



AN UPDATE ON YEAR 13



The final newsletter of 2018 gives me the opportunity to discuss much of what has gone on in school with Year 13 recently, as well as the plans for the weeks ahead.

Most students will have now sent their UCAS applications off and are receiving offers from their universities – these pose exciting opportunities as well as realities of the work and focus needed to ‘finish the job’. We intend to continue our huge level of support with your sons and daughters to get them across that finish line in the summer and with that in mind there are a

couple of things for you to be aware of.

The Year 13 data collection will be sent home shortly, and will include an end of Year 13 predicted grade. The data will also have an effort grade (1-4) for classwork and independent study to indicate how much work the teachers believe your son or daughter is doing outside of lessons, as well as their focus in lessons. Should you wish to discuss these grades, please do contact the main school office to make an appointment to see me, or simply send me an email and I would be happy to give you a call.

From 25th February to 8th March, Year 13 students will have their mock exams. These will be held in the sports hall in an attempt to mimic the real experience of the exams as closely as possible. Students should be planning a revision schedule to start over the Christmas break (allowing time off to relax and spend quality time with family as well) and for this to take them all the way up to the exams. This is the last chance for students to experience a set of exams in these conditions before the real thing in the summer. The more seriously they take them, the more reflective the results will be and therefore the more value these exams will have – so please do support the students in their quest to study hard for these exams. The full exam timetable is now available on the school website and a personalised timetable will be available to you shortly.

While it may seem a long way off, I need to remind you about the event of the year in 2019 – the Year 13 prom! This will take place on Wednesday 26th June, from 6.30pm until 11.00pm, at Kingswood Golf and Country Club. The venue provides an excellent setting for such an event and allows the students to ‘go to town’ on their formal dress. The price of each ticket is £42.95 and a non-refundable deposit of £15 needs to be paid.

Finally, at the end of a long and hard working term, our Year 13s should be proud of their efforts, but should be fully focused on the task ahead as 2019 will be a very momentous year for all of them. Students have shown a great commitment to both their own studies and also to the wider school community. For instance, where students have represented the school at football and basketball in local fixtures, raised money for charities at the Christmas fayre, donated to our sixth form food bank appeal and taken part in the Christmas quiz night to raise money for the Crisis at Christmas appeal. Well done to everyone involved in these activities.

We would like to finish by taking this opportunity to wish all our families a happy and peaceful couple of weeks and to wish you all a very happy new year.

Miss Larkin, Head of Sixth Form, and Mrs Ayres, Deputy Head of Sixth Form





WINTER WONDERLAND AT GREENSHAW!

Greenshaw High School's Winter Wonderland Christmas craft fair was a huge success this year, with a range of stalls selling craft items, decorations, gifts and tasty food. The festive atmosphere was helped along by a playlist of Christmas music.

The event raised £1100, which will be split between the Children's Trust, Tadworth and the National Refugee Council. Many thanks to staff and students for their hard work and to everyone who supported the event.

Miss Paisley, Head of Technology



ITV NEWS HIGHLIGHTS EB



ITV News visited Greenshaw to talk to Fazeel, who has a debilitating skin condition called Recessive Dystrophic Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB for short). He shows huge resilience and courage in dealing with it and is well supported by the charity Debra.

You can watch the *ITV London News* interview with Fazeel and his tutor group [here](#) and *Paul O'Grady's Little Heroes - episode 3* [here](#).





GREENSHAW RECEIVES LGBTQ+ BENCHMARK AWARD

Greenshaw High School is proud to have been awarded the LGBTQ+ Benchmark award from the Free2B Alliance.

The award is to highlight and celebrate LGBTQ+ inclusive practice. In order to receive the award, Greenshaw High School met the following criteria:

- Direct examples of positive practice fed back through our membership
- LGBTQ+ inclusive equal opportunities monitoring in place
- LGBTQ+ inclusive policies in place
- LGBTQ+ information on display
- Gender neutral toilets (where single stall cubicles are available)

Policies and practise are reviewed annually to ensure standards are maintained.

For more details about the Free2BAlliance or the award, please click [here](#).



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PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOPS

There are a number of parent workshops which will be taking place in the spring and summer terms. You are welcome to attend any or all of them. However, please do email lshaw@greenshaw.co.uk stating which workshop/s you would like to attend. All events are held at the school.

Monday 14th January 2019, 7.00pm-9.30pm – Drugs (targeted at Years 10-13 parents) – Fiona Spargo-Mabbs talks about her son, Daniel, and what she has learnt about how to speak to your child about drugs in the years since his death.

Wednesday 13th February 2019, 6.00-7.00pm – How to keep your child safe online – Steve Welding, Sutton borough’s E-safety advisor, will talk about the dangers which face your children online, as well as some tips and hints about security systems which you can install to support you to safeguard your child.

Date to be confirmed, 6.30pm-7.30pm – Positive mental health – A representative from CAMHS (Children and Adolescent mental health service) will speak about how to support and cultivate positive mental health in your child.

Wednesday 15th May, 6.00-7.00pm – Specific Learning Difficulties – The school Inclusion team will discuss what specific learning difficulties means (including dyslexia), and strategies your child can use to support their learning if they do have difficulties.

LOST PROPERTY

There is a vast amount of lost property that is unclaimed in Media Resources. This includes brand new school coats and complete PE kits! Please ask your son/daughter to come along to Media Resources to identify and collect their property as soon as possible, but by 14th January at the latest. All lost property will be disposed of by this date as we do not have the space to store it.





CERTIFICATES EVENING

Year 11 and Year 13 Class of 2018 students returned to Greenshaw to collect their GCSE and A level certificates on Monday evening. They also had the opportunity to catch up with their peers and staff.



GREENSHAW VALUES



In recent assemblies, Mr House spoke to students of all year groups about the values we want to encourage at Greenshaw High School.

He explained that our values shape how we behave, and that in turn as a school we want to more clearly communicate what these should be.

Mr House talked about examples such as 'resilience' and 'hope', and that the school needs to adopt these to clearly signal what matters in our school, and life beyond.

POSITIVE CHOICES...

This year, Greenshaw High School is a part of a research project in conjunction with the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. The project is called positive choices and will be delivered through the PSHE department. The provision of relationship and sex education (RSE) will be mandatory in schools from September 2019. The purpose of positive choices is to improve the knowledge and understanding of healthy relationships and to improve sexual health. As part of positive choices, a school health promotion council has been established. The group includes both staff and students and they will be discussing the content of the Year 9 curriculum, launch positive choices in school and communicate with parents about the process of the project.

To launch the project, members of the council have been delivering a series of assemblies to students in Years 7, 8 and 9.

Olivia and Sanjay, Year 10

KEY DATES – YEAR 13

End of autumn term (12.30pm)	21st December	Start of summer term	23rd April
Start of spring term	7th January	May half term	27th May to 31st May
INSET day	7th January	Year 13 Prom	26th June
February half term	18th February to 22nd February	End of summer term	23rd July
End of spring term	5th April		





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