

PARENT BULLETIN

Week Ending: Friday 7th February 2020

Note from the Headteacher, Ms A Sharma:

I am delighted with how well our students are excelling at performing arts. It is great to see so many students taking instrumental lessons, participating in our music concerts, choir, drama production and multicultural evening. Thank you for encouraging your child to try a variety of activities and develop all their talents. This contributes hugely to enhancing our students' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. Congratulations to Ardhana, Isabella and Crossly for winning the song writing competition run by the Ealing Music service – a great opportunity for them to have a professional recording of their song.



Alice Gross Memorial Song Writing Award 2019/20 (Ealing Music Service):

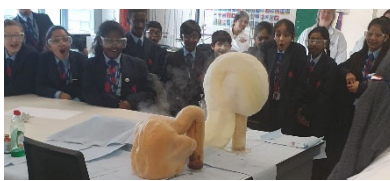
We are very proud to announce that Isabella (Year 11); Ardhana (Year 12) and Crossly (now at West Thames College) have won the 'Alice Gross Memorial Song Writing Award'. The students wrote the lyrics, melody, vocal harmonies, chords and piano accompaniment themselves. Their prize is a fabulous opportunity to produce a studio-mastered version of their winning song at British Grove Studios. This is an amazing opportunity for them. Comments from the judges were extremely positive: *"This is a very strong song. Well-crafted and beautifully executed in terms of form, structure, dynamics and texture ... the vocal line (melody and lyrics) is engaging from the very first line ... the piano counter melodies and riffs work beautifully with the vocals ... I could see this song very at home amongst contemporary chart toppers."*

You can hear the song and read the comments from the judges in full here: <http://ealingmusicservice.co.uk/agmswawinner19-20/>



University of West London workshop and visit:

On Wednesday last week, a group of Year 9, 10 and 11 students attended University of West London workshops, which were held at the school. The purpose of the workshop was for students to explore university, work and apprenticeships while also raising their aspirations. Sessions were delivered on public speaking, money matters and following our interests. This workshop was then followed up with a visit to the UWL campus and Pitzhanger Manor and Gallery on Thursday, which the students thoroughly enjoyed and found invaluable.



Year 7 Brunel STEM Trip:

Our Year 7 scientists went on a trip to Brunel University this week and engaged in a number of exciting Science experiments and STEM workshops. They were intrigued by the creation of elephant toothpaste and brought their scientific knowledge to life by designing rockets and parachutes. We are

delighted to have received really positive feedback from the organisers who commented that... "the lovely year 7 students ...behaved themselves wonderfully, were super engaged, and seemed to really enjoy the activities. They were also able to talk confidently about the science they were introduced to."



Cookery Competition Final:

The final cook off in the school cooking competition took place this week. Students cooked 'Aaloo da Prontha' and judges included teachers, support staff and students. Congratulations to the winners who were Jasmeen, Manal and Mehakpreet Year 8. Well done to all participants.



Water cycle and the Sun:

At Science Club this week, Science students demonstrated the global water cycle. They showed the formation of rain through condensation, and formation of the seas and the formation of clouds

through evaporation. Their project demonstrated the Earth's water cycle in a simple form in the science laboratory. Please encourage your child to come along to the Science Club, which takes place every Thursday at lunchtime in N21.

Year 7 Road Safety workshop:

This week, Year 7 students watched "The Riot Act" - a performance by the Ealing School Travel Team. The workshop focused on key road safety messages, such as managing distractions (phones and music) and coping with peer pressure. This was a very useful session and the students were very engaged.

Chemistry Olympiad 2020:

Well done to our A-Level Chemistry students who took part in the Chemistry Olympiad 2020. Budding chemists had the opportunity to develop critical problem-solving skills, learn to think more creatively and get a chance to test their knowledge in new, real-world situations. Congratulations to Svenja who came first at Villiers

'Boccia' Competition:

We had the pleasure of hosting another primary school 'Boccia' competition last week. Well done to St Mark's Catholic Primary who took 1st place, Dormers Wells Primary who came 2nd and Clifton Primary who came 3rd. It was an amazing day with the Sixth form sports leaders doing an incredible job to ensure the competition ran smoothly.

LGBT+ History Month:

We are proud to celebrate LGBT+ History Month this February. This is an important event to remember the achievements of LGBT+ people in the past, as well as the struggles that many people in this community have faced and continue to face today. Students will have the chance to reflect on the experiences of LGBT+ people throughout history in assemblies and in form time. We will also be

running a speech writing competition in English lessons this month with prizes for the most inspiring entries. At Villiers, we are committed to being LGBT+ completely inclusive.

Multicultural Evening:

Our annual 'Multicultural Evening' will take place on Thursday 12th March. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the diversity of cultures we have here at Villiers. As part of these celebrations, we are encouraging parents to also get involved. If any of you would like to bring in any dishes from your own culture, we would really like to hear from you. If you can help, please email your details and details of the dish to Ms Augusto at ko167@villiers.ealing.sch.uk. We look forward to hearing from you.

Year 9 and Year 11 Options

Process Update:

We are in the process of collating information and setting up interviews for Year 9 options. We will begin the interviews in due course and aim to complete all by Easter. We will update pupils about logistical arrangements and will write to you once we have allocated courses. This will be during the summer term. All pupils in Year 11 will be interviewed regarding their destination choices for Post 16. There **will not be a separate application form** to complete to apply to Villiers High School Sixth Form, but we will formalise choices and write to you after the interviews are completed. Our aim is for all Year 11 pupils to have a destination for Post 16 work or study, so we will work with Connexions for pupils for whom we are unable to offer a place at Villiers High School Sixth Form.

Exam Preparation Tips – Sleep Part Two:

Last week, we shared with you the study tip about sleep and routine. This week, we would like to

emphasise the importance of good sleep for exam success. Harvard University conducted a series of studies over a period of time focusing on optimal learning amongst teenagers. The studies concluded that sleep helps learning and memory in two distinct ways. First, a sleep-deprived person cannot focus attention optimally and therefore cannot learn efficiently. Sleep itself has a role in the consolidation of memory, which is essential for learning new information. For your child, this means they will not learn as much later in the school day, affecting all subjects they have during periods 3,4,5 and 6. They will not be able to write as well about these topics in their exam responses. Secondly, even what they learn during period 1 and 2, they are less likely to remember. Please do support us with ensuring they have a good sleep routine and get the required 8-9 hours. Thank you for your support with this.



VILLIERS HIGH SCHOOL PROUDLY PRESENT

BRAINSTORM

by Emily Lim and Ned Glasier

WEDNESDAY 12TH AND THURSDAY 13TH FEBRUARY
VILLIERS MAIN HALL
18:30
£3.00 ADULT £1.00 CHILD

PURCHASE TICKETS ON PARENT PAY NOW!
Collect from Ms Dhammika in 6th Form Hub

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School Production 'Brainstorm':

We will be presenting 'Brainstorm', a play exploring the complexity and contradictions of the teen mind, on the evening of the 12th and 13th February. This show is unique, and exciting, because much of it has been written and crafted by our performers themselves. Tickets are currently on sale on ParentPay, and are £3 for adults and £1 for

children. We encourage parents, staff, and students to come and support the amazing performers we have at Villiers.

Year 9 Parents' Evening:

There was a very good turnout to yesterday's Year 9 Parents' evening when Year 9 parents had the opportunity of meeting with their child's subject teachers.

Exam Dates:

10/02/20 & 11/02/20: Y11 French

Speaking mocks

11/02/20 & 13/02/20: Y11 Urdu

Speaking mocks

13/02/20 & 14/02/20: Y11 Panjabi

Speaking mocks

w/c 24/02/20 Y11 & Y13: Written
mocks begin

Dates for your diary

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

12/2/20 and 13/2/20: Whole
School Production of 'Brainstorm'