

## Greenshaw News

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### Welcome to Year 10...





It has been a fantastic start to Year 10, with students showing a real enthusiasm and maturity towards their studies since returning.

In Year 10 English lessons, students have been working hard on their creative writing skills in preparation for a short assessment. The task will mirror section B of the GCSE English Language paper. This assessment is part of a national project which allows schools to accurately assess students' current performance on different components of the GCSE course throughout the vear.

Elsewhere, in drama, students have a scheduled trip to see the musical *Blood Brothers*, which will provide them with an invaluable opportunity to be part of a live audience and support their written exam preparation for Year 11. Miss Brailsford strongly advises all GCSE Drama students to access our incredible new subscription to Digital Theatre Plus, which is an outstanding, creative, online learning resource. The platform gives students the opportunity to access productions, audio theatre, play texts and much more. All students have access to this by visiting <a href="http://www.digitaltheatreplus.com">http://www.digitaltheatreplus.com</a>, username: <a href="https://www.digitaltheatreplus.com">student@greenshaw.co.uk</a>, password: <a href="https://www.digitaltheatreplus.com">stage</a>.

In history, students have continued their studies from Year 9 looking into how crime, policing and punishment transformed dramatically during the Industrial period. Meanwhile, our GCSE Dance students have moved on to study 'Shadows' in the classroom, which is choreographed by Christopher Bruce, whilst practically they are now working towards their solo performance. The dance department would like to remind all students that their performance logs will need to be signed. Dancers should be attending an extra-curricular practical dance class each week, with this being either at school or outside of school and must be signed by the teacher of the dance class. Performance logs will be checked at the end of each school term and it is essential that students are keeping their logs up to date. Please see Miss Walker for support in extra-curricular dance activity attendance. Additionally, if students wish to have a new dance t-shirt, they must speak to Miss Walker before October half term. Payment needs to be made online and slips must be returned.

Finally, a thank you for your support with our changes to policies regarding homework and behaviour. Both are more rigorous and, whilst this may present some difficulties at first, I am certain they will be of benefit to all in the long run. Our homework document outlines that students in Year 10 will complete one hour and forty minutes of homework, four times a week, with one hour of independent learning on the weekend. However, in order to help students with this transition, we are only currently checking the written component (60 minutes each weekday) and Tassomai (10 minutes each weekday). We are now in a position to also launch Hegarty Maths, a website which has been carefully designed and structured to provide an online learning tool to support students, including a short video and quiz for almost every topic assessed in the mathematics curriculum up to Grade 9 GCSE. When students complete a test, the aim is for them to achieve above 90%. If they score lower than 70%, they should complete one of the 'building blocks' tasks before re-attempting the quiz. The long-term aim is to achieve 100% in every quiz. This can be accessed at <a href="https://hegartymaths.com/">https://hegartymaths.com/</a> and should be utilised by students for 60 minutes a week.

Mr Johnson, Head of Year 10, and Mr Parker, Deputy Head of Year 10



# 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 19.55am Period 210.50am Break11.15am 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 students2.10pm End of school day for Year 7 and 8 students

# 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!"



#### 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 10 assemblies – autumn term

9th October 2018

6th November 2018

20th November 2018

4th December 2018

18th December 2018

# Key dates - Year 10

Visit to National Portrait Gallery 12th October Technology trip to Excel Centre 16th October **INSET** day 19th October October half term 22nd October to 2nd November Ski trip information evening 15th November GCSE dance 22nd November Winter Wonderland 6th December Gym and dance display 11th and 12th December

End of autumn term (12.30pm)

Start of spring term

INSET day

February half term

End of spring term

Start of spring term

Start of spring term

Start of summer term

May half term

End of summer term

May half term

23rd April

27th May to 31st May

End of summer term

23rd July

## Year 10 contact list

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## School apps



#### **Greenshaw App**

Our dedicated school app will deliver news, term dates, calendar details and other important notices.

We will be using this app to send you notifications about events, asking for feedback and providing year specific newsletters.

#### MyFrog App

The MyFrog app is exclusively for homework and timetable reminders.

Whenever your child receives homework, the app will alert you with a notification.

You can also view your child's timetable in the app.





Please contact Mr Bligh (gbligh@greenshaw.co.uk) if you need any help setting these up.

App Store

### Join us on Twitter and Facebook!



You can find us on Twitter @greenshawhigh



Or find us on Facebook @GreenshawHigh



### Activities outside school



A worldwide campaign for culture made by your community, for your community

- YOUR FREE, LOCAL FUN PALACE -

Sunday 7 October 12-4pm

Morden Hall Park, SM4 5JD

Free entry

Free activities

Free food

funpalaces.co.uk







#### 43F (Mitcham and Morden) Squadron Air Cadets

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

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/.



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



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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