

Sports' Days

Periods 1-6

Monday 26 June: Year 9 Sports' Day

Tuesday 27 June: Year 7 Sports' Day

Wednesday 28 June: Year 8 Sports' Day

Friday 30 June: Year 10 Sports' Day

Year 11 parents

You will receive an email with a parent survey. We would very much like you to complete this by 3 July? Your responses will help inform our programme for next year's Year 11.

Students celebrating EID can start their catch up time early and we will provide the work that they will miss. The LRC1 will be available.

Keeping parents and students informed

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Hyde Park 'Speak Up' Challenge

Praise is due to the Year 9s below, who represented the Academy last Friday in the Hyde Park 'Speak Up' Challenge. They demonstrated excellent debating skills, confidence and intelligence, and were impeccably well behaved throughout the day.

The teams only had 15 minutes to prepare what they were going to say. They then spoke for three minutes each, without notes, using their argumentative skills to prove their point and out-argue the opposing team. In the first round of debating, two of the three teams won their debate, and the third were beaten by St Cecelia's by just one point! They were quite rightly buzzing after this success, and although we unfortunately had to return to school earlier than planned, meaning that they had to withdraw from the competition, it was clear that they were strong candidates to be in the competition final.

These students should be proud of themselves for pushing themselves to do something as challenging as this. They were a credit to the school and it has been a pleasure seeing their confidence and skills develop to this level.

Well done to Fatema Siddique T5, Eron Pllana T4, Michelle Shah T2, Amina Riamah T4, Ram Bhari T4, Safa Khan T1, Raheem Ojukotola T3, Wajih Umar T5, Tiphaine Haque T7, Greta Shkreli T7, Michas Morris T3, Meshack Barnett T2, Jabril Mahamud T1, Sope Johnson T6, and Shay O'Donnell T6.



Rowing Club

Rowing continues its success with no one crashing or capsizing on the river in the last fortnight. Last week due to the poor weather we had an indoor session in 'the tank' and a land fitness relay. The jumping with medicine balls proved a challenge and Lewis revealed his incredibly fast sprinting ability.



This week we have been on the water with a return of the 6th form rowers. We took out two quad scull boats and Madihah starting off in the speedboat. However, the sixth form and year 10 crew first had a close encounter with the bank and got caught in the tide so they had to be towed back.

We have a full crew now which bodes very well for the future improvement of our rowers. They are showing dedication to the sport and have been very mature about the commitment they have made. If other students are interested in joining you can join the reserve/waiting list so please see Ms Dowson for permission forms.

Royal Geographical talk

This week Honours students from Year 9 and 10 were visited by the Royal Geographical Society Ambassadors. The students were given talks about geography in general and were asked to debate a series of questions, such as 'Should everyone be vegetarian?' and 'Should we produce more GM crops?'. The students were impeccably behaved, formulated convincing arguments and debated confidently throughout the session.



Oxbridge Preparation

Last Saturday, our Oxbridge group of 20 students attended an Oxbridge preparation day to support them in their applications to either Oxford or Cambridge university.

The following account is by Anna Durrant. Anna joined our Sixth Form from Burntwood School and is following the IB. Anna has aspirations to study Natural Sciences.



"The event was very helpful, particularly because it focused on multiple aspects of the application process while still looking at each in depth. It began with a talk

discussing both Oxford and Cambridge in general, as well as the factors that should go into making a decision about which one to apply to. We were then split into groups depending on our preferred degree choices, so that we could take part in a subject-specific tutorial with an admissions tutor from either Oxford or Cambridge.

This was probably the most helpful part of the day, especially because of how small the groups were (3-6 students). Undergraduate tutorials tend to be 1-4 students, so the group sizes allowed us to have a good insight into what studying at these universities could be like. The tutorials were also aimed at challenging us and the way that we think by asking us questions that we may have never thought about or encountered before.

This was followed by a talk by an admissions interviewer, who discussed why Oxbridge conduct interviews, and what the interviewer is looking for in a candidate. In the last session, we each had a mock interview from the tutor that directed our tutorials. From this, we were given marks and overall feedback on how we performed and ways to improve on this. This was followed by a workshop that involved us moving between different tables in groups, each table being aimed at a different part of the application, such as personal statements. Overall, it was a very successful and helpful day and I think it has made us all feel more prepared for the application process.

More Sporting Achievement

PRAISE for the following who were selected to represent Wandsworth at the London Schools Athletics Championships on this week at Mile End Stadium East London.

Their selection was based on their performance at the Wandsworth Championships. We wish them the very best of luck.
100m AMANDA MCFARLANE
Shot Putt HUDA AHME

PRAISE also for Amina Riamah who has been chosen to receive a very special prize. We have worked with the Wimbledon Foundation this year who have supported our Wednesday lunch Girls fitness session and as a special reward for being involved, they have very kindly given the Academy a pair of complimentary tickets for the forthcoming Tennis Championships. These will be valid for Court 3 on Sat 8 July and will also include a ground tour prior to the event.

Amina was selected based on her commitment to PE this year. She is an outstanding student who is a role model to younger students. She has attended all lunch time fitness sessions and also represented the Academy in Netball. Well done Amina, we hope you enjoy your trip to the Wimbledon Tennis tournament.

Honours Trip to Winton Gallery



Year 7 and 8 Honours students had the opportunity to visit the Winton Gallery at the Science Museum and introduced to the powerful stories about the work of mathematicians in the broadest sense, from salespeople to sailors, aircraft engineers to bankers, and gamblers to garden designers.

These stories span 400 years of human ingenuity from the renaissance to the present day, with objects ranging from intriguing hand-held mathematical instruments to a 1929 experimental aircraft. The aim of the visit involved the students thinking about how they apply mathematics to solve problems and where this knowledge influences design and connects to every aspect of our lives.

The group also had time to visit two other exhibitions:

'Engineer Your Future' – students were presented with a series of interactive experiences based on key engineering skills used by real-life engineers.

'Robots' – there was a mind-bending array of humanoid imagery and robotic delights. From the dawn of mechanised human forms to cutting-edge technology fresh from the lab, 'Robots' reveals the astonishing 500-year quest to make machines human.

The trip was most enjoyable and well worth a visit by everyone.



STEAM Club completed their current STEAM-azing rotations and enjoyed yet another STEAMtastic week, ready for the final rotation switch of the academic year 2016-2017 next week!

In Mr O'Sullivan's Super Structures Club, the Year 8 STEAMies tested their successfully built bridges to see who had the best super structure. Congratulations on the excellent work by all! The STEAMies built successful bridges, with creative designs. The mass the bridges could hold varied from 200g to 2200g, and they were only made from 25 paper straws and sellotape. The strongest bridge was made by Harriet Mensah 8T6, which had a unique layered design and earned Harriet 5 bonus house points. Well done, Harriet! The STEAMies learned valuable lessons to do with team work and structural design. After testing their bridges there was a buzz of discussion with ideas of improvement to overcome the weak areas of their designs, and what worked well for each design. Mr O'Sullivan looks forward to his final rotation for this academic year with the Year 9 cohort next.



In Mr Hearn's Anatomy of Film Club, the Year 9 STEAMies were full STEAM ahead with filming this week, where they successfully shot the first two scenes of a sequel to 'The Sandman'. Mr Hearn was impressed by their creativity in turning the corridors into the intestinal tract of a bird (!), and several students took on the roles of terrifying parasites in the body of the bird, with Eszther Parti taking the "AFTA" (Ashcroft Film and Television Award) for creepiest on-screen performance of the term, and all the students fully immersed in the world of the unfortunate main character and his disembodied eyes! The way that the camera was used as the eyes themselves was extremely clever and it made for a wonderfully spooky silent film. We hope to find time in the next few weeks to complete the editing and hold a screening of the short film, which will have been created entirely by the students who were extremely proactive and worked together effectively as a team. Well done to all year 9 students for a fulfilling final week! Mr Hearn will be expecting the Year 7 group next week for their final STEAM rotation of this academic year.

With Miss Griffiths, Miss Haviland and Miss Peterson, in the Pin-Hole Camera Club, the Year 7 STEAMies got out in the sunshine to trial their pinhole cameras. They showed remarkable patience and persistence in trying different exposure times to get the right amount of light so as not to overexpose the photographic paper. After much effort and



adaptation, a certain teacher even managed to get a selfie with the camera! Cheese! Year 8 will rotate to the Pin-hole camera project next week for their final rotation of this academic year and have already started collecting their shoe boxes and drinks cans for it.

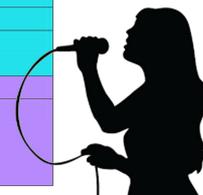
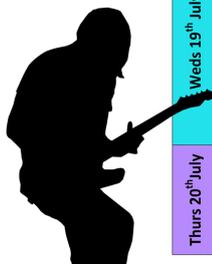
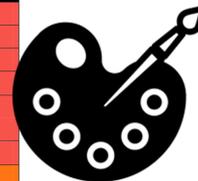


ARTS WEEK 2017

17 July - 20 July

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Date	Event	Students involved	Periods	Venue
Mon 17 th July	Orchestra Workshop	Orchestral musicians (sign-up)	1/2	F201
	Jazz Workshop	Selected musicians	3/4	F201
	Year 9 Drama Workshop	Year 9 Drama students	5/6	F216
	Singing Workshop	Singers (sign-up)	7/8	F204
	Raku Firing Workshop	Sixth form Art students	Period 7 until evening	Stepney City Farm
	Dance Workshop	Dancers (sign-up)	9/10	F216
Tues 18 th July	KS3 Printing Press Workshops, Collagraphs & Etching	KS3 students (invitation only)	P1-8	Art dept.
	Music Production Tutorial	Invited musicians/producers	P1/2	F204
	Big Sing	Year 7 – whole year group	P7/8	AA
	Year 10 Drama workshop	Year 10 Drama students	P9/10	F216
Weds 19 th July	Silent Disco	Year 7 – whole year group	2	AA
	Silent Disco	Year 8 - whole year group	3	AA
	Silent Disco	Year 9 - whole year group	4	AA
	Silent Disco	Year 10 - whole year group	5	AA
	Silent Disco	Year 12 – whole year group	6	AA
	Silent Disco	Star Badge Winners	7	AA
	The Big Draw	KS3 students	Lunchtime and 7/8	KS3 Playground
'The Platform' Drama Performance	Drama club participants only; praise and reward audience members.	9/10	F216	
Thurs 20 th July	Gemmologist Guest Speaker	TBC	TBC	TBC
	Ashtival	Years 7-10 – whole year groups	8/9/10	KS4 playground



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
1	Chicken & Vegetable Pie with New Potatoes Vegetable Quesadilla	Tuna Lasagne Spicy Rolled Chickpea Gyros	Chicken Fajita Macaroni Cheese	Roast Pork and Roast Potatoes Vegetable Pie	Fish and Chips Goats Cheese Tart	Multi-choice menu MEAL DEAL 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
	Chicken Joe's Wrap Jacket Potato	Pasta King Jacket Potato	Pizza Jacket Potato	Pasta King Jacket Potato	Chicken Joe's Wrap Jacket Potato	
	Green Beans and Macedoine	Baby Carrots and Salad	Peas and Sweetcorn	Carrots and Cabbage	Salad and Peas	
2	Carrot and Lentil Soup	Vegetable Soup	Tomato and Basil Soup	Spicy Bean Soup	Leek and Potato Soup	
3	Salad Bar (small bowl with multi choice)	Salad Bar (small bowl with multi choice)				
4	Any sandwich (max price £1.50)	Any sandwich (max price £1.50)				
5	Fruit Crumble and Cream	Banana Bread and Custard	Chocolate/Strawberry Mousse with Shortbread Biscuit	Chocolate and Orange Cake with Chocolate Sauce	Selection of Cold Desserts	
	Fresh Fruit Selection of small cold Desserts Selection of Cakes and Biscuits	Fresh Fruit Selection of small cold Desserts Selection of Cakes and Biscuits	Fresh Fruit Selection of small cold Desserts Selection of Cakes and Biscuits	Fresh Fruit Selection of small cold Desserts Selection of Cakes and Biscuits	Fresh Fruit Selection of Cakes and Biscuits	



Meal Deal (Option 1 + 2 or 5) £2.25 students/£2.47 staff Main Meal only £1.95 students/£2.15 staff

Lunch rota for next week

1st sitting Year 11/10 — 1.05 2nd sitting Year 7 — 1.15 3rd sitting Year 8 — 1.25 4th sitting Year 9 — 1.35