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An update on Year 11





With coursework in some subjects, and in the case of Child Development some exams, having been completed – the final GCSE exams are fast approaching.

At the beginning of the year we spoke about how Year 11 could be broken down into three phases. Phase one (first half term) being the build up to an assessment week and report, phase two the build up to the mock exams and phase three the final journey towards the summer exams.

Well, in the blink of an eye, the first phase is drawing to an end. Students will have an assessment week, within department lesson time, that will be their first real test of the year. Whilst rest and recuperation is very much needed – so too is independent study, as time banked now will benefit in phase two and three of the year.

Whilst some have been studying hard within school, some students from the Achieve programme have been completing their module of work experience for the Prince's Trust. Placements ranging from electrician, to hairdressing, to accountancy gave students an experience of the working world. Some students really thrived in this environment, with Miss Webb explaining how more students than ever before being offered apprenticeship places for post-16. A huge well done to all those that were successfully involved.

With post-16 in mind, our Year 11 students have all sixth form and college open days available to them on Frog. Please visit as many as you can and be sure to come away with what needs to be done over the remaining months to make your dream a reality.

A select number of students enhanced their experience of *An Inspector Calls,* with a hugely successful trip to the theatre, under the lead of Miss Daplyn and Miss Brailsford. Students were entertained in a way that brought much of their class discussions and work to life.

Once again, a huge thank you for the support families are giving to ensure that our students, your children, are working hard outside of the classroom. Initial hiccups with the homework system should now all be ironed out and students should now be completing two hours an evening, plus work on the weekends. Homework is placed onto Frog for the week, whilst Tassomai and Hegarty Maths complement science and maths respectively. Your support in ensuring your children are completing this is invaluable and will, without doubt, guide them down a more successful path.

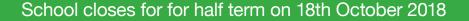
We look forward to the release of student reports shortly after half term to celebrate their hard work. Until then, enjoy half term and encourage students to work hard for their assessments. We look forward to phase two in November.

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

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

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An Inspector Calls...



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33 of our English and Drama GCSE students visited the New Wimbledon Theatre on Wednesday 3rd October. They thoroughly enjoyed Stephen Daldry's interpretation of Priestley's *An Inspector Calls*. Year 11

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 <u>website</u>.



School closes for for half term on 18th October 2018

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

FF 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

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.

Year 11 assemblies – autumn term

9th November 2018 23rd November 2018 7th December 2018 14th December 2018

Key dates for Year 11

| INSET day | 19th October |
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| October half term | 22nd October to 2nd November |
| Ski trip information eve | ning 15th November |
| GCSE dance | 22nd November |
| Sixth form open even | ing 22nd November |
| Winter Wonderland | 6th December |
| Gym and dance display | 11th and 12th December |
| End of autumn term (12 | 2.30pm) 21st December |
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Start of spring term **INSET** day February half term End of spring term Start of summer term May half term Year 11 Prom End of summer term

7th January 7th January 18th February to 22nd February 5th April 23rd April 27th May to 31st May 4th July 23rd July



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

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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!

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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, losse parts play and much more. Drik and speck included

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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.

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The perfect place for you and your family t how much you and your family can fit into s are not only the perfect place to keep act it of all our fantastic facilities, all for free. nto a day here at David Lloyd Clubs. With somethin ctive but great for spending time together. For one

Family SYNROY 360 class in our state-of-the-art gyms, or get competitive with a family tennis match, renergetic group exercise classes and finish it off with some family fun in our indeer or outdeer pools

Watch how David Lloyd Clubs transformed the Lewis family's life



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 2020 8647 6501 (admin@homestarsutton.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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