

# NewsRound



Keeping parents and students informed

Term 5 Letter 4 Friday 01 July 2016

## Fun Run 2016

The weather was so kind to us on Monday as over 600 pairs of feet lined up at the start of our Fun Run on behalf of the Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability. It was a great afternoon with so much community spirit from the hospital supporters who watched the race begin and end to the atmosphere of the students who were taking part.

The course is nearly four miles long of which most is around Wimbledon Common marshalled by staff to ensure 'no-one got lost' and kept on the right track. We had some serious runners who were 'in it to win it' alongside seasonal runners who paced themselves and runners who did a bit of both walking and running. What matters most is that they took part to raise funds for a good cause and some even dressed for the occasion in 'superhero' outfits like Spider Man, Batman, Wonder Woman and some not easily recognised from the comic books.

Everyone made it around the course and encouraged the stragglers behind them to carry on to the finish line. Staff were on duty to record all running times and the winners from each year announced the following day.

The overall winners was William Chenery who ran the course in 22 minutes and 37 seconds. Well done, William, your name will be engraved onto the Fun Run trophy which dates back to 1999. Other winning times were:

### Year 7 boys

1st Roberts Gomin  
2nd Masud Ahmed  
3rd Elliot Hampton

### Year 8 boys

1st Lear Namoni  
2nd Jaydon McLune  
3rd Conor Doherty

### Year 9 boys

1st Williams Chenery  
2nd Dawid Serafin  
3rd Deshae Pascoe

### Sixth form Male

1st Liban Mahamed  
2nd Kaleed Henry  
3rd Sofus Forsell Pyke

### Staff - Male

1st John Sellars  
2nd Michael Collins  
3rd Paul Graham

### Year 7 girls

1st Amanda McFarlane  
2nd Nicolý Garafalo  
3rd Sarah Elmer

### Year 8 girls

1st Lilly Scott Philips  
2nd Madeleine Blinkhorn-Jones  
3rd Shania Tiekú

### Year 9 girls

1st Liberty Centre  
2nd Matilda Mitchison  
3rd Alison Daigleish

### Sixth Form Female

1st Diana Mihailova/  
Kimberley Carstons  
2nd Abigail Lane  
3rd Olivia Chenery

### Staff - Female

1st Una McGouran  
2nd Bethany Roberts  
3rd Isobel Duncan

Medals and certificates will be handed out in a Fun Run assembly to be held on Wednesday 13 July. Well done to all who took part - the only thing left to do is to hand in your sponsor money as soon as possible or ask people to pay using the [virginmoneygiving.com](http://virginmoneygiving.com).

## Year 7 Parents' Evening

This evening will take place on Wednesday 13 July in the Auditorium and nearby corridors from 6-8pm.

Appointment cards will be issued to all Year 7 students shortly so they can make appointments on your behalf with the teachers you wish to see.



## Gamelan Workshop

On Friday 24 June Y9 GCSE Music students visited the Horniman Museum in Forest Hill to visit their gallery of musical instruments and take part in a Gamelan workshop. Whilst we were in the instrument gallery we were approached by a member of the museum staff who told Ms DiBartolo that she had been working at the museum for ten years and had never seen such a well behaved class!

In the Gamelan workshop the students learnt that Gamelan is the traditional music of Indonesia and played instruments from a Gamelan set made in Bali. The class were able to use the ensemble skills that they have been developing over the past year to create a successful, and very musical, performance.

This trip was part of the students' 'Bronze Arts Award' and Ms DiBartolo looks forward to seeing their write ups and reflections this week!



## Tricycle Theatre trip

Last Sunday the Performing Arts department took our Sixth Form Performing Arts students to the Tricycle Theatre in Kilburn to see our ex teacher and colleague Miss Clarke perform in the production 'Switch'. The production was performed by the Tricycle Theatre Young Company of which Miss Clarke is a member.

'Switch' was an immersive promenade performance that used the whole of the building as its stage; we were required to get involved and make decisions as audience members, that shaped the narrative of the piece. We all had a fantastic time using our drama skills and it was a pleasure to see Miss Clarke performing. Miss Clarke promises to keep us up to date on her future endeavours and we hope to see her on stage again soon! (Miss Clarke is second from left)



## IB Music Morning



On Saturday 18 June the Performing Arts Department hosted an event for prospective IB Music students. The department is delighted to be offering the IB Music course to Year 12 students in September 2016, as part of the highly successful IB Diploma programme at ATA.

Prospective students took part in a creative and stimulating morning of performing, showcasing composition work and sitting a music theory exam. The department looks forward to working with such talented musicians.

## Spectroscopy in a Suitcase

The Royal College of Chemistry's Spectroscopy in a Suitcase (SIAS) scheme is an outreach activity which gives school students the chance to learn more about spectroscopy through hands-on experience. As well as covering the principles of spectroscopic techniques, the activities use real-life contexts to demonstrate the applications of the techniques.

The event was delivered by three Chemistry students from Imperial College London (two undergraduates, Emily and Markaret and one PhD student, Haris) in conjunction with the Royal Society of Chemistry. There were two workshops attended by 53 of our Year 12 Chemistry students.

Students had the opportunity to use a range of portable spectroscopy instruments to generate spectra for different compounds. They also used spectra to identify unknown compounds as would be used in a Forensic Science laboratory. This was very good experience for the students linking well with their current learning and also much appreciated by them.

They were surprised to find out the cost of the portable NMR instrument priced at £70,000. So we extend our gratitude to the Royal Society for funding this resource and also to Imperial College and its students for delivering a fruitful event.



## Prospective Year 7 Open Evening

We were pleased to welcome a number of Year 5 primary pupils and their parents to our first Open Evening for the September 2017 intake.

Although this was the first to take place at this time of year, due to changes in the way Wandsworth run their admissions programme, we were pleasantly surprised at the number that attended. The visitors were rewarded with interesting practical activities performed by our students across the curriculum and a welcome speech from our Principal.

The next Open Evening will take place on Tuesday 13 September from 6-8pm.



All students are invited to enter the Short Story Competition organised by our English Department and also a part of our House

**Competition calendar.**

The deadline for all entries is Friday 15 July either emailed to [shortstory@ashcroftacademy.org.uk](mailto:shortstory@ashcroftacademy.org.uk) or handed to Mr Collins in the English Department.

There are four categories students can enter :

**Discursive** - any non-fiction theme/topic of 600 words. Perhaps on diversity or a rant about a topic or issue you feel strongly about.

**Children's tale** - aimed at primary school pupils from reception to Year 6 (it's your choice) of 350 words. winners will visit a primary school to read their stories to their chosen aged audience.

**Short Story** - any theme, any topic of 600 words

**Illustrated** - with a 24 panel limit with winner's work displayed in the Academy

All entries will receive 10 house points and winners will receive 200 points for their house. So put pen to paper and begin your creative written masterpiece - be bold, be futuristic, be fantastical, be humorous, be a storyteller.

**REMAINDER TERM DATES 2015-2016**

**Term 4**  
Term break Mon 30 May – Fri 03 June

**Term 5**  
Term break **Mon 06 June – Fri 22 July**  
begins Mon 25 July

**TERM DATES 2016-2017**

Staff Dev Day Tue 30 Aug  
**Term 1 begins Wed 31 Aug - Wed 19 Oct (Y7)**  
**Thur 01 Sep - Wed 19 Oct (Y8-11)**

Staff Dev Days Thur 20 & Fri 21 Oct  
Term break Thur 20 Oct - Fri 28 Oct 2016


**Term 2 begins Mon 31 Oct - Fri 16 Dec**  
Staff Dev Day Tue 03 Jan  
Term break Mon 19 Dec – Tue 03 Jan 2017

**Term 3 begins Wed 04 Jan– Fri 10 Feb**  
Term break Mon 13 Feb – Fri 17 Feb 2017

**Term 4 begins Mon 20 Feb – Fri 26 May**  
Staff Dev Day Fri 31 Mar  
Easter break Fri 31 Mar – Mon 17 Apr  
Bank Holiday Mon 01 May  
Term break Mon 29 May – Fri 02 Jun 2017

**Term 5 begins Mon 05 Jun – Fri 21 Jul**



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	<b>Multi-choice menu</b>  <b>MEAL DEAL</b> Choose a hot meal from Option 1 plus something from Options 2 or 5  Choose a soup from Option 2 plus something from Options 3 or 4 or 5  Choose a sandwich from Option 4 plus something from Options 2 or 5  Choose the Salad Bar option plus something from Options 2 or 5  
<b>1</b>	Chicken Flatbread Spanish Omelette with Salad	Mediterranean Fish Vegetable Lasagne	Chilli con Carne and Rice Open Vegetable Tart	Roast Turkey and Roast Potatoes Vegetable Curried Naan	Fish and Chips Pasta Bake	
	Pasta King Jacket Potato	Stone Baked Pizza Jacket Potato	Chicken Joes Wrap Jacket Potato	Stone Baked Pizza Jacket Potato	Chicken Joes Wrap Jacket Potato	
	Green Beans and Cauliflower	Baby Carrots and Parsley Potatoes	Peas and Sweetcorn	Carrots and Cabbage	Peas and Sweetcorn	
<b>2</b>	Lentil Soup	Vegetable Soup	Tomato and Basil Soup	Spiced Citrus Bean Soup	Leek and Potato Soup	
<b>3</b>	Salad Bar (small bowl with multi choice)	Salad Bar (small bowl with multi choice)	Salad Bar (small bowl with multi choice)	Salad Bar (small bowl with multi choice)	Salad Bar (small bowl with multi choice)	
<b>4</b>	Any sandwich (max price £1.50)	Any sandwich (max price £1.50)	Any sandwich (max price £1.50)	Any sandwich (max price £1.50)	Any sandwich (max price £1.50)	
<b>5</b>	Apple Crumble and Custard	Fruit Salad	Lemon Drizzle Cake and Custard	Victoria Sponge	Selection of small cold Desserts	
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**Meal Deal (Option 1 + 2 or 5) £2.15 students/£2.36 staff Main Meal only £1.83 students/£2 staff**

Lunch rota for next week	1st sitting Year 7 — 1.05 3rd sitting Year 9 — 1.25	2nd sitting Year 8 — 1.15 4th sitting Year 10 — 1.35
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