



AN UPDATE ON YEAR 12



Welcome to the final newsletter of 2018. I hope that students now feel settled into their subjects, and are making good progress in tackling the challenges of A level study.

Sessions on successful studying and effective revision are being delivered by tutors as part of the A level mindset programme, and Mr Ferguson is delivering a series of seminars on academic writing, note-taking and wider reading to help support students in accessing the more complex skills needs for A level success.

Very much linked to this, by now you will have received information from teachers about your son or daughters' initial effort and progress both in classwork and independent study. If you wish to discuss this further, or have any questions about how to support students in making an effective start in the new year, then please contact me on the school office number or email me directly. (Contact details are on page 5.)

This has continued to be a busy term for Year 12 students, and I will share with you some of the achievements and activities that I am proud of. The Young Enterprise enrichment group ran a successful stall at the Greenshaw Christmas Fair on 6th December, and have benefited from working with industry experts who have helped them to develop and market their product. 12DM has also organised a sale of doughnuts to raise money for the Donkey Sanctuary.

Year 12 students have represented Greenshaw in football and basketball matches in local fixtures, and the sports leaders' team continue to have a very positive impact on lower school activities. Year 12 psychology students were invited to attend a science and pseudoscience conference at Friends House in Euston, and were given the chance to hear from a wide-range of experts that helped to expand their understanding of psychology beyond their lessons.

It is always a moving experience to see the selfless way in which our community supports children at Christmas and this year we have been able to support many local families who would otherwise receive little or nothing at Christmas. Students have donated warm clothes to Sutton Nightwatch, organised fundraising for Shelter and contributed to the sixth form food bank appeal to help ensure that everyone in our local community gets fed at Christmas. Acts and events like these are truly important and I am proud to say that our Year 12 students have contributed greatly, and we are very proud of their achievements. Please do thank your sons and daughters for their invaluable contributions.

Year 12s should now begin their search for a work shadowing placement in the summer. I know that this feels a long way off from the cold and dark of winter, but a meaningful work shadowing place can be so important in helping students to finalise their university course searches or know what type of apprenticeship they want to look for – and competition for these is steep. The earlier our students secure their placements, the better. We will be writing to parents/carers specifically about this and the relevant paperwork that needs to be completed for it. We are keen to support this and encourage you to support your son/daughters where possible.

Finally, at the end of a long term, I'm happy to say that Year 12s have settled in and are making very good progress in becoming better independent learners. I would like to take 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 LGBT+ BENCHMARK AWARD

Greenshaw High School is proud to have been awarded the LGBT+ 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 Free2B Alliance or the award, please click [here](#).



LGBTQ+ INCLUSIVE
A Free2B Alliance initiative

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 lsdaw@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 12

End of autumn term (12.30pm)	21st December	End of spring term	5th April
Start of spring term	7th January	Start of summer term	23rd April
INSET day	7th January	May half term	27th May to 31st May
February half term	18th February to 22nd February	End of summer term	23rd July
Parents' evening	28th March		





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