



An update on Year 13...



It has only been a few weeks since our first newsletter, but there is already so much to inform you about. By the time you read this newsletter, then you've most likely met with your child's teachers at parents evening, and I hope this has given you a good understanding of the challenges facing our Year 13s and how to support them in their final year of school. This term is always incredibly busy for Year 13s and most are now well underway with their UCAS applications, or have organised meetings with Mrs Sone to discuss alternative pathways after this year.

I am incredibly proud of the hard work and resilience shown by our Year 13 students since they came back in September. I have spoken to many of them about how hard they are working, and there is a strong ethos across the year group that they are aiming to achieve highly. We have now seen the first group of students make their applications to a wide range of courses across the country. We always have a high number of students who wish to study medicine, dentistry or apply for Oxbridge, and this year has been no exception. Tutors, Mrs Sone and Miss Buchanan have been working intensely with these students to ensure that their applications are as strong as they can be before we sent them off for the October 15th deadline. This also means that all other students should now be making good progress with applications and be looking to send their applications off before or just after half term.

As part of their wider commitment to our school community, many Year 13 students also opted to volunteer for the school's open evening where we welcomed an endless queue of Year 5 and 6 students and their families. Salman and Molly, our Head Boy and Girl joined Mr House in making presentations throughout the night to huge crowds, and were also credited for their work in preparing two Year 12 students who delivered speeches about their first few weeks at Greenshaw. Walking around the school, I was very proud of the contribution that our sixth form students were making, not only in helping our visitors, but also in the support they were giving to younger students and staff. The sixth form's open evening for current Year 11 students is on Thursday 22nd November, and I am sure that departments will again be keen for volunteers to help inform visitors about individual A level subjects and the wider sixth form.

Finally, I need to mention the event of the year in 2019 – the Year 13 Prom! I realise that this seems a bit keen, but we have already had to book the venue due to such high demand at that time of year. Year 13 prom will be on Wednesday 26th June from 6.30pm until 11.00pm at Kingswood Golf and Country Club, which provides an excellent setting for such an event and allows the students to 'go to town' on their formal dress. The price of each ticket is £42.95 and a non-refundable deposit of £15 needs to be paid after half term using the parent online system www.scopay.com before the end of the school day on Monday 17th December.

I realise that Year 13 students will have much to do over half term but I hope that there is also some time for relaxation and recuperation ready for the next busy half term.

Miss Larkin, Head of Sixth Form, and Mrs Ayres, Deputy Head of Sixth Form





Celebrating Greenshaw's 50th birthday!

The afternoon of 29th September saw a very special occasion – an event to celebrate Greenshaw High School's 50th anniversary. Over 300 former students and staff attended the event, together with current members of staff. Visitors were greeted by the festive sight of bunting and balloons waving in the autumn sunshine, whilst former members of staff from the music department could be heard singing from inside the school hall.

Current Headteacher, Nick House, and former headteachers, John Fuller (1990 to 2010) and Will Smith (2010 to 2015), then officially opened the proceedings by welcoming the visitors and sharing their memories of Greenshaw. Mr House said that the school's ethos and vision had not changed over the years and it remained a special place, even though much of the school had changed and evolved.

This was followed by a fabulous fashion show – called The GHS Surplus Collection – which was created from old Greenshaw uniform by GCSE and A level Fashion and Textiles students with Mr Broniecki, Greenshaw's Head of Fashion and Textiles. Students modelled their creations and then gave the audience a sneak preview of the Year 13 final fashion collection.

Our visitors then enjoyed a barbecue and drinks in the school quadrangle, whilst being entertained by music through the decades from an ex-student. Former students and staff took the opportunity to have tours of the school, where they

explored their old haunts and marvelled at the new extension and recent building improvements. Many commented on the fantastic displays of student work around the school.

The school has received many thanks from visitors following the event. David Carman, class of 1983 said: "On behalf of the 77-84 Greenshaw Group (Facebook), and I will also cautiously assume on behalf of everyone else whom attended the wonderful celebrations that was the 50th Anniversary Reunion 2018, we wish to commend and congratulate the entire Greenshaw High School team that contributed their time to ensure such a wonderful and memorable occasion.

"Of course, the laughs, the tears, the memories evoked and stirred up must give way to the certainty that Greenshaw has in some way influenced its alumni and shaped the lens through which we grew to view the world and gave direction to our futures.

"It is and shall always remain 'OUR SCHOOL', and the friendships we've retained over the years are the foundations of our lives. Thank you, Greenshaw, for everything."

All of those attending the event received a stylish commemorative glass to mark the occasion. Plans are also being made to celebrate the anniversary with current students and members of staff.

A montage of images from the day is available to view on the school's [website](#).





Black History Month



As part of Black History Month, Greenshaw hosted an exhibition celebrating Black and Asian leaders in the TV industry. The exhibition came to us from the University of Westminster and TV Collective. Part of the show will be exhibited at City Hall. It was a rare opportunity for students and staff to experience something that would not usually land on the doorstep of a comprehensive outer London school. The exhibition ran from Monday 15th October to Friday the 19th in the reading room at break, lunch and after school.

The LGBT+ group

The LGBT+ group celebrated international Coming Out Day (11.10.18) with a fantastic bake sale.

Our group members showed dedication by baking beautiful treats and manning the stall. It was wonderful to see that students who purchased cakes walked away with more than just that – there was increased knowledge about the LGBT+ group and a sense of pride and enthusiasm about difference.

Special thanks to our Year 11 student Vanessa, who made us our show stopper cake. We raised £128, which will be donated to LGBT+ charities.



The school's LGBT+ group meets every Thursday at break time in RS4. Everyone is welcome to talk about LGBT+ ideas, issues, have a biscuit and show their support.

Ms Travlos, Ms Wright and Mrs Roberts

The danger of hate crimes

Our recent series of assemblies, led by Mr Gardner, focused on the dangers associated with the rise in hate speech and hate crimes.

The ubiquitous nature of the internet, and especially social media platforms, has led to an increasing number of people expressing hatred towards and intolerance of other individuals and groups. Such expressions have poisoned our social and political discourse, creating a climate of fear in which some people feel intimidated into silence. The issue was addressed through the example of Caroline Criado-Perez and her campaign for Jane Austen to be featured on the reverse of a £10.00 note. This modest proposal was met with a tidal wave of vile abuse and threats of violence.

The assembly asked students to consider whether the anonymity of the internet allowed people to express thoughts they would have previously been obliged to keep to themselves. It also pointed out that, in some cases, the abuse does not remain virtual but tips over into real atrocities.

“The pleasure of hating, like a poisonous mineral, eats into the heart of religion, and turns it to rankling spleen and bigotry; it makes patriotism an excuse for carrying fire, pestilence, and famine into other lands: it leaves to virtue nothing but the spirit of censoriousness, and a narrow, jealous, inquisitorial watchfulness over the actions and motives of others.”

William Hazlitt





Year 13 assemblies – autumn term

- 14th November 2018
- 28th November 2018
- 12th December 2018

Key dates – Year 13

INSET day	19th October	Start of spring term	7th January
October half term	22nd October to 2nd November	INSET day	7th January
History students to Russian lecture	29th November	February half term	18th February to 22nd February
Winter Wonderland	6th December	End of spring term	5th April
Year 13 assessment hours	w/c 19th November	Start of summer term	23rd April
Year 13 assessment hours	w/c 17th December,	May half term	27th May to 31st May
Year 13 Prom	Wednesday 26th June	Year 13 Prom	26th June
Fashion shop report	7th December	End of summer term	23rd July
End of autumn term (12.30pm)	21st December		

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Winter Wonderland!

THURSDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2018
4pm - 6pm in the main hall!

COME ALONG FOR...

- Mulled wine
- Present and gift ideas
- Log chalk tree decorations
- Super soaps
- Reindeer candlesticks
- Tasty treats & Christmas confectionery
- Festive cards, tags & decorations
- Games & raffles
- ...and much more!





Activities outside school

October 2018 Half Term Activities at Sutton Ecology Centre



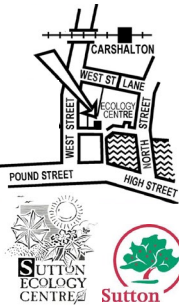
When: Monday 22 October & Tuesday 23 October, 11.00am - 2.00pm each day
What: Halloween Trail: Magic Potions
 The woodland animals have been making magic potions for Halloween, but what are they for? Brave the Halloween Trail through Giant's Walk, Spider Sanctuary and the Wizard's Garden to find out. Design your own magic potion to take home.
Cost: £4.50 per child (cash only). Suitable for: Children 3yrs+. Drop in, no need to book.
 Enquiries biodiversity@sutton.gov.uk for details see www.suttonnature.wordpress.com



When: Thursday 25 October 10.30am - 12noon & 1.30pm - 3pm
What: Wildlings Forest School Stay and Play for under 7s.

Come along this half term for our autumn special stay and play. Children can have fun exploring all the sights and colours of the woods in Autumn as well as enjoying making some seasonal crafts, playing in the mud kitchen, swinging in the hammock, climbing ropes, loose parts play and much more. Drink and snack included.

Cost: £7.50 per child
Suitable for: Children under 7 years.
 Places are limited so booking is essential.
 Please email wildlingsforestschool@gmail.com to book.



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 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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