

PARENT BULLETIN

Week Ending: Friday 18th October 2019

Note from the Headteacher, Ms A Sharma: I am delighted to announce that we have been placed 29th out of 5,158 state schools around the country in the National Performance League Tables. This is a tremendous achievement and it puts us above some of the high performing grammar schools in the neighbouring education authorities. Our staff and students need to be rightly proud of this landmark and you, as parents should congratulate yourselves too for your hard work to support your child's learning and the school. We will aim to embed the strategies used to achieve this outcome with our current year 11 and they know how much hard work is ahead of them. I have every confidence that they too will do justice to their learning and ability and achieve similar results next year.

With the Guy Fawkes evening, Diwali and Halloween nights approaching, please ensure that your son/daughter follows the Health and safety rules and do not put themselves in any unnecessary risk or danger. I hope everyone will have a relaxing break.

New Scientist Live:



Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 Science students attended the 'New Scientist' exhibition at the ExCel Centre last week. Students attended thought-provoking talks, ground-breaking discoveries, interactive experiences, workshops and performances relating to all fields of Science.

SOAS University visit to Villiers High School



On Monday, three student ambassadors who are studying languages at SOAS University came to do a presentation to languages pupils. They shared experiences, fun facts about languages and did language quizzes. It was a time to

celebrate the many languages, which are spoken at Villiers. Our guests were amazed at how many languages our students speak. Everyone agreed that they learnt a lot and left feeling really motivated about studying languages.

LGC Science Trip:



Year 12 BTEC Applied Science students visited LGC Laboratories this week. They saw state-of-the-art laboratories dealing with molecular biology, medicines and healthcare products regulatory affairs (drug discovery, drug development, drug manufacture and treatment plus diagnostics) and mass spectrometry. Each laboratory had the latest hi-tech technologies such as HPLC, mass spectroscopy, PCR, and gas chromatography. It was great to see scientists at work pushing back the frontiers of science.



Operation Encompass:

As the original Secondary Pilot School in the Borough, Villiers is pleased to have helped roll out 'Operation Encompass' to 33 other Primary and Secondary Schools in Ealing. 'Operation Encompass' is a collaboration with the local Police to notify and share information to help better keep our students safe

North Primary Rugby:



We were delighted to welcome over 60 primary school pupils from North Primary School last week. They were looked after by our Sports Leaders and used our sports field to play rugby. Everyone had a great time.

Attendance:

Thank you for your support in making this half-term such a successful one. Pupils' attendance for the school as a whole is over 96%, which makes us one of the top schools in the Borough. This is down to the encouragement and support that you continue to give your child to ensure that they attend school every day. It is worth noting that if a child has an attendance of 90%, this means that they have missed one day every two weeks. This equates to 20 school days over the course of the school year or four school weeks. No child can achieve their full potential with this level of absence.

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.

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

31/10/19 – 02/11/19: Year 7 PGL trip to the Isle of Wight