



Welcome to Year 11



Year 11 began the term with an assembly by myself on the year ahead. The message was all about how important Year 11 is, and how the foundations and building blocks they have built over the previous four years will be topped off in what will be a very fast school year. However, they must hit the ground running.

Students should now be completing homework and independent study at least four nights a week, whilst I would also encourage them to be doing some work at the weekends. This is easily completed using Frog, Tassomai

and, coming soon, Hegarty Maths. Preparation, perseverance and hard work will be the key to their success this year.

Many students from Year 11 helped out across the school with a very successful open evening last week. Your time and effort to be welcoming and helpful is very much appreciated – thank you. A further example of making others feel at ease and welcome within the school walls was seen when Year 11s welcomed students, and staff, from a school in Denmark. The students were a credit to their families, the school and Year 11 as they participated in a visit that will never be forgotten by either party.

As we edge closer towards October half term, students will be preparing for their first gauge of how well they are doing, post half term assessments. Students will be sitting assessments during their lessons shortly after half term. So whilst rest and recuperation are important, so too will be their work towards these, which will ultimately help for the summer.

Finally, the Year 11 Prom has been confirmed for 4th July 2018. More details will be announced, including pricing and location, closer to half term.

Thanks for your continued support.

Mr Higgins, Head of Year 11, and Miss Thompson, Deputy Head of Year 11

Timings of the school day

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY

- 8.25am Students must be through the main doors and on the school premises
- 8.30am Form time, or assembly
- 8.55am Period 1
- 9.55am Period 2
- 10.50am Break
- 11.15am Period 3
- 12.10pm Years 7 and 8 lunch
- 12.15pm Period 4 (Years 9 to 13)
- 12.55pm Period 4 (Years 7 and 8)
- 1.10pm Years 9 to 13 lunch
- 1.55pm Period 5
- 2.55pm Form time
- 3.00pm End of school day for Year 7 and 8 students
- 3.05pm End of school day for Year 9, 10 and 11 students
- 3.05pm Period 6 (Years 12 and 13 only)

WEDNESDAY ONLY

- 8.25am Students must be through the main doors and on the school premises
- 8.30am Form time, or assembly
- 8.55am Period 1
- 9.55am Period 2
- 10.50am Break
- 11.15am Period 3
- 12.10pm Years 9 to 13 lunch
- 12.15pm Period 4 (Years 7 and 8)
- 12.55m Period 4 (Years 9 to 13)
- 1.10pm Year 7 and 8 lunch
- 1.55pm Form time
- 2.00pm End of school day for Year 9 to 12 students
- 2.10pm End of school day for Year 7 and 8 students





Year 11 host Danish visitors

On 24th September, Greenshaw hosted a visit from 72 students, and their accompanying staff, from Bagsvaerd Skole, Denmark. This is the third year that this visit has taken place.

Bagsvaerd is in the Copenhagen suburb of Gladsaxe, which is twinned with Sutton. Mr Higgins was overwhelmed with the number of volunteers from Greenshaw, such was the enthusiasm to engage with our fellow Europeans to discuss educational, cultural, social

and political similarities and differences.

Our visitors enjoyed a tour of the school, engaged in a series of workshops with our Year 11 students, gave presentations about life for Danish young people and about European identity.

Mr Higgins is very grateful to all our Year 11 volunteers who represented the school and community so well, as well as all the staff who made the day possible.

Christmas fair helped refugees

The school recently received a certificate and thank you letter for raising £393.35 to *Help Refugees* through the Winter Wonderland event which was held last year.

Help Refugees are a small team looking to do things differently, supporting a huge amount of vital work – from food, shelter, blankets and medical aid, to long-term housing projects and psycho-social support for refugees across Europe and the Middle East. They work with volunteers, grassroots groups, local people and refugees to ensure the funds raised reach the people that need them.

Jack Burgess, from *Help Refugees*, said: “As a non-government funded organisation, we rely on donations to keep going and continue to fill gaps across the crisis. Thank you so much for all of your kind generosity!”





Zambia 2018!

This summer, 19 Greenshaw students from Year 11 and 12 set out on a three week expedition to Zambia for the adventure of a lifetime. This expedition started along the same theme as the training weekend, which was a complete wash out as the students had to endure a 24 hour delay to their flight. However, their adventurous spirits were not dampened and the next day they set off excited to see what the rest of the trip had in store.

The expedition was split into three phases, the first being the project phase. The team spent eight days at the Itala Foundation School in Mkushi, a free school that was set up to provide education to children in the local community who came from broken or poor families. During their time at the school, the team built the walls of a new toilet block for the school and helped with some internal work within the new orphanage.

As well as the building work, students also made new friendships with the staff and students of the school and teaching took place both in and out of the classrooms, with education and games being the focus. From the time of their arrival, the whole team were welcomed with open arms and embraced into the community – complete with the delights of local home cooked food that some of the students and staff helped to make using traditional cooking methods.

After six days, and with heavy hearts, the team departed

the school and moved onto the relaxation phase of their expedition. This involved a full day of travel across Zambia to Livingstone – the home of the world famous Victoria Falls. The beauty of the national park and falls themselves were breathtaking and provided a stunning setting for the team to recharge their batteries, as well as an opportunity to do some wildlife spotting!

Finally, the team moved on to the challenge phase, in which they would complete a three day trek through the Batoka Gorge along the Zambezi. This tough trek would involve three arduous days of scrambling over boulders and rocks, which in itself is was a real challenge. However, the team had to also cope with an illness that was working its way through the camp. Despite the extra challenge, the team showed incredible levels of perseverance, teamwork and leadership in order to complete the trek.

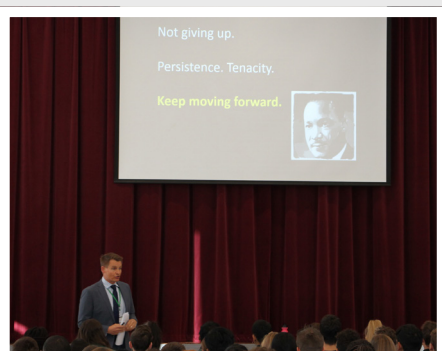
During their three weeks together, the team had experienced and achieved so much, more than many people do in a lifetime. The growth in self-belief of every member of the team was visible for all to see upon their return. The impact was evident, with so many of the students already making plans to return to the Itala Foundation School and volunteer further around the world.

Mr Cordes, Trip Leader





Perseverance



Mr House led this sequence of assemblies on the theme of perseverance. This is one of the school's five core expectations, to persevere with learning. Mr House explained why our bodies can find this a challenge, and why when we think hard our brain demands a lot of energy.

Mr House also spoke about the moral virtue of perseverance, and how great leaders over time have had to show huge amounts of perseverance. He told the story of Martin Luther King Jr, and how he persisted with the civil rights movement, despite resistance and huge challenge. Mr House finished with the quote from Martin Luther King: "Whatever you do, you have to keep moving forwards" and encouraged students and staff to adopt a similar mindset.

Year 11 assemblies – autumn term

- 5th October 2018
- 17th October 2018
- 9th November 2018
- 23rd November 2018
- 7th December 2018

Key dates for Year 11

Drama trip – An Inspector Calls	3rd October	Start of spring term	7th January
INSET day	19th October	INSET day	7th January
October half term	22nd October to 2nd November	February half term	18th February to 22nd February
Ski trip information evening	15th November	End of spring term	5th April
GCSE dance	22nd November	Start of summer term	23rd April
Sixth form open evening	22nd November	May half term	27th May to 31st May
Winter Wonderland	6th December	Year 11 Prom	4th July
Gym and dance display	11th and 12th December	End of summer term	23rd July
End of autumn term (12.30pm)	21st December		





Year 11 contact list

A full list of email addresses for Year 11 form tutors is below.

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Activities outside school

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Sunday 7 October

12-4pm

Morden Hall Park, SM4 5JD

Free entry Free activities Free food

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OUR BRIGHT FUTURE Paul Hamlyn Foundation

43F (Mitcham and Morden) Squadron Air Cadets

43F (Mitcham and Morden) Squadron are holding an open evening on the 4th October 2018.

The Air Cadets is an immense opportunity and their aim is to encourage the spirit of adventure and develop qualities of leadership and good citizenship.

If you would like to find out more, they are active on facebook, twitter and Instagram as @43FSquadron or visit <https://www.raf.mod.uk/aircadets/>.

JOIN THE AIR CADETS

219 (Sutton & Cheam) Squadron

Robin Hood Junior School
Thorncroft Road,
Sutton,
SM1 1RL

Mondays and Thursdays
19:15—21:30

Open to all, ages 12-18

RECRUITING NOW

Next Open evening 10th September 2018

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CAN YOU HELP??
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!
Are you a parent, grandparent???

Do you have a spare couple of hours each week to volunteer??
Would you like to make a difference to a family??

Home-Start
Support and Friendship for families

Home-Start is a voluntary organisation supporting families with a young child under five who are struggling. We recruit volunteers to visit families in their own home for a couple of hours each week to offer emotional and practical support and friendship.

Our Preparation Course will be starting on Tuesday 9th October 9.30 – 2.30pm for eight Tuesdays (excluding the October half term) completing on Tuesday 4th December. Expenses are paid.

To find out more or to apply for a volunteer application pack please contact:-
Home-Start Sutton on 020 8647 6501. (admin@homestartsutton.org.uk)

An enhanced DBS check and references will be undertaken. Home-Start Sutton positively encourages people with parenting skills from all sections of the community to volunteer.

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