An update on Year 12





Once again it is a very busy time for Year 12 students. The remainder of the term is looking equally full, with a huge number of our students involved in summer schools, field trips, Duke of Edinburgh exhibitions, extra-curricular opportunities, university open days, support for Year 11 transition days, and the remainder of our Route to Success information days. I ask that if your child is due to miss lessons to attend valuable off-site events that they are pro-active in getting authorisation from myself or Mrs Ayres, and that they approach teachers as early as possible so that they can be made aware of the work that they will miss.

As I write this letter, end of year exams have now started, and students are getting a first-hand experience of how it may feel to sit their final A level exams next summer. Once teachers have marked exams and assessed coursework, where applicable results will be sent to you to confirm details of end of year grades and entrance into Year 13. Needless to say, there will be some outstanding achievements across our year group which should leave students feeling proud of their efforts. Inevitably, there will be disappointments and it is important that students use this opportunity to identify and put into practice a means by which they can improve in order to achieve their very best results next summer. Should you have any queries about exam grades, then please do not hesitate to contact me once you have received the final report. I would also like to remind you of the UCAS information evening on Thursday 11th July (6.00pm to 7.00pm), which will provide you with an initial introduction of how to support your child in making university applications from September onwards.

All students should now have a work placement secured to attend either during week commencing 15th July, during the summer holidays, or at a time agreed by myself or Mrs Ayres. I am grateful for your support in ensuring that your child's employer and parental forms for work shadowing placements have now been submitted to their tutor.

As we start to look towards Year 13, we will soon be looking to appoint our new head boy and girl and we welcome applications from Year 12 students. Please do discuss this with your child and encourage them to apply if they are at all interested, as even if they were unsuccessful, the process offers a positive experience; one from which they would be able to learn and could prepare them well for university, apprenticeship and employment interviews.

The sports leaders enrichment group is continuing to do a sterling job in promoting sport and exercise to younger students. Alex, Idris, Joshua, Aidan, Hareram ran a primary school festival after school recently, which was very well received by the school that they visited. All of our sports leaders, not just those named above, have made a huge contribution in helping primary school children throughout this academic year. Sports leaders, in addition to supporting at the school's annual athletics championship on Tuesday 9th July, have also been tasked with promoting the *Race for Life* on Thursday 11th July to raise money for Cancer Research. They have organised that in addition to racing for glory and for charity there will be a bonus prize for the Year 12 tutor group who enters the most participants – good luck to all nine tutor groups.

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you on behalf of the drama department to Fotini, Jensiya, Sophie and Holly. These students have run a Year 7 and Year 8 drama club after school throughout the year. Mrs Brailsford, Head of Drama, praised the students for their commitment, effort and unflappable natures in acting as role models for younger students. Well done.

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





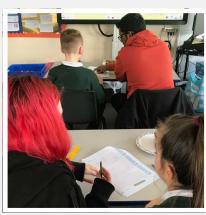
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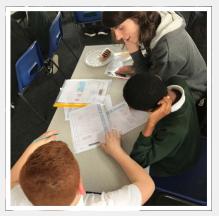












STUDENT MENTORS SUPPORT YEAR 6 PUPILS AT GREEN WRYTHE

A wonderful group of our Year 12 Maths students have been gifting their time to support one of our local Greenshaw Learning Trust primary schools over the past few months. In preparation for Year 6 SATs, this strong team of Year 12s have mentored and coached younger students from Green Wrythe Primary, to help them develop a greater understanding of mathematical concepts, and instil in them the confidence to tackle more complex calculations and processes as they approach the end of Key Stage 2.

The Year 6 teacher who initially requested this support for his pupils commented, "I just wanted to say a huge thank you to

your staff and the Year 12 mentors for being so helpful over the last few months. It has had a massive impact on the children's progress in maths; especially in their confidence with reasoning. It has been great to see the Year 12's confidence in interacting with our children grow from session to session."

We are desperately proud of our young people who choose to opt in to volunteer programmes such as this, in order to develop the skills of others – and for the pure intrinsic reward of doing something good. Talks are already taking place about how we can further develop links across our trust primaries in Sutton over the coming academic year. Watch this space!



Our latest Jack Petchey Award Winners

The recipients of our latest Jack Petchey Award winners were Emily (in Year 8), Khalila (in Year 9) and Aidan (In Year 12).

Emily, Year 8

Emily was excellent in helping a fellow student through a time when they were being marginalised by their friends. Emily is also a black belt in Aikido and is preparing for her second Dan. She also teaches Aikido to younger children at her old primary school. Emily is a Scout outside of school, and takes part in voluntary work and charity work through the Scouts organisation. She has also always maintained a very high standard in her school work. This year, between the autumn and spring terms she made improvements on her already high standard.

Khalila, Year 9

Khalila volunteers at Stanley Park Primary School on Wednesday afternoons, supporting an art club and sharing her creative ideas. She is a wonderful student with zero behaviour points and a high attendance rate. She has an excellent attitude to learning, receiving 7 'A's on her previous report. Khalila is donating her £250 award to the art department to be used to purchase extra art materials.



Aidan, Year 12

Aidan helps with maths tutoring both inside and outside of school. Aidan is also very involved with sport and helps coach both a cricket team and a rugby team outside of school. Aidan has requested that his award money of £250 is contributed to the PE department to be used in the purchase of new PE equipment.

Congratulations to all our winners.

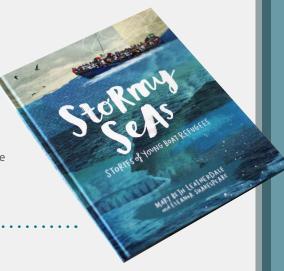
STORMY SEAS

During June, Greenshaw recognised National Refugee Week with a series of assemblies that explored the reality of the current refugee crisis.

Students were reminded of the facts as well as true stories taken from the book *Stormy Seas*. As a school, we are encouraging a culture of inclusivity, compassion and understanding. The assembly aimed to provide practical advice on how every one of us can make a difference on a day-to-day basis.

We hope our students' eyes were opened to the experiences of refugees and how we can support them within our communities.

Miss Wiffill, Art Teacher



KEY DATES – YEAR 12

BASE 2019 competition 25th and 26th June Work shadowing starts 15th July Biology field trip 2nd July School Athletics Championship 9th July Route to Success 3rd July Race for Life 11th July Duke of Edinburgh Silver trip 5th to 7th July End of summer term (12.30pm) 23rd July UCAS information evening for parents (6pm) 11th July

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