

PARENT BULLETIN

Week Ending: Friday 6th March 2020

Note from the Headteacher, Ms A Sharma:

It was great to see so many staff dressed in their favourite book character costumes ranging from Robin Hood, Sheriff of Nottingham, Friar Tuck, Sleeping Beauty, Tigger and many more. Students were very excited and participated in a range of activities that engaged them in reading and bringing stories alive. Reading is a high priority for the school and we urge all parents to encourage their child to read for at least a half an hour each day and if possible, books from a variety of different genres.

Please make sure you buy the tickets for our Multicultural evening to be held on 12th March at 6:30pm using Parent Pay. Tickets are on sale now and there is only a limited number available. We look forward to welcoming you next Thursday. We have now received notifications from those parents who are interested in becoming a governor and will be following the process of selection in due course.

World Book Week:



A range of different activities took place this week to celebrate 'World Book Week'. Above is Mr Velez who is a published writer himself who led an incredible and inspiring creative writing workshop.



Mohammed a current Year 13 student talks to Year 9 students about self-publishing, crowd funding and the importance of

reading. The students were very engaged and impressed that Mohammed had the drive and determination to succeed.



James Stevens, Art Director at Penguin Ladybird Publishers, ran a workshop for Yr 10. Our Villiers' Sales, Marketing, Design, Editorial & Digital teams did a brilliant job working out strategies to promote a new book.



Some staff dressed as literary characters for the day.

Intermediate Maths Challenge:

Well done to all the students who participated in the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge. 61 students in Year 9 to Year 11 have achieved either Bronze Silver or Gold. special commendations to: Ariz Year 9 who achieved Bronze Best in the Year; Jashande Year 11 who achieved Silver Best in the

Year and Tajvir and Nirav (Year 10) for getting a Gold Best in the Year and School.

LGBT+ writing Winners:



Congratulations to our top ten students shortlisted for best piece of LGBT+ writing. The top 5 each received a book token, free book and certificate. All the others received a free book, certificate and pencil case. Winners' written work will be displayed from next week in the school. Well done all!

1st) Musa K 9E; 2nd) Jay B7R
3rd) Melody J 8I; 4th) Mashrafi H 10I; 5th) Heer M 7S
6th -10th) Waleed A 8V; Anthea D 7R; Hari D 7E; Bedanta M 8S and Dhriya V 10L.

Chess Workshop:



We had our first official chess lesson this week. A small group will

learn basic chess manoeuvres, moves and what each piece can do on the board. The workshops will continue on a weekly basis until Easter after which a new group of students will participate in the workshop.

British Science Week:

The British science week theme "Our Diverse Planet" takes place from Monday 9th – Friday 13th March. There are a range of hands on activities for students and staff organised for this week, including 'Explore and Dissect Biology' on Monday; 'Try Pragmatic Approaches with Physics' on Tuesday; 'Investigate Compelling Chemistry' on Wednesday; 'Celebrate Women in Science and Tease your Brain' on Thursday and 'Vote for your favorite competition entry' on Friday. Please encourage your child to get involved and seek out a member of the Science department for more details.

The Centre of the Cell Trip:

A group of Year 10 and Year 12 Science visited the 'Centre of the Cell' this week. The 'Centre of the Cell' is a research institute medical staff and medical students. Most of the walls of the building are made of glass enabling visitors to view most of the sections, which have been designed in the shape of specialised cells. Students visited the 'Neuron Pod' for a visual guided tour of the research institute. It was fascinating to see on display actual specimens of donated tissue samples behind glass screens. They were then given the opportunity to play interactive games related to specialised cells, genetic diseases and immunisation with the support of staff at the Centre. Students also watched a video highlighting the importance of the Air Ambulance Service and other medical staff.

Speaker Series:

This week's speaker series guest for the Year 12's was Richard Cunningham, a tech entrepreneur who has worked in the industry for

over 30 years. Mr Cunningham spoke to the students about the rapid and accelerating change in the world of technology, and offered his views on the changing landscapes of the industry and the potential for future employment, stating how 30% of the jobs that will exist in 30 years' time do not exist today. He also provided an insight into his career, talking about how he started his business and the lessons he has learnt along the way.

Debate Mate:

After being placed 44th in the country in their last debating competition, three Debate Mate teams attended the Urban Debate League Round 2 at Chiswick High School this week. This was their best performance yet. Students participated in a fierce and vibrant debate against various schools in Ealing and won three debates in total.

Year 8 Parents' Evening:

Despite the inclement weather, we had a wonderful turnout for Year 8 Parents' evening yesterday. Parents and carers had the opportunity to discuss their child's progress as well as any concerns or issues. If you were unable to meet with specific subject teacher, please contact the Head of Year, Ms Panesar.

Year 11 and Year 13 Art and Y11

Photography exams and Year 12

Mock Exams:

The Year 11 and Year 13 Art and Y11 Photography exams, which were scheduled for next week, have been cancelled.

The Year 12 mock exams have moved to the w/c 15th June and will take place in the Gym.

Dates for your diary

12/3/20: Multicultural Evening

13/3/20: Y10 Art students trip to the Wallace Collection

13/3/20: Y8 Science Week Educational enrichment trip

16/3/20: Y10 trip to the British Library - 'Women's Liberation Movement'

18/3/20: Y12 Geography students trip to Emmanuel Hall

19/3/20: Eco Day

