

## PARENT BULLETIN

### Week Ending: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020

#### **Note from the Headteacher, Ms A Sharma:**

It was great to see so many Year 11 parents for the subject evening on Thursday. Parents who attended this evening were able to get an insight into their son / daughter's performance in their mock exams. Please discuss with your son / daughter their last term's assessment grades and how they can improve further. Please see attached with this bulletin our extra-curricular activities schedule. We expect all students to participate in at least one new activity this year.



#### **Harry Potter and Science Club:**

Students enthusiastically mixed various different chemicals to make a magic potion that would ward off the death eaters like Bellatrix Lestrange and 'He Who Shall Not Be Named'. They mixed and stirred vigorously in their cauldrons as they followed Snape's method in their bid to fight off the death eaters. The ingredients included fluxweed, knotgrass, lacewing flies, leeches, powdered Bicorn horn, and shredded Boomslang skin! Science club N21 Thursday lunchtime.



#### **Primary Boccia event:**

We hosted the Year 3 and 4 Boccia event last week. It was encouraging to see primary school children and our 6<sup>th</sup> Form Sports Leaders taking part and supporting each other. Well done to Berrymede who came first in their league.



#### **Borough Badminton Competition:**

A number of Years 10 and 11 PE students went to the Borough badminton competition last week. The girls came third and the boys played very well.



#### **Artist workshop with Years 8 & 9:**

Over the next 10 weeks a resident Artist, Wayne Lucas will be working with a group of Year 8 & 9 students to create some large, colourful wall art pieces. This week, the students did a great job working on background patterns, brainstorming their concepts and dividing tasks within the team.

#### **UCAS Applications:**

On Wednesday the final University applications were sent off by Year 13 students. Many students have already received university offers, and over the coming weeks we expect to see a lot more. Now students can focus on getting into the course and university of their

choice. We wish them the very best of luck.



#### **Year 10 Photography students visit to Wallace Collection:**

Year 10 Photography students enjoyed a creative day at the Wallace collection this week. Using their cameras in such an inspiring environment was a great treat.



#### **Year 8 'Slam' Poetry:**

Year 8 English students have been working on 'Slam' Poetry. On Thursday, several Year 8 students performed their pieces to the year group, and spoke with passion and integrity. Their subject choices were engaging and mature, and their delivery was clear and precise.

It was impressive to see the year group engaging with a wider range of ideas and using a platform to positively express their opinions.



### **Speaker Series:**

On Wednesday this week, Year 12 students were treated to an exceptional Speaker-Series talk from entrepreneur and motivational speaker Jordan Harry. Aged just 22, Jordan started his own study-skills business straight out of university, and now gives inspirational talks all over the world. He has also offered his online training course free of charge to the school – if your son / daughter is in Year 12 and is interested in accessing the course they will need to look up Jordan on Instagram, saying one thing they remember from his talk.

### **Chess Workshop:**

There will be a Chess workshop taking place on Tuesday 28th January. Two visitors will be coming in to the school on this day to work with 15-20 students who love chess. They will be teaching them new skills, tactics and playing the game with them and each other.

### **ESOL:**

ESOL assessment will take place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January. The cost of each unit will be £25.

All that is required from the learners is proof they have lived in London/EU for three years or their spouse has so we will need to see on the day:

- British / EU passport  
or Biometric Residence Permit
- National insurance number

### **Road Safety:**

The roads around the school become very congested at the end

of the school day especially as we have over 1,000 young people trying to make their way home at the same time. Please be mindful of the safety of everyone and park away from Boyd Avenue. There have been a number of near misses recently and the safety of all our young people is of the utmost importance.

### **Punctuality / Attendance:**

Please discuss with your son / daughter the importance of arriving at school in plenty of time so that they are in Form by 08:30. Poor punctuality has a negative effect on learning. Good punctuality is also a very important life skill, which must be learned at school. Please also remember, if they are absent from school, you should call the school office and let them know they are absent and the reason for their absence.

### **Dates for your diary**

**23/1/20:** Year 12 and Year 13 Parents' evening

**24/1/20:** Year 7 'Your Life, You Choose'

**28/1/20:** Year 9 visit to Ealing Synagogue

**30/1/20:** Sixth Form Open Evening for students wishing to apply for September 2020

**6/2/20:** Intermediate Maths Challenge

**6/2/20:** Year 9 Parents Evening

**11/2/20:** 'Bright Sparks Music' visit – Years 10 and 11

**12/2/20 and 13/2/20:** Whole School Production

TIME/DAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>LUNCHTIME</b>   	<b>Spelling Bee with Ms Farrah in O25</b> 	<b>Spelling Bee with Ms Farrah in O25</b> <b>CRYPTOGRAPHY Club with Ms Srithas in O30</b> <b>History Club in O20</b> <b>Work Skills w/ Ms Viridi in X5</b>	<b>Punjabi Club in N13</b> <b>UKMT Maths Challenge Club with Ms Srithas in O30</b> <b>Badminton Club with Ms Mann, Mr O'Connell and Mr Wilson in the Gym</b>	<b>Basketball Club with Mr Wilson in the Gym</b>  <b>Geography Club in O25</b> 	<b>Vodafone App Challenge Club in the Computer Science department</b> <b>Cyber Club in the Computer Science department</b> <b>Badminton Club with Ms Mann, Mr O'Connell and Mr Wilson and in the Gym</b> <b>Soprano Sectional in the Music Department</b> <b>Villiers Aspiration Club (selected students only) w/ Mr Tonge in O5</b> <b>French Translation Bee Club w/ Ms Halford in N11</b> <b>D&amp;T Lego Club with Mr Fernandes and Ms Malhi for year 7 in the D&amp;T Department</b>
	<b>DODGEBALL Club with Mr Wilson in the Gym</b>				
	<b>Alto Sectional in the Music Department</b>	<b>French w/ Ms Halford in N11</b> <b>Spanish w/ Mr Potter in N12</b>	<b>Boys Choir in the Music Department</b>		
	<b>Chess Club in the Library</b> <b>Well-being Club w/ Mr Murphy in N2a</b>	<b>TABLE TENNIS CLUB with Ms Beckles-Ross in the Gym</b>	<b>Chess Club in the Library</b>	<b>Science Club in N15</b> <b>Current Affairs w/ Ms Gill in X5</b>	
<b>AFTER SCHOOL</b> 	<b>BASKETBALL CLUB with Mr Wilson in the Gym</b>	<b>Korean Culture Club with Ms Bennet in O14</b> <b>Cooking Club with Ms Agosto in O8</b> <b>Graffiti and Displays Club with Ms Lapinha in N32</b>	<b>Debate Mate with Ms Farrah O5</b> <b>TABLE TENNIS CLUB with Mr Wilson in the Gym</b> <b>Football Club (YEAR7 - 10) with Mr Wilson and Mr O'Connell Gym/Fields</b> <b>Key Stage 4 Rock Band in the Music Department</b>		<b>London Tigers Cricket Club in the Gym/Fields</b> 
	<b>NETBALL YEAR 8 AND 9 Ms Beckles-Ross in the Gym</b>				
	<b>NETBALL YEAR with Ms Man 7 in the Gym</b>				
	<b>KS3 Rock Band In the Music Department</b>	<b>Keyboard Ensemble in the Music Department</b>	<b>EAL Homework Club with Ms Bennet and Ms Marway in O14</b>		
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