



## AN UPDATE ON YEAR 12

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Welcome to the first newsletter of 2019! It has been a very productive and busy start to the year at Greenshaw. Firstly, I want to take the opportunity to pat our sixth formers on the back for their fundraising at the end of last year. The sixth form organised the school Christmas jumper event, which raised £298 for the charity *Save the Children*, in addition to a comprehensive collection of warm wear such as hats, gloves, socks and scarves to be distributed to the homeless on behalf of *NightWatch* in Sutton. I think that it is important for us to lead on fundraising and raising awareness of various charities and I look forward to supporting future upcoming events led by our students.

You will shortly be receiving an update from teachers on how your child is getting on in each of their subjects as we have recently completed a data collection for Year 12 students. I asked teachers to provide a professional judgement based on assessments, classwork and independent study as to whether they currently predict that students will meet, exceed or are working below their minimum expected grade at A level.

Teachers have also given an attitude for both class effort and independent study using a criteria range of 1 to 4. The data will be used to see where students are needing more support or are struggling and to therefore put some things in place to support them where necessary.

The mock exams for Year 12 will take place at the end of June, so while there is some time to change working habits it is important that students are responding positively to feedback from teachers and asking for more help if required. I am keen to continue to focus on independent study time and am committed to supporting the students in becoming accomplished independent learners and ask for your support in this. If you would like to discuss how to support your child and encourage independent study at school and at home, please contact Mrs Reid who is the sixth form study skills manager.

My role as Head of Sixth Form involves many different elements and my priorities are simply about ensuring the safety of our students whilst maintaining high levels of learning. With this in mind, Year 12 students will have an assembly delivered by the Daniel Spargo-Mabbs foundation which delivers drug education workshops and presentations to teenagers. If you would like to find out more about the fantastic work this charity is doing and the tragic story of Daniel, a local teenager who passed away after taking MDMA, please visit [www.dsmfoundation.org.uk](http://www.dsmfoundation.org.uk).

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, Year 12 students should be looking to complete work shadowing applications in order to secure a placement in the summer. The deadline for these to be secured is Tuesday 23rd April. Ms Ayres will be writing to you specifically about this and the relevant paperwork that needs to be completed for it. We are keen to support this and would encourage you to support your child wherever possible.

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

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## SPEAKING OUT

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Jack Petchy's *Speak Out Challenge* has taken over assemblies throughout January, with three amazingly talented Year 10 students presenting personal speeches to all year groups. Alison, Anwar, and Alessandra have stood up on stage and courageously shared three incredible and poignant speeches with each year group in order to share their passionate ideas and spread an important message. *What is Beauty?* from Alison invited all students to question the intense beauty standards that society holds them to and that they might inadvertently inflict on others. *Family Tree* from Anwar reminded all students to care for the ones who care for you, because while there is joy and love in the world - there is also loss as well. *Pro-Respect* from Alessandra questioned the double standards that extremist views on abortion can inflict on the most vulnerable women in society.



The *Speak Out Challenge* is all about building confidence and recognising the power of words when shared with intention and genuine belief. The ability to speak up for what we believe in, what we think is right, and what we think should change are, always have been, and always will be incredibly important skills for the progression of society. These speeches have not only been food for thought for all students and staff that saw them, but hopefully an inspirational message to everyone that using your voice is a powerful and rewarding tool.

One of these three speeches will be moving on to compete at the Sutton Regional Finals, but all of them have impacted the school.

*Miss Wilcox, English Teacher*

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## WELLBEING SUPPORT

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Ensuring that all of our students are happy, and feel safe, is our most important objective. Sutton Young Peoples' Emotional Wellbeing Support offers a range of additional support services for our young people. These are particularly important outside of school hours, for example, during the school holidays.

### Drop in provision:

*Off The Record (OTR)*, Sutton young people's counselling service, offers a weekly drop in service every Tuesday from 3.30-5.30pm (these times change over holiday periods).

If you are aged 11 to 25, you can drop in at our main office at 172 Croydon Road, Beddington CR0 4PG to speak to a counsellor with no appointment needed. For further information please go to: [www.talkofftherecord.org/sutton](http://www.talkofftherecord.org/sutton)

### School nurse drop in:

The school nurse provides a drop in service during term time.

### Telephone/online support:

- Samaritans on 116 123 email [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)
- Childline 0800 1111
- *Off the Record Online* counselling service for young people aged 11-25 in Sutton. Sign up at <https://talkofftherecordonline.org/>
- *The Mix* – support for young people under 25. Telephone 0808 808 4994, one-to-one chat and crisis messenger text service <https://www.themix.org.uk/>

### For parents and carers:

if you are concerned about your child/young person, please feel able to contact the Sutton Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) Single Point of Access (SPA) on 020 3513 3800 (option 1) and ask to speak to the duty clinician, who will be available 9am-5pm to discuss any concerns.





## YEAR 12 ASSEMBLIES – SPRING TERM

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4th February – The art of public speaking  
26th February – School matters

12th March – Cognitive load  
26th March – Making our mental health better

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## KEY DATES – YEAR 12

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Ski trip dry slopes practice	5th February	Parents' evening	28th March
How to keep your child safe online	13th February	End of spring term	5th April
Fashion trip to New York	14th-19th February	Start of summer term	23rd April
February half term	18th February to 22nd February	May half term	27th May to 31st May
Positive mental health presentation	5th March	End of summer term	23rd July

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## ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE SCHOOL

### SPARE TIME IN THE NEW YEAR??

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Do you have a spare couple of hours each week to volunteer??  
Are you a parent, grandparent or have parenting experience??  
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 Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 9.30 – 2.30pm for eight Wednesdays (excluding the two week Easter half term) completing on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May. 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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## ARE YOU A CONFIDENT PARENT?

TV PRODUCTION COMPANY MONKEY KINGDOM ARE LOOKING FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN 5 & 13 FOR A BRAND NEW PARENTING EXPERIMENT!

ARE YOU CONFIDENT IN YOUR PARENTING ABILITY?

ARE YOU PROUD OF YOUR PARENTING?

DO YOU HAVE A PARTICULAR PARENTING STYLE?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE YOUR APPROACH WITH OTHERS?

WHETHER YOU'RE A COUPLE OR A SINGLE PARENT, WE WANT YOU TO GET IN TOUCH AND TELL US WHAT MAKES YOUR PARENTING STYLE SO GREAT!

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