying by following the antibullying alliance "One Kind Word" initiative. A range of activities will take place during the week that will allow us to shine a light on an issue that we fully intend to support our students with throughout the year.

Kind Regards,

**Dr. Beth Ashfield**

Acting Senior School Headteacher / Principal

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