



## AN UPDATE ON YEAR 11



The final newsletter of 2018 is upon us – signifying the end of the students’ final autumn term in school. This one in particular feels like a major milestone and what is clear is that the students are turning their studies, inside and outside of the classroom, up a notch or two.

With reports being released this week, it was an opportunity for the Year 11 team, Mr Mirtschin (Deputy Head), tutors and Mr House (Headteacher)

to celebrate with those that have displayed an outstanding attitude to learning, as recognised by all of their teachers. Students were invited to a celebratory lunch where they could relax, chat with friends and staff, the head girl and head boy whilst they dined on food to celebrate. I spoke to them to congratulate them and explained that the lunch was a small token of our appreciation.



As the term has drawn to a close, a large group of students have been pushing themselves harder than ever. The art, fashion textiles and product design students completed their first mock exams. These required them to prepare and complete work under exam conditions. The atmosphere in classes was of fully focused, determined individuals who produced superb work. Well done to all involved.



A small selection of students who have a desire to go into the media industry had a superb opportunity to meet an industry professional who visited Greenshaw High School for a Q&A session. Students were able to ask questions about what it is like in one area of the industry, as well as being able to handle equipment as expensive as £30,000. The students engaged really well and were a credit to the school.

There are two final groups of Year 11 students who deserve recognition. The first is a group of students who identified exam stress as a main trigger point for them personally. They participated in some sessions with CAMHS to help them be fully prepared for the impending mock exams and eventually the main exams in May 2019. All students spoke very highly of the session and will, hopefully now, be able to apply strategies to remain positive entering these stressful situations. The second group are the Year 11 girls who performed to an outstanding level over two nights in this year’s gym and dance display. As a PE teacher, I know first-hand the hours upon hours of rehearsals these young ladies have committed to, whilst balancing their homework and independent study around this. No easy task. They were a credit to Ms Izzard, Miss Walker, their friends and family and Greenshaw High School as they wowed spectators with tightly choreographed work which was executed to perfection.

Thank you for your continued support and I hope that you and your families have a restful and happy break. We look forward to welcoming you all back in the new year.

*Mr Higgins, Head of Year 11, and Miss Thompson, Deputy Head of Year 11*





## SUPER CHEMISTS!

Four keen chemists from Greenshaw High School competed in the Royal Society of Chemistry Top of the Bench Competition at Charterhouse School last week.

They competed against seven schools – most of which were independent, boarding or selective. Each competitor had to complete a practical experiment: Vishnu (Year 11) was conducting a titration, Valentin (Year 10) was measuring rate of reaction and Ksenia and Ananya (Year 9) had to determine reactivity trends of metals. Each student then sat a 30 minute test and their scores were collated. They scored over 100 points out of 125, putting them in third place. This was a superb result, especially when they were up against such extremely tough competition.

Congratulations to the team – they should be very proud of their amazing achievement.

*Mr Trussell, Science Teacher*





## AMAZING GYM AND DANCE DISPLAY

On Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th December, over 150 students from Years 7 to 11 took part in an action packed gym and dance display. This year the theme was stories, books and fairytales, featuring music from the *Hunger Games*, *Peter Rabbit* and *PS I Love You*.

In the first act, students displayed their gymnastic skills, with floor, trampette and vault pieces performed with great focus and determination. The second act saw dances performed in a variety of styles, including strong performances from the GCSE dance classes.

A massive congratulations goes to all students for their hard work and effort in preparing and performing in the event, the dance and PE department is very proud of the fantastic display that was produced. We hope that all students will continue to attend gym club (Thursday after school) and dance club (Tuesday after school) in the new year. We also welcome new faces!

*Miss Izzard, Head of Dance*





## WINTER WONDERLAND AT GREENSHAW!

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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*





## 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 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 [lsdaw@greenshaw.co.uk](mailto: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.





## EB AND ME...

My name is Fazeel Irfan and I'm a Year 7 student at Greenshaw High School.

Recently, *ITV* came to our school to film me doing a presentation to my Year 7 tutor group (which I have also done in primary school). The experience was phenomenal, not just for me, but for our tutor group and all the teachers who were there. My presentation was on a serious, rare skin condition I have called EB (Epidermolysis Bullosa) or butterfly skin. It's called butterfly skin because our skin is as fragile as a butterfly's wings.

EB is a group of genetic skin conditions which cause the skin to blister and tear at the slightest touch. There are three types of EB: Simplex EB; Recessive Dystrophic EB (which is what I have); and Junctional EB.

EB affects my life in many ways, for example, every day I have to go through two to four hours of dressing changes as I have dressings all over my body, but I don't let that stop me doing the things I want to do in my life. I have to take regular medicines and pain relief because I am constantly in pain.

I want to tell all of you this because even though I'm going through this every day, I don't let it stop me from accomplishing everything I want to do, including having over 90% of attendance. If I can do it, I'm sure all the kids can. And if anyone wants to find out more about EB, you can go to Debra's [website](#) (who are a charity for people with EB) and you can also check out the programme made about me called *Paul O'Grady's Little Heroes - episode 3* on *YouTube* - and the news segment on *YouTube* called 'Boy with fragile skin spends spare time motivating others' on *ITV London News*.

Thank you.

*Fazeel*

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 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 FOR YEAR 11

End of autumn term (12.30pm)	21st December	February half term	18th February to 22nd February
Start of spring term	7th January	Year 11 mock examinations start	25th February
INSET day	7th January	Examination dance evening	31st March
Fashion trip	11th January	End of spring term	5th April
Drugs awareness workshop for parents	14th January	Start of summer term	23rd April
Maths Challenge	7th February	May half term	27th May to 31st May
Parents' evening	7th February	Year 11 Prom	4th July
Drama trip to theatre	12th February	End of summer term	23rd July

## YEAR 11 CONTACT LIST

A full list of contact details for Year 11 is below.

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