



St Paul's Students at the Panathlon Final - Crystal Palace

Dear Parents and Carers

New accommodation

We have been at our new campus for over six years. I am delighted to inform you of some additional buildings and facilities that will become available over the next six months.

The Football Foundation has awarded us a substantial grant for the installation of a new full size floodlit 3G pitch. We will also be installing a new changing room area and additional buildings to support the Inclusion LZ. I am hoping that these new facilities will be available by the start of the new academic year in September.



I wish you all a happy and holy Easter.

Best Wishes
Patrick Winston
Principal

Visit by Norwegian School Principals

We were delighted to welcome a party of thirty two School Principals from Norway. During their visit they had the opportunity to visit a range of lessons in English and Mathematics, meetings with students and staff. They were also given presentations on recent initiatives that have been implemented at the Academy. Our guests were very impressed by the quality of teaching & learning, the pace of learning and the excellent professional relationships between students & members of staff.



Success for Staff

At St Paul's Academy we fully support and encourage adult learning and, to this end, we are delighted to offer a **Master's Degree: Leading Innovation and Change** to all our staff. This qualification is offered in conjunction with St Mary's University, Twickenham and is facilitated by our Chair of Governors, Bernie Borland CBE. Two members of the Pure & Applied Sciences LZ Team have been conferred with their Degrees, Kathleen Joyce and Peter Murphy.



Primary Schools Sports Competitions

We have continued to welcome students from partner Primary Schools for a range of sports competitions throughout the school. These events have been facilitated by our Sports Leaders from Yr 11 with the assistance of our Sports Staff. During this half term we have held Basketball competitions for both girls and boys with seven schools taking part. The results from the competitions were:

Girls' Winners: Our Lady of Grace

Runners Up: St Peter's

Boys' Winners: St Thomas a Becket

Runners Up: Our Lady of Grace

Further competitions in Tag Rugby, Athletics and Gaelic Football will take place during the remainder of the academic year.



Easter Reflection

Loving God,

Help us this Easter to celebrate with joy that Jesus has conquered sin and death and won for us the gift of eternal life.

Our Saviour is alive, and lives with us, as he is the Resurrection and the Life.

Christ is Risen. Alleluia!

Year 7 and 8 Health Days

At any one time, 1 in 10 children and young people have a diagnosable mental health problem, and it is well established that most adolescent and adult mental illness can be traced back to childhood. Addressing issues early will help individuals and society. At St Paul's we are totally committed to the emotional well-being and mental health of our students. This term, all students in years 7 and 8 took part in a Health Day, where instead of their normal lessons, they followed an interactive programme, where through play and teamwork, students learned how to keep their minds healthy and how to deal with things that have a negative impact on mental and physical well-being.

The key message of the Health Day was mental health is as important as physical health, and students were given advice on what to do when things may be getting them down. Each student has a copy of the A7 card that reminds them of what they learned from the Health Day. Key Stage 4 students will also have Health Days and their focus will be on Resilience.

HEALTHY MINDS

YOUR MENTAL HEALTH IS AS IMPORTANT AS YOUR PHYSICAL HEALTH

- DON'T BE AFRAID OF FAILURE
- BE POSITIVE AND THANKFUL FOR WHAT YOU HAVE
- DON'T GIVE UP

WHAT TO DO IF THINGS ARE GETTING YOU DOWN:

- DON'T HIDE HOW YOU ARE FEELING
- DO ASK FOR HELP, AT HOME AND SCHOOL

IF THINGS ARE GETTING YOUR FRIEND DOWN:

- ASK FOR HELP FOR OTHERS

“Visit to the Southbank Centre and National Theatre”



Today was outstanding. We first went to the Southbank Centre and we took a tour around Roald Dahl's life. I learnt he crashed a plane. Then we stood in sand and saw a broken aircraft. Most importantly, I learnt that he had a great imagination and that anything can happen if you imagine. Then we went to the National Theatre which has lots of different theatres inside. It's a very peaceful, big place. I saw exhibits from the play Alice in Wonderland. The best thing was the tea cup table but I also liked the interactive TV that we danced to. *Mauricette Kiese - Year 7*

World Book Day

St. Paul's celebrated World Book Day 2016 in style by dressing up as famous characters from well-known stories. The English & Communications zone were impressed with the Year 7 students who made a special effort to dress up as characters from 'Alice in Wonderland', 'The Hunger Games', 'Matilda', 'Pigeon English', 'Double Take' and many more of their favourite novels.

Prizes were given for the best costumes and all Year 7 students received a book token to spend on a new book of their choice. English and Spanish lessons were taught by teachers who dressed as their favourite characters from fairy tales, novels and Shakespeare plays and the whole team looked amazing. We can't wait to see the costumes in 2017!



MFL Spelling Bee Comp.

As languages are a key element in the GCSE curriculum, the MFL team has entered the school in the national Foreign Language Spelling Bee competition for students in Year 7. This helps students to practise and improve their vocabulary, spelling and memory skills in Spanish. During the competition, students have to translate words from English and spell them out loud in Spanish.

After five weeks of preparation where students learnt 100 words in Spanish, the school competition took place on Tuesday. Year 7 students performed brilliantly and the atmosphere was thrilling.

After an outstanding performance from all the 12 year 7 participants, Zosia Newton, Charlotte Sarmiento and Esther Soroye will represent St. Paul's Academy at the Regional competition!!

Everyone at St. Paul's Academy, in particular the MFL department, are really proud of all participants and their dedication. Well done everyone! And good luck to our winners for the next stage!!!!



'In The Zone'

All Year 7 students attended a workshop on Travelling to School. 'In the Zone' was an interactive assembly workshop that encouraged the students to undertake active travel to school safely. The presenters discussed the health benefits of active travel, independent travel (including journey planning), personal safety and road safety. One Year 7 student said "It gave us great information about how to stay fit when travelling to school and helped us for our future." Overall the students may think about changing their journey habits and their own safety on their way to and from school.



Work Experience

In January a selected group of Year 11 students spent a week doing work experience. The students, who are studying on the 'Learning for Life' course, worked at Alex McCloud Primary School, Triangle Day Nursery, Greenwich Toy Library and the local Coop store. All of the students gained invaluable experience in the real workplace, a new insight into their individual career paths and glowing references.



One student commented, 'It was great because you get a taste of what it's like in the real world and it was really useful because it helped me decide what I want to do in the future.'

Trip to the Globe theatre

Recently on Thursday 3rd March, the English class 9Blake embarked on a journey to the Globe Theatre. The day began at 9.30 in the morning; where the group met in Woolwich, accompanied by another year 10 class who would also be going on the trip. From there, a train was taken to Cannon Street.

When the students arrived on the Bank side, they went for a small peregrination around the area to while away time until the play started at 1.30pm. There was also a visit to the London art gallery, where there was a chance to capture the art and also have a lunch break. With the spare time that was allocated, the students were able to buy souvenirs and talk with friends; it was also reported that a class game was played, where the form held hands in a circle and looked to the ceiling- what a sight!

The play watched was called 'Twelfth Night'; an old musical written by Shakespeare in the Elizabethan age that was performed with a modern day twist. Modern day extras include the performance of the song 'watch me by silento' which was performed by the cast of the play. Students who watched the drama said:



"I loved the whip. It was so weird, but wonderful"
"The whole play kept me in awe of theatre and reminded me of why I chose drama for GCSE"
"I really wish the play went on for longer, the actors were amazing"
"There were some parts were I had to physically hold myself back from screaming at the cast"
"I feel like my insides are going to come out when I think about the comedy in the play"
"I have nothing to say, it was great"

Overall, the day was widely acknowledged as a big success and everyone seems very grateful to all the coordinators and the teachers that organised and that eventually chaperoned the trip.

Year 10 Reading Group

Every Wednesday Mrs Murphy takes a group of year 10 students to a primary school called St Thomas a Becket. We leave school straight away at 2:10 and make our way with Mrs Murphy to the primary school. Once there we sign in and go to the classes located with year 1 children. We sit down with each child that has been asked to read with me or another English mentor; and we open their reading journal and reading book and we help them read. For example if the child was stuck on a word we would help them sound it out and help them to achieve their most potential throughout the duration we are there helping them read. We don't only read with one individual we read with 4-5 individuals varying in experience and academic ability.

This for me is a real eye opener and to other individuals; you're not only developing people skills and confidence skills but skills to develop your own learning as well as others. For example just helping kids read basic books helps you in so many ways; taking your time reading if you're a quick reader then it helps you slow down and pronounce the words correctly.

Overall this workshop with Year 1 in St Thomas a Becket Primary School is beneficial to the Year 10s and the Year 1s.

Dylan Wiggan, Year 10

The Panathlon

Eleven of our students represented Greenwich in the Panathlon Challenge South Champions Final, which was held at Crystal Palace National Sports Centre on Wednesday 2nd March.



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TERM & HOLIDAY DATES 2016

Summer Term

Monday, 11th April

Friday, 22nd July

Summer Half Term

Monday, 30th May

Friday, 3rd June

Autumn Term

Tuesday, 6th September
(Year 7 only return)

Wednesday, 7th September
(Year 8 – 11 return)

Thursday, 22nd December

Autumn Half Term

Monday, 24th October

Friday, 28th October

