



An update on Year 8...



As we approach the end of the first half term, we are reflecting on how Year 8 have settled into the school year.

The reports from teachers are that they have made a positive start to the year and we have certainly seen a focused and attentive atmosphere in lessons. Students are engaging well with the content of the lesson and the work that teachers have been doing on feedback mechanisms is paying off. Please see the

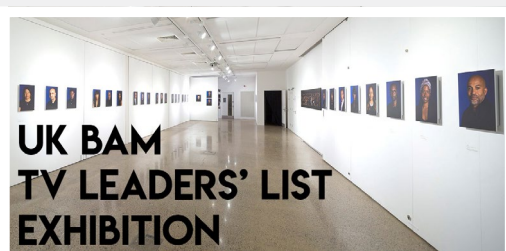
following page for more detail on the assessment hour and how it is used to inform teaching and learning.

We were most pleased with how Year 8 represented the school at open evening as well. We know that many of you would have visited the school on this evening and hope that you too would have noticed the maturity with which our Year 8 students guided our visitors around the school and answered questions about our community. Events such as open evening highlight the interpersonal skills that our young people are developing that are going to be so important to them when they leave education for the world of work.

We would like to wish you a happy two week break over half term and hope that everyone comes back ready for an exciting and busy second half to the autumn term.

Mrs Blackham (Head of Year 8), Mr Feenan (Head of Year 8) and Ms Wilson (Deputy Head of Year 8)

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.





Year 8 assessment hour

Once every fortnight, your son/daughter will sit a multiple choice assessment. During this time, students answer 50 multiple choice questions related to work they have covered in lessons. The questions are structured in such a way that they cover both work from recent lessons, as well as work that may have been covered some time ago. This information is then fed back to teachers to inform them of misconceptions, as well as provide feedback of students' current understanding of work covered in class.

Cycle one

- English (10 questions)
- Maths (10 questions)
- Science (10 questions)
- History (10 questions)
- Spanish/French (10 questions)
- Art / Tech (10 questions)

Cycle two

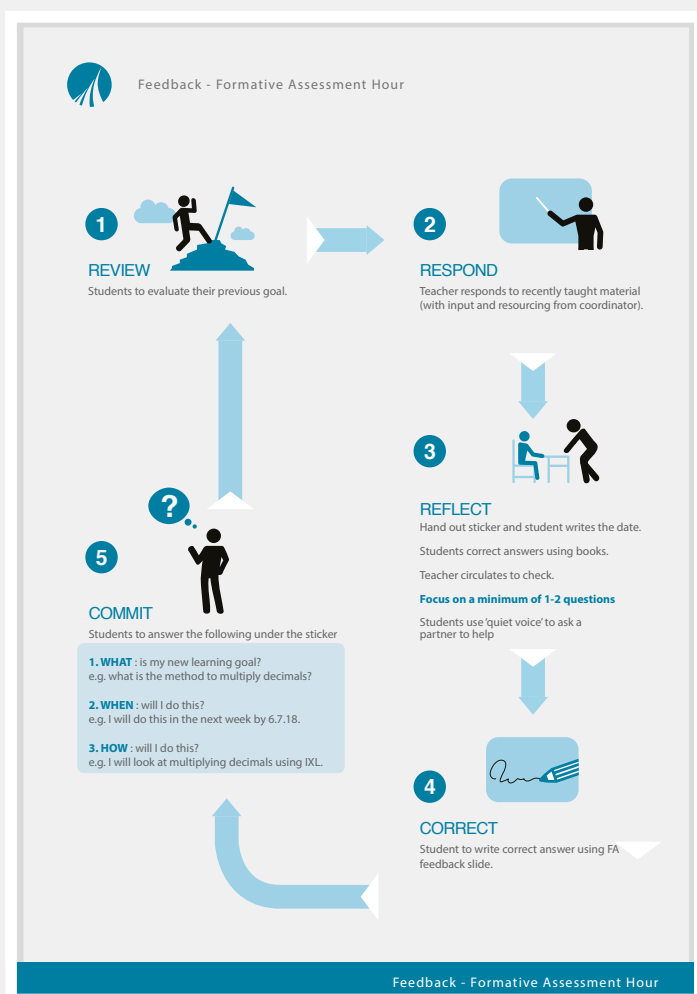
- English (10 questions)
- Maths (10 questions)
- Science (10 questions)
- Geography (10 questions)
- Religious Studies (10 questions)
- PE (10 questions)

Your son/daughter will be provided with a sticker in class that shows them how they responded to the questions from the assessment. These are stuck into their subject books and teachers use the cycle below left to support students in correcting some of the problems identified from the assessment:

As a parent you can support this process by:

- Asking your child about their assessment results.
- Discussing with them what commitments they have made to improve their results.
- Encouraging them to review topics they have struggled with.

Mrs Blackham





Extra-curricular activities

Nearly half a term into the new academic year and we have seen a fantastic start to participation in extra-curricular activities. Many students have been attending clubs and shown the desire to extend their learning in their own time, alongside making friends and forming strong group bonds that will hopefully last far into the future.

We saw in excess of 250 students attending sports clubs in the first week and a high proportion of these were Year 8s. This practice has led to some great results, with the girls' football team winning their first game 6-4 against Glenthorne and the netball team winning their first games 6-0 and 2-0 against St Philomena's and Overton respectively.

PE lessons have looked to build on the theme of developing team spirit and strong group identities with our first inter-house competition of the year. All students participated in the cross-country, showing true grit and perseverance to complete the course.

The final results for Year 8 were: 1st – Red, 2nd – Blue, 3rd – Green, 4th – Yellow.

Extra-curricular activities are open to all and there is no need to book in advance, just turn up and participate. There are also numerous subject-based clubs running – so please do come along. You can download the latest booklet of activities from the school [website](#).



Student Council

The Year 8 student council had its first meeting in October. We had some very productive and interesting discussions around the changes to lunchtime and the new behaviour system. Students used this opportunity to reflect the views of their tutor groups and to suggest some constructive improvements.

One of the foci for Year 8 this year will be on the local community. As such, Year 8 students will be running eight stalls at this year's Greenshaw Winter Wonderland Christmas fair to raise funds for local charities. Student council representatives are discussing ideas with their tutor groups to feed back at their meetings. A final decision will be made at the next meeting, so get your creative thinking caps on!

Big Ideas That Shaped our World

The students below have been recognised by their tutors for completing B.I.T.S. homework that has been of an exceptional standard. Well done and we look forward to seeing many more names on the list next half term!

8ABL: Ayan Mamun, Devina Shine, Jiaxing Li, Regan Clarke Salter, Charlie Staines, Lauren May

8NWF: Joshua Cockram, Jason Silva, Anna Vatavu

8AGY: Hope Brown, Kaaviyaa Sivakumar, Krishato Krishnamenon

8CI: Emily Wiseman, Evie Ho, Anna Geist, Millie Robinson, Rodrigo Fonseca

8DRL: Vyshnave Ledchumykanthan, Tracey Freira

8MCH: Stephen Quiring, Ruby McIlroy, Kane Collins, Selassie Mawuli-Woname, Eva Collins

8MDC: Charlize Lavapiz, Josh Biju

8MSY: Reshna Piratheepan, Pooja Azhagesh, Sophia Genelazo

8SRB: Abid Anwar Sadath, Kacper Jarocki, Eva-Rose Payne, Florence Gould, Luana Guiomar

8ST: Abigail Galo, Holly Butler, Holly Moore, Hannah Angchangco, Abigail Gray,

8THV: Lyla Beckley, Keira Tasker, Aakash Kugan, Lediana Krasniqi





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

Calling all budding artists

The art and design department would like to promote their new club, Sketchbook Circle. There is no need to be a Rembrandt or a Picasso – all you need is enthusiasm and a will to try.

Sketchbook Circle

Tuesdays after school

A3

(3:10 – 4:00)

Work in a sketchbook for two weeks, then swap...

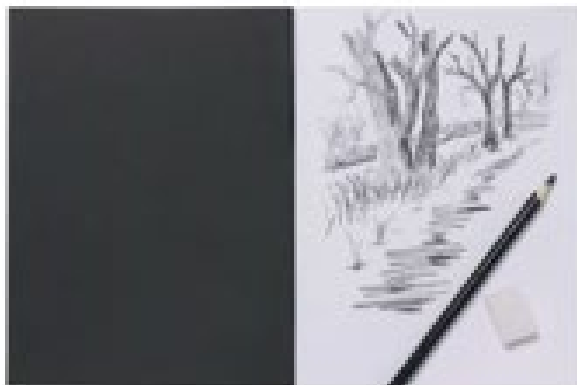
Can you add to someone's drawing? Give them feedback? Extend their idea?

Come and have a go!

Years 7, 8, & 9 welcome

No sign up required

Starting Tuesday 16th October





Celebrating Greenshaw's 50th birthday!

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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](#).





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 8 assemblies – autumn term

8th November
22nd November

6th December
20th December

Key dates – Year 8

INSET day	19th October	Start of spring term	7th January
October half term	22nd October to 2nd November	INSET day	7th January
University trip	6th November	February half term	18th February to 22nd February
Ski trip information evening	15th 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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GREENSHAW HIGH SCHOOL

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.

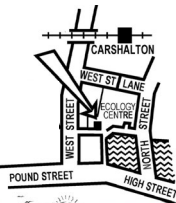
Come along this half term for our autumn special stay and play. Children can have fun exploring all the sights and colours of the woods in Autumn as well as enjoying making some seasonal crafts, playing in the mud kitchen, swinging in the hammock, climbing ropes, loose parts play and much more. Drink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