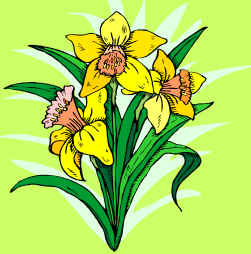


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Ah, the summer term! It can be a joy. Beautiful weather, so opportunities for all those outdoor activities, sports days and trips. Plus transfer arrangements and the satisfaction of seeing youngsters move on to their next school, college or Uni, or the outside world, nurtured and developed in one's care for all those years. Our pride in a job done well.

It's also the term of SATs or exams of course; those essential yardsticks by which too often we all seem to be solely judged nowadays. Data, data, data. Pressure, pressure, pressure. Meter readings!

In the midst of all that, it can be easy to lose sight of other values; the bigger picture. It's all very well valuing what's measured - but how do we measure what's valued? **"Judge your success by what you have had to give up in order to get it".** (*"Instructions for Life" - HH The Dalai Lama*)

We sometimes need to remember, especially with young tender lives in our hands, other interpretations of success. Perhaps when the dust has settled upon your youngsters' tests this term, when they - and you and your colleagues - have all done their best, and you find yourself poring over the resultant figures, this alternative account of 'Success' will prove helpful. In reminding you of everything of value in and about a school that lies beyond just tests, and of what really matters.

What is Success?

To laugh often and much.

*To win the respect of intelligent people
and the affection of children.*

To earn the appreciation of honest critics

And to endure the betrayal of false friends.

To appreciate beauty.

To find the best in others.

*To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child,
a garden patch or a redeemed social condition.*

*To know that even one life had breathed easier
because you lived -*

This is to have succeeded.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Whatever you do this term and whatever it brings, good luck - and may God bless your every endeavour with wholesome, fulsome success.

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