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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

There are a number of examples of our students' mature and responsible attitudes in this week's newsletter, for example, the Year 11 students' approach to their mock examinations, the work of the Student Council and the untiring support that the students give to charities.

NOTICES

Academy Conversion: The formal consultation period ends on Friday 27th November 2015.

SPOTLIGHT

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

YEAR 7 - Jessica Munro for her very lovely and thoughtful contributions towards the shoe box appeal.

YEAR 8 - William King for his first captancy and leading by example during the game.

YEAR 9 - Paul Riley for singing in the recent concert

YEAR 10 - Greta Dennis for always producing her very best work across all subjects.

YEAR 11 - The Year 11 students collectively for their attitude during the mock examination period. Excellent attendance and punctuality to the exams and the exemplary behaviour throughout. Many students also taking the opportunity to come in and work through revision maturely in preparation for the exams.

BEST ATTENDANCE

Year 7	7DMA	100%
Year 8	8MBR	99.3%
Year 9	9DSM	98.0%
Year 10	10CHA	98.7%
Year 11 mock examinations	-	-

NEWS AND EVENTS

THE SNOW QUEEN AT THE HARLEQUIN



On 13th November Miss Vasey, Mrs Ranft and approximately 30 students enjoyed an evening filled with excitement and magic, watching a wonderful performance of Hans Christian Anderson's fairytale ballet 'The Snow Queen' at the Harlequin Theatre in Crawley. Members of Vivacious Dance Club, Dance Captains and all-round passionate and hardworking dancers took to their seats with anticipation as they awaited the raising of the curtains. The first half consisted of the characters Kay and Gerda forming a friendship after the smashing of a cursed mirror. It was filled with gorgeous music sequences, pointe work, stunning contact work, arabesques and pirouettes. It was truly lovely to be able to enjoy a performance with people that shared the same love for dance and the subject. The beautifully dressed women and handsomely dressed men took to the stage with solos and duets portraying the story of an enchanted village.

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The next part of the story consisted of Kay looking into the mirror, consequently turning him horrible and nasty. This led to some fast-paced ballet themed dances filled with drama and large, energetic movements highlighting the change in character relationships accompanied by their expressive facial gestures. The Snow Queen then makes her grand entrance dressed in beautiful attire tempting Kay away to her palace. That was one of my personal highlights. Mixed with the sleigh and her gorgeous movements, it was a spell-binding scene! We then see Gerda asleep and lost on her search for Kay, only to be awoken by a raven. The pair mesmerised us with their beautiful routines which consisted of light and amazing partner work, only to come across a group of robbers. The lighting darkened as they attempted to escape and were finally rescued. As they carried on their journey, they reached the palace only to be greeted by the male and female guards producing phenomenal action sequences in their formations. Gerda noticed Kay and heroically rescued him; the Snow Queen once again made her entrance, only for the pair's love for each other to defeat her magical powers.

I think my highlights include the final part, in which the lights are brightened and the pair is reunited with their friends performing a last routine filled with elegance and delight. I was surprised to see they were such a small cast when they took their curtain call, they managed to take us on a truly magnificent journey and adventure just by the use of dance. It was also really lovely to see something different from the styles we do in class as it opened our eyes to see just how many different genres were out there. 'The Snow Queen' was not only extremely enjoyable, action-packed and graceful but got us all into the Christmas spirit. It was a fantastic performance brought to life by the impressive, professional cast, simplistic sets, brilliant costumes and lighting demonstrating the means of friendship and hope along the way.

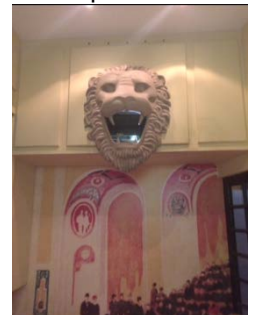


Reported by Imogen Maynard Reeves, Year 10

TEXTILES AT BRIGHTON



On Thursday 12th November all Year 10 GCSE Textile students went on a trip to visit two museums in Brighton. The objective of going on this trip was to collect lots of different types of sketches and studies of what we could see, in lots of different styles. These included: a quick sketch (a quick two minute drawing of an item); a detailed sketch (where you spend around 15 minutes on a sketch); Biro drawings (all of your sketch must be drawn in Biro). Lastly we had to draw motifs which can potentially be used or give us ideas on patterns we can use to put onto our aprons which is our main project we are working towards.



The first museum we went to was originally meant to be the Booth Museum but with a few complications and issues through no fault of our own we ended up at the Hove Museum. We were greeted with the Jaipur Gate which was originally created as the entrance. The impressive structure was the gate that marked the entry to the Rajputana (now Rajasthan) section of the exhibition. My favourite exhibition was the film and photography display. I personally enjoy photos and it was interesting to see all of the old cameras on display and how they were used, together with how photographs were developed since 1888 to now. It also fascinated me how cartoon animations were created and how much it has changed in such a short space of time. The museum had many other exhibits including Wizards' Attic which consisted of old toys and other childlike things from the past. 3D abstract sculptures and also paintings were on display too.



After having stopped outside the Brighton Pavilion for a spot of lunch we then went into the Pavilion and into the Brighton Museum. Here we also saw many exhibits. Being greeted firstly by the modern 20th century and then a contrasting Georgian display, I instantly knew that I would be able to get various motif ideas and inspiration. My favourite exhibition was the Ocean Blues display. This particular display showed how litter has polluted the surrounding areas. They showed how even tiny cola bottle caps can cause such damage to animals. The display also showed real preserved animals in the exact position in which the animals devastatingly died. This exhibit was a real eye opener to how littering is such a dangerous issue and how something as simple as walking a

few steps to a bin can resolve this issue.



I really enjoyed our trip to Brighton and it has given me lots of inspirational ideas I can use and interpret into my own work in the future.

Reported by Hannah Romaine 10MTN

THE SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council met for the first time this academic year. Some of the key highlights are mentioned below:

Jodie Morris nominated Chairperson. Adam Harrington-Smith nominated as Vice Chairperson.

Mr Gout, Chair of Governors, advised that students would see very little difference on a day to day basis with respect to changing to an Academy. He also explained that our priority is to protect the school and community. Next month the governors will meet again to make a final decision. If students have any further questions they may put them in the suggestions box for Mrs Wardlow to read.

Mrs Farnfield raised the idea of improving the canteen. An after-school tasting session and food trial for students is to be arranged. This will be a great opportunity to request some changes and make some improvements.

Mrs Wardlow introduced her Plant a Bulb idea. She wants every student and member of staff to plant a bulb in recollection of someone who has inspired them. There would be a different flower garden for each year group, which would come into flower at different times of the year.

Reported by Mr Rai



SAMARITAN'S PURSE, OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Key Stage 3 form groups have been supporting Operation Christmas Child. Today 57 boxes were collected by the organisers. This has been a fabulous response. Well done to staff and students who contributed.

Reported by Mrs Farnfield



SPORTS NEWS

YEAR 8 RUGBY PLAT COMPETITION



On Wednesday 18th November the Year 8 Rugby Team played their first team game in the Rugby Plat competition at de Stafford School - a game that the boys were frantic about. The team was amazing: Callum, Kieran, Mason, George, Luke, Oliver B, Alex, Edward, Gregor, Oliver M, William, Daniel, Joshua, Felix, Lucas, Alan, Harry, Jacob, Olly, Rory and Finn. We were all ready. We arrived at de Stafford School and warmed up. Kick off! We got the ball and lost possession. That was a dreadful start as they scored. The fly half, however, managed to miss the conversion. Quickly the game went on.



Reigate got a shoulder in and ripped the ball out of de Stafford's hand and we had a break through. It was a perfect attacking line with the backs and Will popped it to Lucas, the full back, and he scored a fantastic try. He then tucked away the conversion straight down the middle. Reigate were winning 7-5! Half-time blew and the team had a drink.

Second half. We unfortunately gave away a few penalties and scrums, but we held onto ourselves and kept the pressure on.

Suddenly de Stafford had a quick tap and go. Reigate were not paying attention; this let their winger through to score de Stafford's second, and with their first conversion. Later on de



Stafford had a break through our forwards and passed to their winger. Felix smashed him out the side lines stopping the counter. Later into the game the opposition started to play dirty and gave us three injuries on some of our best players, but they kept fighting. William and Lucas were putting all their effort into it and ran as fast as they could. We nearly scored the try that could win us the game but unfortunately we knocked it on and we lost! It was disappointing but Reigate School played with spirit and to the rules. We shook hands and left with our heads up and roaring for our next game. Although we lost, that was our first game as a team and in my opinion we played great!



Reported by Oliver Marsden 8VRA

YEAR 8 INTER-TUTOR FOOTBALL RESULTS - BOYS**YEAR 8 INTER-TUTOR FOOTBALL RESULTS- GIRLS**

Final – SGO 2 v JDA 0

1st – SGO2nd – JDA3rd – JPR & VRA5th – BWI & MBR7th – CLA

Final – SGO 1 v JDA 0

1st – SGO2nd – JDA3rd – EWA4th – MBR5th – IBN6th – CLA7th – BWI**BOYS' CROSS-COUNTRY**

Unfortunately we don't have the team results yet. However, we should mention Oliver Mooney's fantastic individual performance in finishing 1st in the Year 7 race.

Also, many congratulations to all of the boys who competed, working extremely hard on a cold, wet day. Fantastic effort lads!

UPCOMING DATES

Monday 23 rd November	Year 7 & 8 Girls' Cricket Tournament at Dunottar.
Tuesday 24 th November	11SRA Form trip to Laserquest in Horsham.
Wednesday 25 th November	Lunchtime Catering Careers Talk on Catering & Hospitality : Tony Tobin Celebrity Chef
Thursday 26 th November	Rugby match at Southborough School.
	English trip to 'An Inspector Calls' at Wimbledon Theatre.

CAREER GUIDANCE

Below are some very useful websites which have plenty of information regarding further education, apprenticeships and career choices plus interview techniques and many other tips.



www.barclayslifeskills.com



www.apprenticeships.org.uk



www.allaboutschoollleavers.co.uk



www.notgoingtouni.co.uk



www.icould.com