



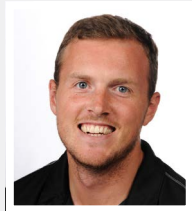
A PLEASURE AND AN HONOUR!



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Head of Year 11*



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Deputy Head
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*Mr C Johnson
Raising Standards
Leader*

Year 11, it has been such a pleasure and an honour working with and supporting you through such a significant year of your educational journey. Particularly because I was fortunate enough to have also supported your transition from primary school to secondary school and have then had the opportunity to return and see you flourish and continue on to your post-16 destinations. It has been such a fantastic experience for me.

The calm, focused and mature attitude you demonstrated throughout your public exams was nothing short of remarkable. I am so proud to have been able to say I am your Head of Year.

It was so lovely to celebrate with on the afternoon of 19th June – signing shirts, saying your thank yous and goodbyes to staff and students. It was a lovely, but very emotional afternoon.

And then there was Prom..... what a night! You all looked amazing and we danced the night away. I couldn't think of a better end to Year 11.

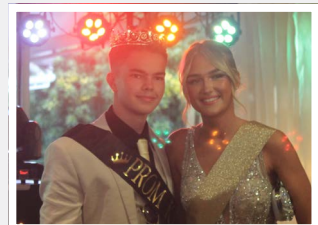
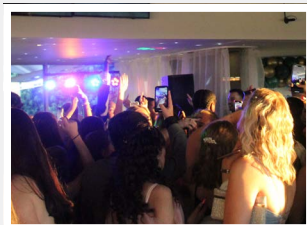
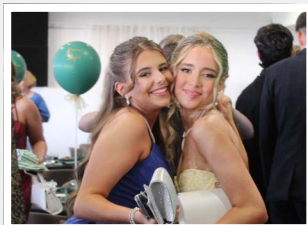
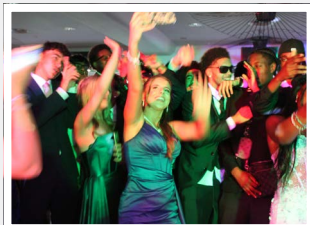
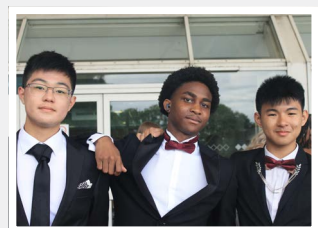
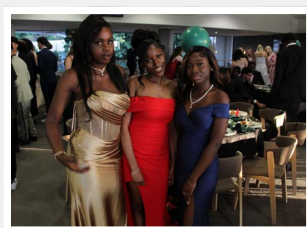
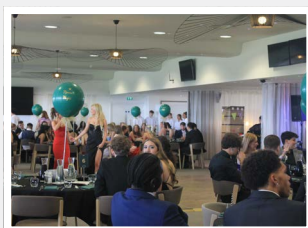
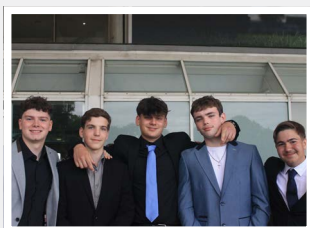
I miss you all and hope you are enjoying a well-earned rest. I look forward to see you on 22nd Aug - GCSE results day. And hopefully

seeing many of you in the corridors next year as you start Year 12. I also hope to see those of you who are off to pastures new at some point in the future. I can't wait to hear about the great things you have achieved.

You are all amazing and have made such a lasting impression, I will cherish the memories we have made together.

Wishing you every success in your future.

Ms Wilson, Head of Year 11, Mr Kearns, Deputy Head of Year 11





GREENSHAW HOSTS SUTTON SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING



On 13th June, Mrs Miles (Mental Health and Wellbeing Lead) and Miss Webb (Assistant Headteacher), along with Greenshaw High School students, hosted the Sutton School Council with a focus on wellbeing.

The NHS definition of wellbeing is a positive state of mind and body, underpinned by social and psychological wellbeing. It enables and supports good relationships, improved resilience, improved health, meaning, purpose and control.

Students explored and shared ideas about what wellbeing means to them, as well as discussing the five pillars of wellbeing and how the five pillars can support/improve wellbeing with self-care. They also discussed what current provisions there are in each school and what further support could be considered.

Students also had the opportunity to hear from Dr Ellen Westwood, a clinical psychologist who is the Service Lead and Clinical Supervisor for Sutton Trailblazer, Mental Health Support Team Education Wellbeing Service. She promoted her service for young people and how they can self-refer and also be referred to by school staff.

We concluded the session with a 'take notice' mindfulness-based activity. Before beginning, students were asked to 'check in' with how they were feeling and to think about how their day had been. Then everyone had to keep a number of balloons up in the air for two minutes without letting them drop. Amongst a few pops and giggles, balloons were flying frantically around the air. At the end of the activity, Mrs Miles asked all the young people when they took part in that activity, whether they were thinking about the day, or stress or things they were worried about. With a unanimous 'No', the young people realised that the power of being in the present moment can simply be having fun. The idea behind the activity was to challenge some preconceived ideas of mindfulness activities that have to be conducted a certain way.

Following the event we received great feedback from staff and pupils from across the borough. For example: "It was an amazing opportunity, and we all thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon."

Mrs Miles, Mental Health and Wellbeing Lead, and Miss Webb, Assistant Headteacher

VOLUNTEERING HUB SUPPORTS LOCAL COMMUNITIES



The newly launched Volunteering Hub at Greenshaw High School has drummed up a whole school food bank collection and students across the year groups were busy sorting out the collected food for Sutton Foodbank this week.

A substantial amount was gratefully received by the charity. A representative from the charity said: "I just wanted to say a huge thank you for the generous donations from Greenshaw. They weighed in at an amazing 211.2kg! Many thanks for your support."

The school also managed to assemble three hampers which will be given to families within the school community.

Mrs T Reid, Charity Enrichment Co-ordinator





CELEBRATING SOUTH ASIAN HERITAGE

This July has seen Greenshaw launch its first set of events celebrating South Asian Heritage Month. The month officially starts on 18th July, but at Greenshaw High School we decided to get a head start on the celebrations.

With this year's theme entitled 'Free to be me', our events have enabled students to fully embrace South Asian Culture in all its forms. We had a viewing of the popular 2009 Indian Hindi-language film *Three Idiots*, the following week saw students enjoy a Bollywood dance class (pictured right), a traditional Indian games night and South Asian inspired Karaoke.

It has been a joy to see our students take part in these events and next year will be even bigger and better.

Ms M Mbema and the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Team



HIKING IN THE SURREY HILLS

Our Year 12 Silver Duke of Edinburgh award teams embarked on a three-day expedition in the Surrey Hills, near Dorking, from 5th to 7th July. Despite the challenging weather, (lots and lots of rain), all students demonstrated remarkable grit and determination and completed their routes in good time.

From setting up camp efficiently and cooking their meals, our participants proved themselves to be self-sufficient camping enthusiasts. We had campfires on both evenings. Students also engaged in many games – in particular, a very exuberant game of rounders.

Well done to all students for their wholehearted enthusiasm. The team are now looking forward to the assessed hike in September.

Ms A Fingleton, Mr J Kennedy and Mr L O'Rourke





HELP FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Our safeguarding section on the school website has a great deal of useful information to support our young people and their families. All safeguarding notices and letters are also added to this section of the website. Click [here](#) to see the latest safeguarding updates that have been shared with parents.

You can also download our *Help for the Holidays* booklet from the website [here](#), for all sorts of useful advice and support for the summer break.

TERM DATES FOR 2024-25

Inset day 1 – school is closed to students	2nd September	Inset day 4 – school is closed to students	6th January
Inset day 2 – school is closed to students	3rd September	Start of spring term	7th January
First day of autumn term (Year 7 and Year 12)	4th September	Spring half term	17th - 21st February
First day of autumn (Year 8, 9, 10,11,13)	5th September	End of spring term (13.30pm)	4th April
Inset day 3 – school is closed to students	4th October	First day of summer term	21st April
Autumn half term	28th October - 8th November	Summer half term	26th - 30th May
End of autumn term (12.30pm)	23rd December	Last day of summer term (12.30pm)	22nd July

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Inset Day 5 – to be confirmed

Please note that these dates are subject to change.

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