GREENSHAW NEWS Isue 4 - February 2020

An update on Year 11



This half term has been focused on students preparing for and completing their mock examinations. The results of these assessments and a final predicted grade will be provided to students and families on the evening of Wednesday 11th March. There are two slots available on the evening: 5.00-5.30pm and 6.00-6.30pm. If you haven't already, can you please respond to office@greenshaw.co.uk, confirming which of the two sessions you will be attending.

Elsewhere, in science, Year 11 students are completing Level of Response six mark questions to practise their science writing. There is one six mark question in each science paper. After half term, they will resume additional PAG revision booklets for homework. Students are also continuing to complete four Tassomai daily goals on Monday to Thursday each week.

In food preparation and nutrition, practical GCSE exams are Monday 2nd to Tuesday 10th March. Students need to be aware of their exam date and come to school the morning of with their ingredients, a time plan and their equipment/ingredients lists. Miss Bowles would like to wish students good luck and would advise, where possible, dishes are practised at home in the build up to the exam.

In dance, key upcoming dates are as follows:

- 17/02/20 half term choreography day 10.00am to 3.00pm in the gym.
- 17/03/20 Examination evening performance of all choreographies.
- 30/03/20 GCSE choreography filming day.

Miss Walker would like to remind all students they ensure they have checked that their dancers are able to be in their choreography and that they get a first rehearsal in the diary.

Meanwhile our sociologists have now finished the course, with Mr Jones wishing to praise outstanding assessments from: Hussain, Phoebe, Kumail, Ellie and Auguste. Also, the history department would like to celebrate the hard work of Era, John E, Katie G, Adam, Nadeem, Ayaan, Georgios, Ikenna, Callum E, and Maisie. Well done to all.



Year 11 drama students are performing in their showcase 'Spotlight' on Monday 24th February, at 3.45pm in the Main Hall. Miss Brailsford would like to acknowledge how incredibly hard students have worked on their final GCSE scripted pieces, which are from three different plays: *The Long Road, Things I Know to Be True* and *Blood Brothers*. All parents are welcome to attend the performance. In addition, as part of the GCSE course students are also attending London's West End on Tuesday 25th February to see *The Woman in Black*.

Additionally, Mr McMillan has suggested that on first impressions Year 11 geographers have completed their paper 1 physical geography mock exam to a really high standard. Many students demonstrated the techniques practised in class in order to break down extended answer

questions to ensure that only relevant information was written. There were some notable high amounts of effort from individual students across the geography cohort and this will certainly be recognised by geography teachers.

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In art and design, students were given their AQA external exam paper in January, which will make up 40% of their final grade. The preparatory work completed in lessons and at home will inform students' final pieces. Staff in the art and technology department have been thoroughly impressed with the productivity levels of each student, given the busy mock examination period. Pictured below is an example of an excellent initial double page by Brooke, where she is exploring her chosen exam question: 'Concealment'.

10 hour final exam dates for art and technology are as follows:

- Art: 23rd and 24th April
- 3D design: 27th and 28th April
- Graphics: 30th April to 1st May
- Fashion: 4th and 5th May

Finally, myself, Mr Parker and Mr Feenan hope students use the half term break as an opportunity to recharge their batteries before we come back for our final full half term before the summer exams begin.

Mr Johnson – Head of Year 11, Mr Feenan – Year 11 Progress and Mr Parker – Deputy Head of Year 11



Language students: practise listening

Resources to improve listening skills have been uploaded in Frog for all French and Spanish students to access. The coming half term break is a golden opportunity for them to practise listening. This skill is known to be challenging in language exams and needs to be practised frequently.

You can access the questions and sound tracks in: Frog/ departments/Modern Languages/Resources/Spanish or French/ Listening resources. It is highly recommended that students complete as many questions as they can and write down your answers. All MFL teachers are happy to mark students' work during the holiday.

Well done to all students for their hard work so far.

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SPORTS FIXTURE RESULTS

Basketball

Year 11 beat Glenthorne in the league, 45-43. Year 11 lost against Sutton Grammar in the league, 42 -78. **Girls' football** U16 team lost to Glenthorne in the Sutton Cup, 1-0. **Boys' football**

Year 11 beat Christs School in the Surrey Cup.

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The Greatest Show

On Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd January, over 150 students from Years 7 to 11 took part in an action packed gym and dance display. This year the theme was circus, with all numbers using music inspired by this topic to create The Greatest Show spectacular.

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 cohorts.



Massive congratulations to all students for their hard work and effort in preparing and performing in this event – the dance and PE department are very proud of the fantastic display produced. We hope that all students will continue to attend gym and dance clubs throughout the rest of the term. We also welcome new faces!

Miss Izzard, Miss Walters and Miss Walker, PE Department





During the month of February, Greenshaw has been preparing to choose its *"Speak Out"* champion – a Year 10 student who will compete in the Sutton Regional Final against representatives from

all of the schools in Sutton. Jack Petchey's "Speak Out" Challenge! celebrates everything it means to be a great public speaker: enthusiasm, passion, creativity, bravery.

This year, our semi-finalists are Grace, Mary, and Eve, who all gave incredibly compelling speeches across assemblies for our Year 7 and Year 8 cohorts.

Over the past week, the remainder of the students have watched video recordings of these three amazingly talented girls, and all students and staff will vote to choose who is representing the school for this year's competition. If you haven't yet voted, please click here. Voting closes on 24th February.

The "Speak Out" Challenge! is a fantastic opportunity for students to have their say, share important view points and opinions, as well as build an important skill for their futures. Being able to speak well and command an audience is invaluable in our world today, and we celebrate our students who go above and beyond to share their views.

With speeches on the truth about dolphins, prejudice, and breaking free from school uniforms, this year's semi-finalists have delivered a wide range of emotions and messages. Their efforts have been thoroughly appreciated by our younger years who will have been inspired by these three, and we all look forward to the Sutton Regional Finals at Glenthorne on March 9th to enjoy watching more incredible performances from young people in the borough.

Miss Wilcox, English Teacher

Advice about Coronavirus

We have received this advice from the Department for Education and have been asked to share it with all parents, students and staff:

The government is closely monitoring the spread of the Coronavirus and is taking action at home and abroad.

The overall risk of Coronavirus to the UK remains moderate. However we understand that people may be concerned where there are children, students or staff returning from or visiting China.

Public Health England and the Foreign Office have issued advice for anyone who has travelled recently or will be travelling in the future. This can be found at:

- https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/china
- <u>https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-</u> coronavirus
- <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/news/wuhan-novel-</u> coronavirus-and-avian-flu-advice-for-travel-to-china

Public Health England blog:

https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhannovel-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know/

Latest information and advice can be found at: https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus

Advice for parents/guardians

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus.

There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend their school or further education setting as normal.

We recognise that some families or children may be planning to travel to China during the forthcoming half term period. If so, please refer to the FCO's latest travel advice via the link above.

What action you can take

A UK-wide campaign has been launched to provide clear advice on how to slow the spread of Coronavirus.

Please help to support the campaign which promotes basic hygiene practices:

- Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze. Then bin the tissue, and wash your hands, or use a sanitiser gel.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after using public transport. Use a sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are unwell.
- You can also share content from the following social media links:
- https://twitter.com/DHSCgovuk/status/1223888531262726144
- <u>https://www.facebook.com/DHSCgovuk/</u> <u>videos/194227541968649/</u>
- <u>https://www.linkedin.com/posts/dhsc_coronavirus-</u> <u>coronavirusoutbreak-coronavirusuk-activity-</u> <u>6629655670331318273-Djpu</u>

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What's in a name?

The first assemblies after the Christmas break were delivered by our Head Students (Josh and Sophie) and our Deputy Head Students (Ananya and Alhassan).

They were presenting some of the ideas our students had proposed for developing the names of our four Houses (Blue, Green, Red and Yellow) into something more inspirational. Students had suggested city and country names, specific values and even the names of the houses from Harry Potter!

What also came through was naming the houses after people from the present and the past. These people were all role models in their values of courage, persistence and leadership. Our Head and Deputy Head Students spoke about eight different people, and once all students had heard the assembly we opened up a form on Frog where the views of students could be collected before the Head and Deputy Head Students make the final decision.

Mr House, Headteacher

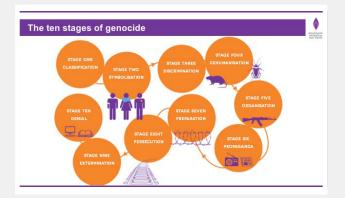


Holocaust Memorial Day 2020

On Monday 27th January, and in a series of assemblies, the school marked Holocaust Memorial Day, the 75thanniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau by the Soviet Army in 1945.

Mr House and a group of Year 13 students represented Greenshaw at the Sutton borough commemoration event at Sutton Grammar School, while Mr Ferguson led a series of reflective assemblies at school to each year group.

Students were reminded of the nature of the Holocaust and its impact, finding out through survivor testimony what happened to the Jews of Europe and to other groups, such as disabled people between 1942 and 1945 during the Nazi



occupation of much of Europe.

We considered the ten stages of genocide, with a focus on those that unfortunately resonate with lived experience in the UK today, such as classification 'othering', dehumanisation, and the use of propaganda to divide community, and reflected on the historical and current genocides that indicate we have not yet learnt the lessons of the Holocaust.

The assemblies ended with some poetry and an opportunity for silent reflection our responsibilities and remembrance of victims of genocide.

Mr Ferguson, RS Teacher



Year 11 Assemblies – Spring Term

10th March

31st March

Key dates – Year 11

17th

Spring half term Drama trip Year 10 and 11 careers day Year 11 mock GCSE results events Examination dance evening End of spring term (3.05pm) Start of summer term

21st February
25th February
27th February
11th March
17th March
3rd April
20th April

Greenshaw awards evening Bank Holiday (VE Day) Summer half term Year 11 Prom End of summer term (12.30pm) GCSE results day 30th April 8th May 25th - 29th May 19th June 21st July 20th August

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Call free 0808 168 9291

*Victim Support (Mon – Fri 8am–8pm, Sat 9am–5pm)

ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE SCHOOL

WOULD YOU LIKE TO START THE NEW YEAR BY VOLUNTEERING FOR HOME-START?



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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 27th February 9.30 – 2.30pm for eight Thursdays (excluding the Easter break). We pay travel expenses.
To find out more or to apply for a volunteer application pack please contact:-Home-Start Sutton on <u>020 8647 6501 (admin@homestartsutton.org.uk)</u>.
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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