

PARENT BULLETIN

Week Ending: Friday 14th February 2020

Note from the Headteacher, Ms A Sharma:

I was delighted to attend the school's Drama production "Brainstorm" on Wednesday and Thursday evening and enjoyed the immersive, interactive and excellent performances of our students. There were over fifty students who either participated or assisted behind the scenes and they should all be congratulated on the high standard of skills, talents and qualities they displayed throughout the performance. Thank you to all the staff and parents who supported the evenings.

'Let's Go Southall':

The school is very excited to be working with Ealing Council on a programme called 'Let's Go Southall'. This programme is designed to create a social movement to reduce the levels of physical inactivity in Southall. A recent survey has demonstrated that over 40% of the residents of Southall do less than 30 minutes of exercise every week.

The 'Let's Go Southall' team are currently seeking busy parents that do less than 30 minutes exercise each week. They are listening to busy families between now and mid-March. This will involve a 30 minute 1-1 conversation and a commitment to be in contact for the next few months with a view to becoming more active in the future.

They are going to listen to over 400 people in the next 6 weeks to try and understand what stops them being active and what would encourage them to be more active. They don't have the answers but by listening, they hope to be able to find some solutions together. In summary, they would like to hear what would encourage, you in particular, to start to be more active. So if you would like to be part of something exciting and would like to get more active please contact Chris Bunting from 'Let's Go Southall' at buntingc@ealing.gov.uk or WhatsApp Chris at 07931 4534133.



Fuimos al teatro:

On Friday last week a group of Year 9 and Year 10 Spanish students went to the theatre to see a Spanish play called 'Primera Cita.' The play was very funny and students got involved with plenty of audience participation in Spanish.



Pictured: Amadou, Shivaani, Ankit, Prisha and Sagarika

Spelling Bee:

A number of Year 7 and Year 8 students attended the 'Spelling Bee' at Greenford High School last week. They competed against nine other schools and came in third place. Well done to everyone.



Pearson Teaching Awards:

The Pearson Teaching Awards have opened their votes for parents and carers to vote for their child's teachers. The awards allow teachers to be recognised outside of school for all their hard work and this is an opportunity to publicly thank any teacher who has supported your child. More details can be found here

<https://www.teachingawards.com/categories/>

The final voting deadline for Friday 28th February.

Speaker Series:

The Speaker Series this week was delivered by Lieutenant Theodore Chabo from the British army. Mr Chabo spoke about how his path to working in the armed forces was not as smooth as he would have liked, and offered the 6th Form an insight into his life and how he overcame rejection the first time he applied to the job he had dreamed of doing since he was 12

years old. He provided invaluable lessons for when life does not work out the way you thought it would, and an entertaining insight into the various bits of work he has done along the way including working as a journalist during the 2016 US presidential election.

Year 11 and Year 13 mock exams:

Year 11 and Year 13 mock exams take place on our return in the w/c 24th February and 2nd March. Year 12 and Year 13 students resitting their English Language and/or Mathematics GCSE will also sit mock exams alongside Year 11. English Language will be at 1:30pm on Monday 24th February and Maths will be all day Tuesday 25th February. The exam timetables are now on our website:

<https://www.villiers.ealing.sch.uk/our-students/our-examinations-and-result-day> at the bottom of the page under 'Exam Information'.

Careers Conference:

The School's 4th Annual Careers Conference will be taking place on Wednesday 26th February. It will involve all Year 8 and Year 10 students, who will get the opportunity to meet with over 40

different employers, universities and further education institutions.

Sitting Volleyball:

We hosted another primary school event this week, 'Sitting Volleyball'. It was an amazing day with the Sixth form Sports leaders doing an incredible job to ensure the competition ran smoothly.

Parent Governor Vacancy:

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on the School's Governing Board. The Governing Board is made up of 15 Governors, 2 of whom are Parents. As a Parent Governor, elected by your fellow parents, your role would be to bring a parental perspective to our decision making rather than to represent the parental community. The Governing Body meets in the evenings twice per term, normally on a Thursday, starting at 5PM with a 30-minute training update. Additionally, Governors are encouraged to visit the school periodically and observe policy in action either in the classroom, the playground or in and around the school generally. The most important thing a Governor can do is to give freely of their time, and to be active and engage with the life of the school. Anyone who is the parent* of a pupil registered at the school is eligible to stand for election as a Parent Governor, unless they are either an elected member of the Local Authority or they are paid to work at the school for more than 500 hours in any consecutive twelve-month period. Parents of pupils registered at the school may either nominate themselves or propose another parent for the election. If you are interested in becoming a parent governor, or you would like to propose another parent, please contact the Headteacher's PA: Carol Gleeson, Telephone: 020 8813 8001 ext 206 or e-mail cgleeson@villiers.ealing.sch.uk who will send you the necessary form for completion. In the event of more than one nomination being

received we will hold an election in which all parents or carers can vote.

*The education Act 1996 extends the definition of "parent" to include others who have "parental responsibility" for, or care of, a child or young person.

Dates for your diary

17/2/20 – 21/2/20: Half term week

24/02/20: Term begins for all students; Year 11 and Year 13 Mock 2 exams begin