



Settling in...



“There is virtue in work and there is virtue in rest. Use both and overlook neither.” Alan Cohen

We can hardly believe we are already on the verge of Hallowe’en and Guy Fawkes night, with Christmas already twinkling in the distance.

As we look forward to a well-earned half term break, we can also look back to a very successful half term transition. A great deal has been achieved by the Year 7 cohort and they have managed it in such a way that has impressed us all. The students have come on leaps and bounds and are

now firmly in the heart of Greenshaw. They are able to find their way around the school and to their lessons with ease and it has been very encouraging whilst visiting lessons to see the students approaching their learning with enthusiasm and growing confidence.

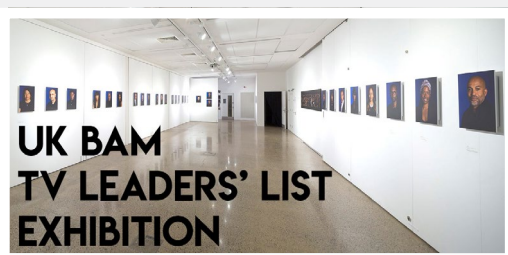
Students have sat three sets of assessments and, once again, we can say they have dealt with this with great aplomb; approaching the process with respect. Mr Stock presented an assembly to Year 7 this week to explain the assessment process and how Greenshaw supports their learning. Students have also really settled into the homework routine and I have seen some wonderful work being completed in the homework books, as well as the *Big Ideas* booklets. I have included some outstanding examples of work on the following page. On this note, I would like to reiterate that students should be completing good quality homework in the suggested time frame. The homework timetable has been created to be flexible and students have a whole week to complete it, which allows for clubs, social time and family outings. The structure can be found in the students’ journal on page 41 and as shown below.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
IXL English – 20 min	IXL English – 20 min	Big Words for Big Ideas – 20 min	IXL English – 20 min
IXL Maths – 20 min	IXL Maths – 20 min	Big Ideas That Shape The World – 40 min	IXL Maths – 20 min
CKS – 20 min	CKS – 20 min		CKS – 20 min

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and restful two week half term break. Mr Jones and I, along with the Year 7 team, look forward to welcoming the students back refreshed and ready for the challenges ahead

Ms Radwan, Head of Year 11, and Mr Jones, Deputy Head of Year 11

Black History Month

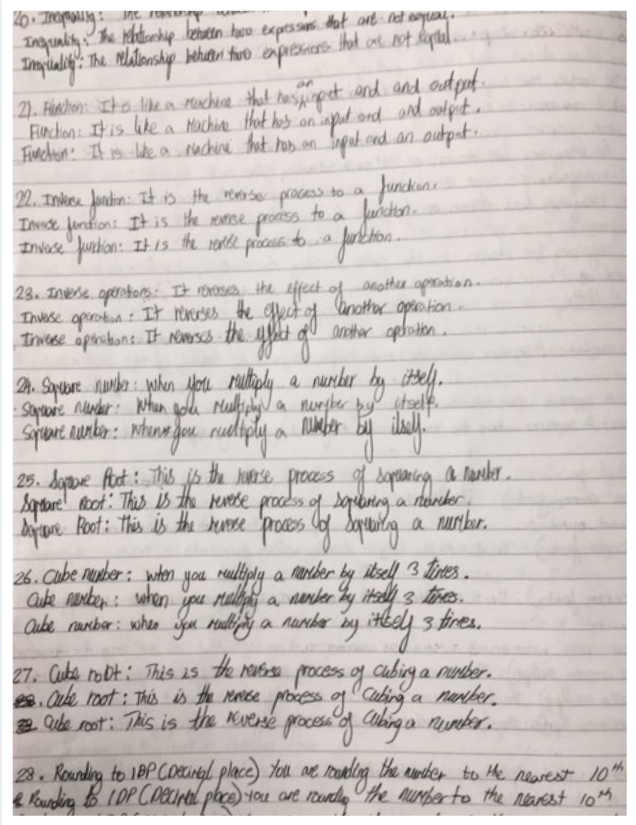
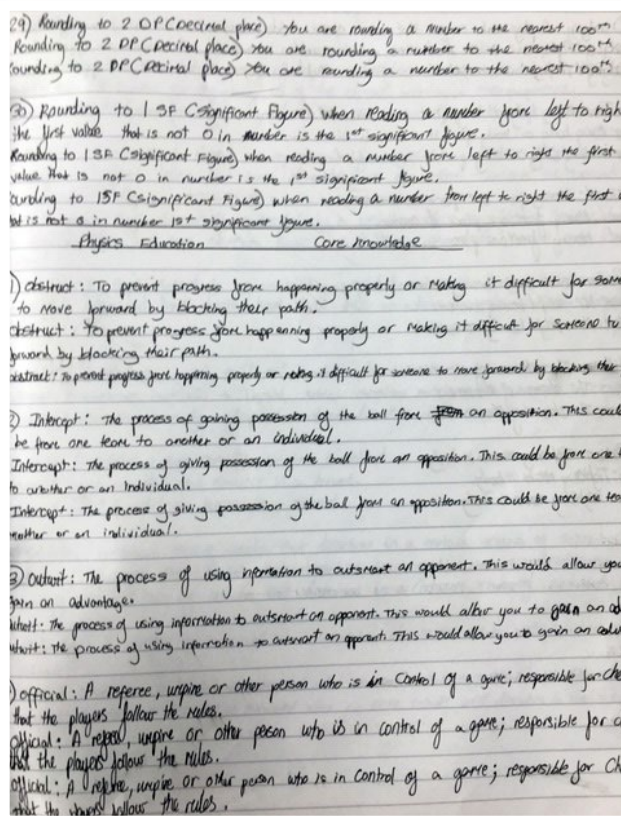
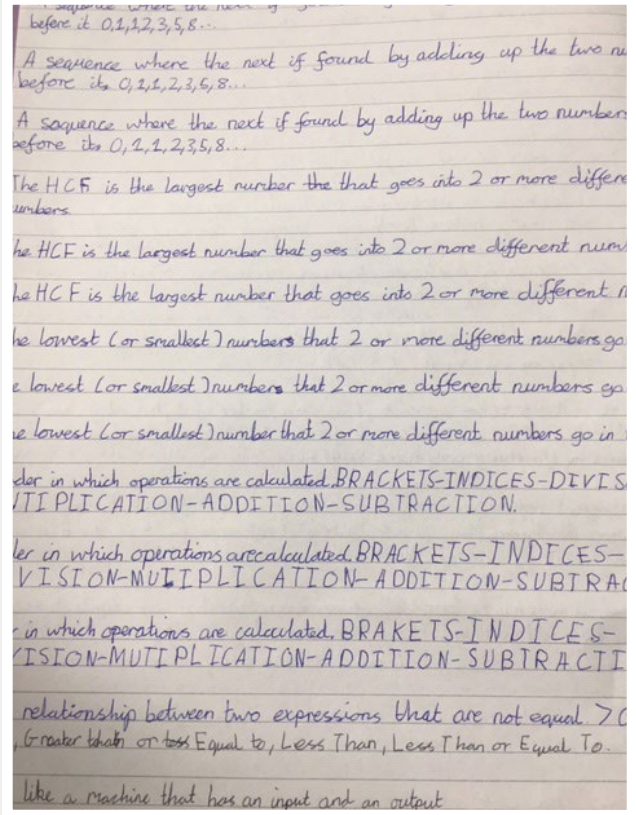
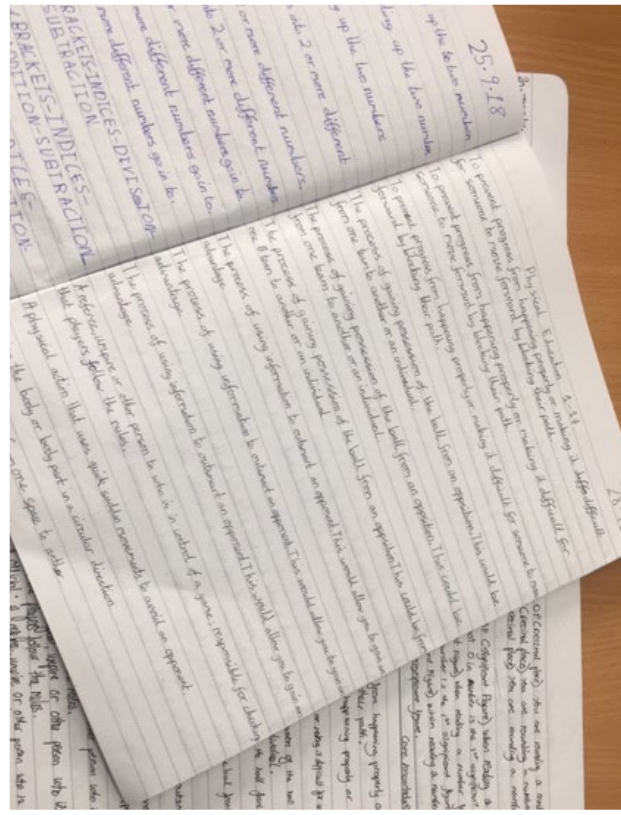


As part of Black History Month, Greenshaw hosted an exhibition celebrating Black and Asian leaders in the TV industry. The exhibition came to us from the University of Westminster and TV Collective. Part of the show will be exhibited at City Hall. It was a rare opportunity for students and staff to experience 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.





Some examples of excellent Year 7 homework





Tutor group photographs

As a Head of Year, and as parents, we are all too aware of how quickly the children grow up. All Year 7 students have had their tutor group photograph taken with their tutor while we still had some sunshine. We will keep these for posterity and have a look at them every so often as they continue on the journey they have just begun.

Year 7 information evening

It was a real pleasure to meet so many Year 7 parents at our recent information evening. Topics covered were metacognition and the manner in which we learn and retain information. Our assessment method was explained and the homework process was clarified. Parents had a chance to log on to IXL and have a coaching session on how they can use IXL to support their child at home.

After the presentations, parents had the opportunity to chat to the Year 7 team and take a look at examples of the students' work. We hope to have information covered from the night on the website very soon.



Emily and Leo present their display and scones at the Year 7 information evening.





Spotlight on food technology

It is always very exciting visiting the food lessons. The smells that emanate are so inviting and the dishes created have been varied and tasty. Students are keen to take their dishes home to you, which means less tasting for me and Mr Jones!

This term, students have been busy making crudités, smoothies, super salads and crumbles. To compliment this, students have been working on their knife skills, hob safety and use of electrical equipment. All the recipes they have created link to their new knowledge of nutrients and healthy eating.

Miss Bowles is looking forward to moving on to bread and scones over the next few weeks, which will be followed by their next art and design subject.

Apart from creating dishes as part of the curriculum, the food department is always very busy supporting wider school initiatives. Canapés were made for our recent open evening and many of you will have sampled the scones with cream and jam made for the Year 7 information evening.

Miss Bowles would like to make a special mention of Leo, Emilie, Georgina and Catherine, from 7MB, who made the scones and handed them out. There were lots of positive comments from parents and some came back for seconds, thirds and eighths!

Students of the food department were also busying themselves last week making and decorating cakes for the LGBT+ group cake sale.





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](#).





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...

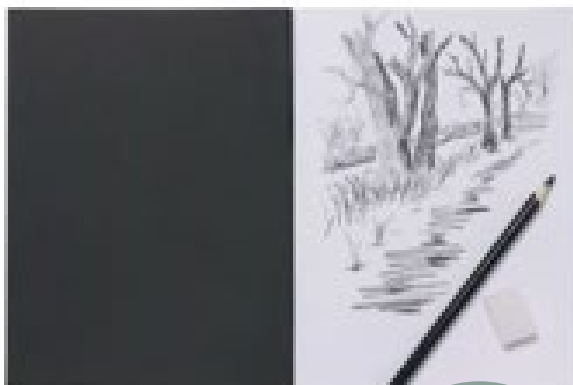
Can you add to someone's drawing? Give them feedback? Extend their idea?

Come and have a go!

Years 7, 8, & 9 welcome

No sign up required

Starting Tuesday 16th
October





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 7 assemblies – autumn term

5th November 2018
19th November 2018

3rd December 2018
17th December 2018

Key dates – Year 7

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
Year 7 Games Morning	16th 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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And don't forget the Greenshaw app:

You can download it from the app store on your phone or tablet.





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

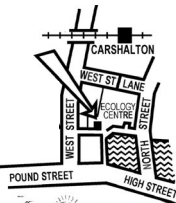
The woodland animals have been making magic potions for Halloween, but what are they for? Brave the Halloween Trail through Giant's Walk, Spider Sanctuary and the Wizard's Garden to find out. Design your own magic potion to take home.
Cost: £4.50 per child (cash only). **Suitable for:** Children 3yrs+. 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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