

Greenshaw News

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An update on Year 10...





We would like to start by thanking parents/carers for their support during our first half term in Year 10. We hope that you and your families enjoy the two week half term.

Below are some department headlines, as well as an update on Year 10 homework.

Geography

Year 10 geography students will be conducting their human geography field work in early December. Full details will be communicated shortly. The field work will see students investigating the success of the London Olympic regeneration project in Stratford, East London. It will support students' current area of focus on the changes, and the impact of those changes, in London as a major UK city.

Dance

Wednesday 7th November will see students sit their GCSE theory assessment paper. This paper will include everything covered so far across the GCSE specification such as skills of dancer, safe practice, *A Linha Curva*, emancipation of expressionism and shadows. Students should also revise how to answer 6 mark questions.

The 11th and 12th December are scheduled for this year's gym and dance display. The event is an excellent opportunity for GCSE dance students to enhance their performance skills in preparation for their examination and it is an expectation that they all take part in the gym and dance display on both dates.

Congratulations to Faith, Sophie F, Sophie B, Xanthe, Tarlee, Phoebe and Daisy who were accepted into The Company and Company II this year. These two groups will be rehearsing and performing at several shows and displays at Greenshaw and will be entering external competitions.

Performance logs: A reminder that every GCSE dance student should now be taking part in at least one hour extra-curricular dance activity. This should be logged and signed in their performance dance logs, which will be checked regularly.

Many Year 10 GCSE Dance students have been approached by Year 11 students to participate in their choreography examination. This is a great opportunity for students to learn first hand how to approach this part of the specification.

English

All Year 10 classes have now started studying J.B. Priestley's *An Inspector Calls*, which will form part of the GCSE for English Literature. This unit will run until Christmas, when classes will move on to another key literature text, *Macbeth*. Students will also spend some time around Christmas looking at persuasive writing for English Language Paper 2, and will do an assessed piece of writing in mid-January.

Well done to all students for completing the recent creative writing assessment. Results will be received when we return to school after half-term.

Homework

Finally, a reminder that Hegarty Maths is now up and running, with the expectation that students should be accessing this online learning platform a minimum of four times a week, for at least 15 minutes each occasion. Meanwhile, our Year 10 students have answered a staggering 23000 questions correctly on Tassomai over the last seven days, with Suveyda and Gabriella topping the charts. The expectation for Tassomai continues to be four times a week for 10 minutes or more. Please ensure your child is completing the necessary extended work to help support their learning.

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



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

Off the Wall

Year 10 students enjoyed an inspirational study day at London's museums and galleries. First stop was the Fashion and Nature exhibition at the Victoria and Albert Museum, here students were allowed to explore the connection between the fashion world and the environment. It is essential that future designers are aware of the potential impact on the environment and work towards a more ethical approach and this was an ideal starting point to explore the key issues.

Following lunch, we visited On the Wall at the National Portrait Gallery. The exhibition is a meditation on portraiture and identity politics in the 21st Century, examining the representation of Michael Jackson. It will provide excellent background material for the 'Selfie' project that students have just started work on.

Mr Broniecki, Head of Fashion and Textiles









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

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>.













An Inspector Calls...



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.

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

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 10 assemblies – autumn term

6th November 2018 20th November 2018

4th December 2018 18th December 2018



Key dates – Year 10

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

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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 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 220 8647 8501 (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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