



Message from the Headteacher

"Christ Jesus: who being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God as something to be grasped, but made himself nothing..."

Philippians 2:6-7

After a busy first week back, we have hit the ground running, ready for another incredibly busy season for pupils, students and staff. They will be out and about again, on a number of trips and activities. We are particularly looking forward to re-connecting with the local church community, as each house visits a local church to mark the beginning of Advent.

Today some Year 7 and 8 pupils joined former members of the school community, from the Old Wandsworthians' Memorial Trust, for their annual Remembrance Service. Although the service was smaller than in previous years, it was an opportunity to again connect pupils with the past, and reflect and remember the sacrifice made by former Wandsworth Boys School students.

On Thursday 11th November, the school will come together to observe a two-minute silence on Armistice Day. We will pause to hear the reading of the poem, 'For the Fallen', and the playing of the Last Post, as we remember.

COVID-19 vaccinations went smoothly to plan, and we are grateful for the help from local residents who supported the NHS Schools Vaccination Team. If you believe your child is eligible, but missed the deadline for giving consent, do contact

school and we will guide you towards one of the local hubs, where you can access a vaccination for your child.

Finally, an update on staffing in the History department. We said goodbye, for a while, to Louise Thompson who began her maternity leave before half term and welcome Naaela Giny, to teach history whilst Louise is away. For the remainder of the academic year, James Aldridge will lead the History department, and will be ably supported by Alison Sharpe-Cousins as Assistant Curriculum Team Leader.

I hope you have a restful week.

God bless,

Renata Joseph
Headteacher



Roger Holland and Les Herbert

Chaplain's Corner

"Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus..."

Philippians 2:5

Dear Parents,

I hope you and family were able to have a good break over half term.

The countdown to Christmas has well and truly begun and this is reflected in the themes that I have planned for Collective worship.

I want to challenge our students to not only think about the awesome miracle of Christ coming as a baby, but to go on to see what we can learn from His life and attitude. We will be drawing our theme verses from the book of Philippians, Chapter 2. I find these verses (quoted below) to be so moving and powerful. Please pray that students and staff will be impacted in a real way as we reflect on these verses over the next few weeks.

"Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Philippians 2:5-11

Every blessing to you for the week ahead.

Alex Shoderu
Chaplain

Royal Academy of Music

I have initiated some links with the Royal Academy of Music this term in order to strengthen our offer to our musicians and provide insights into the music conservatoire experience.



Nathan and Joseph in Year 13 were selected to attend a jazz programme for secondary school students over several Saturdays in October, which culminated in a fantastic performance at the Academy with the Junior Jazz Band. **Nathan and Joseph** (pictured left) impressed the tutors so much that they have offered further sessions to help prepare them for conservatoire auditions and both are looking forward to this opportunity.

Isaac and Kester (pictured right) in Year 10 attended two Sunday Composing Club sessions and benefitted enormously from specialist tuition, which will help them to progress with their GCSE Music compositions.

James in Year 10 has also been selected to attend a Percussion Club at the Academy in November.

It is fantastic to see so many of our students getting specialised experiences at the Royal Academy of Music – all fully funded. Further opportunities will be available to more students in Years 10-13 in the Spring Term, so please ask your children to come to see me if they are interested in participating.

John Wells
Curriculum Team Leader for Music



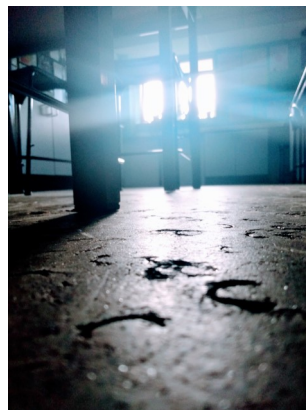
Outstanding edits in Photography and Film Club



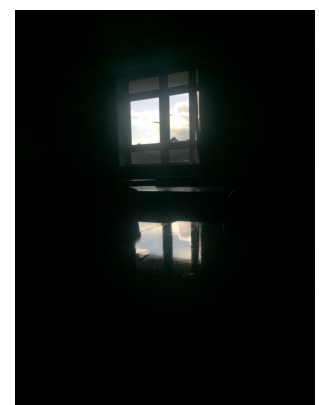
Ellie



Lily



Sam



Ruby

A selection of talented photos taken and edited by pupils in Photography and Film club this week.

Stella Allan
Curriculum Team Leader for Art & Design



Eva

Year 13 Investigation at Thorpe Park

On 12th October, Year 13 went on a combined Business Studies and Travel & Tourism trip to Thorpe Park. The purpose of this trip was to give students the opportunity to collect information and consolidate their understanding of concepts we are currently studying for coursework units on Visitor Attractions and Marketing.

We met on a cold morning at Putney Station, stocked up on coffee and sweets, and took the train and shuttle bus to the park. The students had all downloaded the app to check ride queue times and we were all very happy to see there were almost no queues! When we arrived at the park, the students were given free time to enjoy the rides and almost all of us started with the big ones like Swarm and Stealth; even the teachers braved the white knuckle roller coasters! We had a great day, enjoying lots of rides multiple times and collecting information for assignments that we will write back in school.

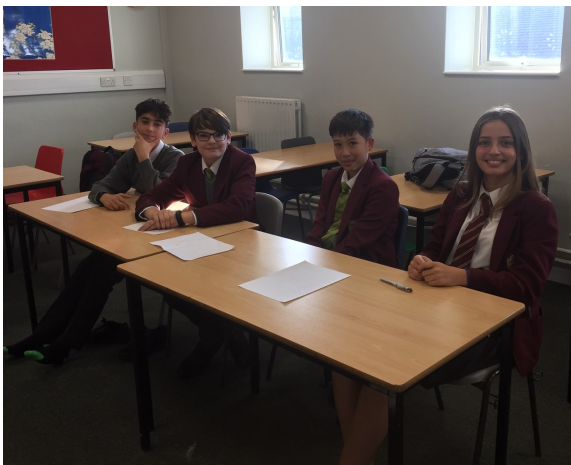
In both subjects, students are studying the Seven P's of Marketing, so were told to collect evidence of what the park does to promote its ride, brand partnerships, merchandising opportunities, alongside pricing and promotion strategies. In addition to having a fun day, we were able to learn what it takes to make a visitor attraction successful, the importance of strategies such as 'Fright Night', how much companies pay for collaborations such as Angry Birds 4D and how the park creates a layout to move people effectively and maximise enjoyment of customers.



Lisa Morris
Curriculum Team Leader for Business Studies and Computing

Parliament in the Making

The English Department debating club has taken off this term. Led by Mr Cox, a team of Key Stage 3 pupils have been learning the art of debate using the British Parliamentary Debate format. They have enjoyed participating in some lively debates and hope to get involved in a local debating competition soon. Watch this space!



Kareem, Dominic, Diego and Eva



Charlotte, Gabriel, Dejuan, Max, Isaac, Amanda and Jezreel

Claire Woodhouse
Curriculum Team Leader for English and Drama

London Irish Rugby Trials



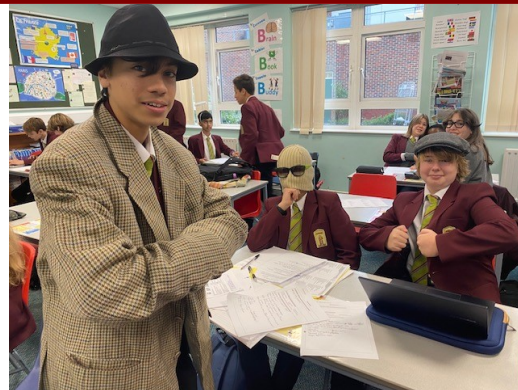
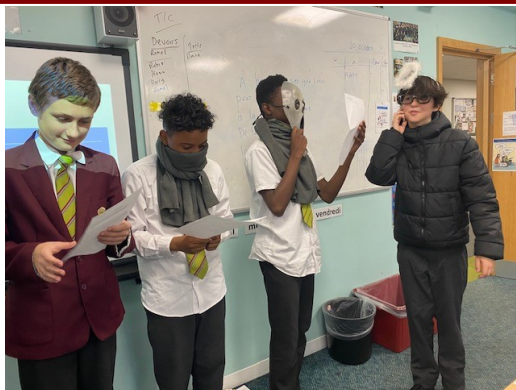
London Irish



London Irish Trials for our Rugby Academy 2022 took place on the 21st of October at Hazelwood, the home of London Irish Rugby Club. It was a fantastic evening of high quality rugby with outstanding coaching taking place, allowing all 38 boys to show off their full skill set. Now comes the hard part of narrowing the group down to our final 24 for next season. Exciting times ahead!

Alexander Bishop
Curriculum Team Leader for PE and Year Leader for Year 9

Creative French Role Play



Year 9 pupils worked in groups with the use of props to produce a role play in French. The theme was 'what they do at the weekend.' They had to try to use three tenses, opinions, connectives and reasons using their classwork to help them. We had some creative results!

Sylvia Basiliou
Interim CTL Modern Foreign Languages

Drama Club gets Dramatic



Key Stage 3 students were active in Drama club. Pupils were devising short performances based on using one word and using props.

Sophie Mouland
Teacher of Drama

Year 10 Parent Information Evening

For parents who were unable to attend the Year 10 Parent Information Evening on Thursday 21st October, please click [here](#) to find the presentation on the school website.

Thank you.

Christopher Luke
Teacher of Physical Education and Year Leader for Year 10



 **Saint Cecilia's**
Church of England School

Year 10 Parents' Information Meeting
www.saintcecilias.london

Upcoming Event Reminders

- **Thursday 18th November:** Year 9 Parent Partnership Event 7-8pm
- **Monday 15th - Friday 19th November:** Anti-bullying week
- **Tuesday 23rd November:** Autumn collective worship in the community