

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the new school year, an especially warm welcome to our new year 7 parents. The new year has got off to a good start with an excellent set of GCSE results, 68% of students gaining 5A*-C and 100% at least one GCSE. We are delighted. Congratulations to the ex-year 11 students and thank you to all the parents whose support is invaluable. It's been an exciting week for the KS3 students with the introduction of the passion curriculum. Students have the chance to do something they really love for one and half hours each fortnight. The activities include anything from computer programming of robots, to karate, to football, to cooking, to dance. Feedback from students shows them to be loving it! We have our Open Evening on Tuesday 23 September. Please come along if you would like to look around the school. In addition we have our centenary exhibition opening on Monday for two weeks. If you would like to come and find out about the history of Villiers High School which is 100 years old please feel welcome. The exhibition is in the school hall and it opens on Monday 15 September.

Juliet Strang

To All Key Stage 3 Languages students in Years 8 and 9

Please could students return the textbooks used last school year to their languages teacher, whether it's the French **Métro 1**, **Métro 2**, or Spanish **Listos 1** or **Listos 2**. Also a reminder to the same students to continue using the exercise book they had last school year, so that you can refer back to what you learnt before and do your bit to help save the planet too.

The Languages Faculty has successfully started a brand new approach to Languages with Year 7 this term. Letters have been sent out to Parents this week and more copies are available for those who have not yet received one. Please could Parent/Carers read the letter and return the reply slip to their child's languages teacher if they haven't already done so. All Year 7 students should now be prepared and from Monday bring with them an A4 ring binder to store their work in, so that they have as much information as possible for the big events to be scheduled in the spring term.

The MFL Team

Duke of Edinburgh Programme

All the pupils taking part in this programme have now completed their training and practice expeditions. Next week the eight Year 11 boys aiming for the Silver Award set off to South Wales on their three day expedition. They will be accompanied by Mr Switzman, Mr Gondal and Mr Strutt. There will be more news and a report on their progress in a couple of week's time.

The Bronze candidates will be taking part in their two day expedition to the Chilterns in October, more news about this in a future edition of this newsletter.

Mr Strutt

Peace2day

On the 16th and 17th October Villiers will be opening its doors again for its International Student Conference. It promises to be a memorable, thought provoking and inspirational two days for all involved. We have students from Germany, Italy, Ireland, the Czech Republic and all over England attending. We have some amazing speakers coming to tell their own powerful stories about how they have faced conflict and war and how it has inspired them to try to make the world a more peaceful place. Amnesty International and UNICEF as well as artists, poets and musicians will be helping to run the two day workshops and of course there will be the disco on the Thursday giving all attending a chance to meet and socialise with students from around the world. Year 9, 10 and 11 students will have the chance to apply in the next 2 weeks to be part of the conference so look out for the application for ms. In the meantime please speak to the Peace2day team (Mr Street, Ms Waldron, Mr Dow, Mr Jones or the JLT) if you have any more questions about it.

Mr Street

Ms Hinkson and Ms Pond will be running an eco fashion club after school on Fridays for the next 4 weeks. Start 3.10 until 4.15- 4.30.

Open Evening—Tuesday 23rd September 2008

Open Evening 2008 is due to take place on Tuesday 23 September from 6.00 – 9.00 p.m. Although primarily for prospective parents, the evening is also an opportunity for you as existing parents to come along and view the displays of pupils' work, to talk to our teachers about the curriculum and to see a number of demonstration lessons taking place. You may also wish to sample the international culinary delights kindly prepared for us by the Modern Foreign Languages department! We hope to see you there. Many thanks.

Ms Williams

Year 10 GCSE Art Trip to Kew Gardens

As a key starting point for the Year 10 'Natural Forms' project for GCSE Art and Design students will be visiting Kew Gardens on Tuesday 16th September.

The day will give students an opportunity to explore subject matter from first hand experience by taking photographs and making sketches. Students will also have the chance to visit the new Gallery of Botanical Art to gain an insight into other artists methods. The work and ideas students generate at Kew will then feed into the printmaking and 3D coursework they produce back at school for the rest of this term.

Ms Green

New House System

After running the competition in summer we are pleased to announce that the winning theme was suggested by Mohammad Wajihuddin in 9PN. He will receive the winning prize of £20 gift voucher. The theme suggested was to name the houses after STAR constellations to symbolise the fact that every Villiers Student is a STAR. After some work with Mr Herring we have finally agreed upon the following: Mr Strutt's house will be 'Aquila' meaning the eagle. Mrs Gill's house will be 'Pegasus' meaning the winged horse and Mrs Pank's house will be 'Cygnus' meaning the swan. All 3 houses have a flying theme to also recognise the heights to which we hope you all aspire. I hope you all enjoy becoming further involved in the success of your house.

Mr Rowlands

Villiers High School Centenary Exhibition

As everybody knows, we have come to the end of our 100th year of Villiers High School formally known as Southall County Grammar School. To end this significant year of celebrations an exhibition has been installed in the school hall where archives dating back to the day the school first opened its doors in September 1907 are on display in the form of a journey from the past, into the future. Artwork, photographs, projects, films, and slideshows are all on display to show visitors how the school has progressed and grown over the last hundred years. A private view is taking place on Wednesday 17th September where ex-students, teachers and friends of Villiers will take a trip down memory lane, with guided tours for those who are interested. Our oldest visitor is 92 years old! The exhibition will be open to our students and staff for a month and also to prospective parents on Open Evening. Many of our students' parents are ex students of the school too, so if you are interested in coming to see this exhibition (there won't be another one for a while!) please call the school leaving your name and contact number and arrangements can be made when we have practical numbers to form a group visit.

Karine Waldron

SCHOOL TIMETABLE

The timing of the school days is as follows:

Pupils arrive in school at 8:35 a.m.

Morning Registration is at 8:40 – 8:50 a.m.

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

8.35/8.40-8.50 10:50-11:10 1.10-2:00/2.05

PERIOD 1	PERIOD 2	PERIOD 3	PERIOD 4	PERIOD 5
8:50 – 9:50	9:50 – 10:50	11:10 – 12:10	12:10 – 1:10	2:05 – 3:05

TUESDAY

8.35/8.40-8.50 10:50-11:10 1.10-2:00/2.05

PERIOD 1	PERIOD 2	PERIOD 3	PERIOD 4
8:50 – 9:50	9:50 – 10:50	11:10 – 12:10	12:10 – 1:10
PERIOD 5	PERIOD 6		
2:05 – 3:05	3:05 – 4:05		

School finishes for pupils on Tuesdays at 4:05 p.m.