



# GREENSHAW NEWS

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## Record-breaking exam results

*Students at Greenshaw High School celebrated record GCSE and A level results during this year's summer break.*

Our A level students celebrated a bumper crop of exam results. They achieved a 100% pass rate, with 50% of the grades at A\* to B. The majority of students have now started at their first choice universities and we are very proud of their achievements.

Mr Gardner, Director of Post-16 Studies, said: "The students have worked hard for their success and they are thoroughly deserving of these superb results. We are continuing to challenge students across the full range of abilities to achieve grades that will help advance their careers, whether this is through further study at some of the best universities, or in employment."

The following week, our GCSE results were announced – with record-breaking success. Over 93% of our students

achieved five good passes; 68% achieved five good passes, including English and Maths. Nearly a quarter of all grades were A or A\*, with a 99% overall pass rate.

Headteacher, Mr Smith, commented: "We are absolutely thrilled for our students whose hard work and dedication has paid off. These are the best results the school has ever achieved and show that we are able to offer a supportive, caring environment where students of all abilities can achieve remarkable results.

"I am also very proud of my staff, whose support to the students has been invaluable. We are all delighted that most of these students, along with many external students, have decided to continue their education with us into the sixth form."



## Sixth formers meet Mayor of London, Boris Johnson



Greenshaw sixth formers Fred, Rosewan, Jason and Luke were invited to give a presentation at the Young Enterprise company programme launch at the Holiday Inn, Sutton, at the end of September.

The talented Year 13 students were winners of last year's Sutton and Merton Young Enterprise Competition and were also award winners at the South London finals.

The students enjoyed chatting with the special guest at the event – Mayor of London, Boris Johnson – who congratulated them on their success in the competition. They also had the opportunity to interview Boris for a feature in their sixth form magazine, *The Greenshaw Chronicle*.

## Fishing competition in memory of Mr Stone

Greenshaw anglers had a brilliant day in September at Ockley Lakes for the annual fishing competition, which has been re-named in honour of fishing enthusiast and geography teacher, Steve Stone. The weather on the day was superb and the fish were biting.

17 students from Years 7 to 10 spent the day fishing for carp and perch. Ryan (Year 10) was the overall winner and winner of the senior group. He caught a staggering catch of 50lb 6oz, whilst Louis (Year 8) was the winner of the junior group with a highly commendable 22lb 2oz. Very well done to all the students who took part.



## Students visit Holocaust exhibit

On Friday 9th September, Year 11 GCSE humanities students visited the Imperial War Museum's Holocaust Exhibition. It was a unique opportunity for them to learn about the cause and effect of one of the worst events in human history.

The students were particularly moved by the items that individuals had left behind: shoes from Auschwitz, poems from the Warsaw Ghetto and the canisters of deadly Zyklon B gas pellets.

They were absorbed in the subject and chose to spend more time in the museum than was originally planned. It was a memorable experience for all.



## Fun for all at summer fete

The first ever summer fete took place at Greenshaw on Saturday 16th July. Despite the predicted bad weather, thousands of parents, students and staff supported the event.

The list of stalls and activities was endless – including beat the goalie, cake sale, a balloon race, an amazing falconry display, lucky dip, book stall, petting zoo, tombola and face painting. Sponging the teacher was a popular activity, with headteacher Mr Smith getting a good soaking for charity! An exciting programme of events took place on the main stage and included dance and gym displays, musical acts and a fashion show. There was also plenty of food and drink on offer to tempt hungry visitors.

Over £6,000 was raised for charities chosen by the students – St Raphael's Hospice, The Children's Trust, Tadworth and Barnados. Our thanks go to the many staff, students, parents and organisations who supported the occasion.

## Dining in style with the Tanzania team

Our team of sixth formers and staff who are travelling to Tanzania next year hosted a gala dinner for over 160 people last week. The evening was a great success, with everyone enjoying good food, whilst listening to entertainment provided by staff

and students. The team raised over £3,500 for their expedition, which will go towards carrying out charity work in Tanzania as well as increasing the amount of exciting activities students can undertake. Thank you to everyone who supported the event.



## Year 11s enter the world of work

Every one of our Year 11 students recently had the opportunity to get a taste of real life in the workplace when they undertook a week of work experience.

There were 190 different placements in industries which included health care, dentistry, veterinary work, marketing, accountancy, engineering, journalism, the arts, theatre and the legal profession to name but a few. It was a very valuable experience for the students and the feedback from companies has been extremely complimentary – with some students even finding themselves part-time work!



# Greenshaw celebrates its remarkable students

*Greenshaw held two awards evenings at the end of last term to celebrate the achievements of students and staff throughout the school.*

This year, the school held its first awards ceremony to recognise students and staff members who exemplify our exhortation to 'Be Remarkable'. Tuesday 19th July saw a glittering occasion when students and staff were recognised for their achievements. All nominees received a certificate and each winner received a superb glass trophy.

Remarkable Awards were presented to individuals who had demonstrated a willingness to go that extra mile during the academic year. Nominations and awards were made to students in each year group, from Year 7 to Year 13, with both teaching and support staff also receiving awards.

Mr Gardner, Director of Post 16 Studies at Greenshaw, congratulated the students on their success: "The aim of the evening

was to recognise those staff and students whose achievements were extraordinary; who had demonstrated both initiative and determination. We are fortunate to have many such individuals in our community."

Just a week earlier, a hundred students in Years 7, 8 and 9 received their diplomas or subject and house awards at the KS3 Awards Evening. An audience of family, friends and teachers congratulated the students on their achievements for a range of excellent academic performances.

The evening was wrapped up with the award of The Community Cup to Daisy, in Year 8, who has raised a staggering amount of money for charity. Congratulations to all the students on receiving their diplomas and awards.



## Artists enjoy Paris

The first residential art trip to Paris took place in July and it was a huge success. Students had an exciting and jam packed cultural experience in the heart of Paris.

Some wonderful art work was created, documenting their experience, and an art exhibition was held at school to showcase their work. Ellie, Reece and Delphine received prizes for their contributions. Well done to all the students who participated.



## The Big Draw

The art department hosted its first ever Big Draw event last week to celebrate drawing! It included a whole range of activities, such as photograms, light painting and print making, outside of lesson time.

On Saturday, the school hall was transformed into a giant canvas for parents and students (from Greenshaw and primary schools) to draw on. The day was a great success with over 100 people attending and the canvas quickly filled with a whole range of interesting and creative illustrations.

## In brief



### Taster lessons

Around 60 Year 7 parents came back to school to experience life in the classroom last week. There were plenty of practical and interactive tasks to keep them busy and demonstrate the types of learning that their sons and daughters experience in the classroom.

### Automated system

The Year 9 subject evening is on Thursday 10th November and, for the first time, parents are using an automated online booking system to make appointments. To schedule appointments, please follow the link entering the relevant information: <https://parents-booking.netmedia.co.uk/greenshaw>. Should you have any problems, please contact Karen Derrick at [kderrick1@suttonlea.org](mailto:kderrick1@suttonlea.org).

### Year 11s meet Mrs Fixit

Two GCSE Business Studies classes enjoyed a talk given by local builder, author and entrepreneur Paula Lamb, aka Mrs Fixit, who specialises in supplying female builders to clients who prefer a lady builder. The students had to carry out research with a small business owner as part of their controlled assessment.

### Deepavali celebration

Families and friends are invited to celebrate Deepavali, Festival of Lights, at Greenshaw on Saturday 12th November at 6.30pm. Supper will be served and there will be performances of music and dance. To book tickets (£10 each and £5 for children under 16), call Sarva on 0208 333 2934 or Naomi on 0208 642 8276.

### World Skills London 2011

Year 10 attended the World Skills national careers exhibition at the Excel Centre in London, where they could seek careers advice across a huge variety of professions. Students had the opportunity to be involved in hands-on activities and watch competitions between companies from all over Europe.



## Sports shorts



### Silver at Surrey Games

Greenshaw's U15 girls' cricket team scooped a silver medal at the Surrey School Games 2011. Congratulations to the team and all the Greenshaw students who participated in the games.

### Year 10 rugby squad

Greenshaw made the perfect start to their 2011 rugby league campaign with a convincing victory over Graveney School. It was a good start to their season with plenty to build upon for the coming weeks. A special mention goes to Jay, on his debut, who made an immediate impact with his physical runs and ferocious tackling.

### Dance news

The RAD programme, *Step Into Dance*, has made a good start this term, with the GCSE Dance cohort working hard to improve technique and performance skills.

Extra curricular clubs have been well attended and groups are practising for upcoming performances. There are three places left on the extra curricular trip to see Zonation's *Some Like It Hip Hop* on 8th November. Please see Miss Izzard if you are interested in attending.

### Pixl performance

Congratulations to Mayowa (Year 11), and Caragh (Year 10), who took part in a recent PiXL award ceremony. They performed two dances at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank. Well done!

### U13 girls' football

The U13 girls' football team won the Cheam High Tournament against seven other teams. The winning team were presented with their trophy and medals by Kylie Davies, Chelsea FC Ladies' Captain.



# Fun and games morning!

The PE department held a very successful games morning on Tuesday 4th October. All students from Years 7 and 8 took part in a whole range of activities including netball, football, dance, rugby, table tennis, handball and basketball.

The students competed against each other on behalf of their houses – and the contest was fierce! The results for each year group were as follows: in Year 7, Red House took first place, with Yellow House second, Green House third and Blue House in fourth place. In Year 8, Yellow House came first, followed by Red House, with Green House taking third place and Blue House fourth. Head of PE, Mr Devenney, congratulated all the students on their efforts: "Well done to all competitors for a fantastic morning of sport!"



## Dates for your diary

A complete list of school events can be found on the school calendar at [www.greenshaw.co.uk](http://www.greenshaw.co.uk).

Trip to Bude	23–28 October	Drama Performance	7 December
Art Trip to Cornwall	23–25 October	Y8 HPV Injections	8 December
<b>Half Term</b>	<b>24–28 October</b>	Christmas Concert	8 December
Y8 HPV Injections	1 November	Governors' Meeting	8 December
Y11 Parents' Briefing	2 November	Y13 Academic Tutorials	13 December
Y9 Subject Evening	10 November	<b>Autumn Term ends</b>	<b>16 December</b>
Greenshaw Admission Test	12 November		
Y12 Information Evening	16 November	<b>2012</b>	
Ski Trip Parents' Evening	23 November	<b>Spring Term starts</b>	<b>4 January</b>
Y12 Subject Meeting	24 November	<b>Inset Day</b>	<b>27 January</b>
Fashion Show	1 December	<b>Half Term</b>	<b>13–17 February</b>
Dance Workshop	1 December	<b>Spring Term ends</b>	<b>30 March</b>
Dance Workshop	2 December	<b>Summer Term starts</b>	<b>16 April</b>
Drama Rehearsal	5 December	<b>Half Term</b>	<b>4–8 June</b>
Drama Performance	6 December	<b>Summer Term ends</b>	<b>20 July</b>

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