

PARENT BULLETIN Week Ending: Friday 11th October 2019

Note from the Headteacher, Ms A Sharma: We were delighted to host North Primary school children for a Rugby tournament this week. Our Junior Sports Leaders were brilliant with the Year 6 children and helped them to run the tournament which went very smoothly. Next week, we will be welcoming children from 26 primary schools across the Ealing Borough for another sporting event. It is a great opportunity for Villiers students and teachers to develop positive relationships with other schools in our local community and we welcome these events in order to utilize our expertise and our resources can be shared. Please note that as we experience colder weather in the coming months, all students should wear weatherproof warm jackets and remember that any hoodies or fleeces are not acceptable.

'Be Her Lead' Trip:



The students who participated in the 'Be Her Lead' programme attended their first 'Be Her Lead' conference on Saturday. They spoke confidently in front of approximately 150 people about how the programme had affected them. They also networked with other 'Be Her Lead' participants from across London as well as inspirational women including Susie Orbach (co-founder of 'The Women's Therapy Centre' in London) as well as Laura Coryton (who started the 'End Tampon Tax' petition).

<u>Year 11 Geography trip to Epping</u> Forest:



Year 11 Geography students had a very enjoyable and productive day on their visit to Epping Forest last week. They worked collaboratively to collect data about the River Loughton. Measurements such as river velocity, depth and bed load size was recorded to see whether the rivers characteristics change downstream. They were very lucky to have had a dry day and to have missed the torrential downpours of Hurricane Lorenzo.

<u>Duke of Edinburgh Bronze</u> Expedition:



All 23 students passed the expedition element of their Bronze award this week. They went walking and camping in the Chiltern Hills. They now just need to complete the other elements of the award, such as the volunteering and skill development in order to achieve their Bronze awards.

SOAS University visit to Villiers High School

On Monday 14th October three student languages ambassadors from SOAS University will be coming to Villiers to give presentations to students in Year 8 and Year 10 about the benefits of studying and getting qualifications in languages.

Year 10 D&T visit to the Victoria & Albert Museum



To enrich their D&T curriculum, Year 10 D&R students enjoyed a great day at the Victoria & Albert Museum. They visited the Mary Quant exhibition and attended a "Research & Record" workshop where they used different materials to explore texture and shapes. Our teachers were very proud when the Museum staff commented on how engaged and polite the students were.

Bronze Certificates



Over 30 students received their Bronze awards this week. Each student has worked hard to go above and beyond the school's expectations in lessons and extracurricular activities. The students pictured



have earned over 30 achievement points in their first month back at school and should be very proud.

Black History Month:

As part of Black History month, we would like your son / daughter to research and write up to 500-words for a speech on an important Black individual, who lived and worked in Britain in the past. They will need to research their life and then write a speech explaining why everyone should know about their life.

Deadline for submissions: Thursday 31st October to Miss Cosmas in the Library.

Year 12 'Introduction to A Level and BTEC' evening

Year 12 students and their parents / carers came to the school yesterday and received comprehensive information on the new exams, study tips and useful resources to be used. There was a very good turnout for the evening.

VHS Work Experience:

We will be running a work experience programme for Year 10 students from Monday 22nd June to Friday 3rd July 2020. If any parent / carer can offer any work placement or have, any contacts who could offer any placements please contact Ms. Nagi on 020 8813 8001.

ParentPay

As we are now a cashless school, we are hoping all parents will use our e-payment system, ParentPay. If you have not activated your ParentPay account or have lost your login details, please telephone the school on 020 8813 8001.

Parental Concerns:

If you have any concerns or issues regarding your child, please contact your Head of Year / Deputy Head of Year in the first instance to raise these concerns.

Dates for your diary

15/10/19: Year 12 BTEC Science Trip to LGC Laboratories 31/10/19 – 02/11/19: Year 7 PGL trip to the Isle of Wight