



## Students taking part in the final of the Panathlon Challenge at Crystal Palace Sports Arena on 8th March.

### Dear Parents and Carers

#### **The Enterprise Specialism**

*During the Season of Lent we have held an extensive programme of fundraising activities to support the charities that have been nominated by our students; Children with Cancer, Macmillan Nurses, Don't forget the Kids, The Stroke Association, Cancer Research UK, Guy's & St Thomas' Hospitals, MIND, Battersea Dogs & Cats Home, The Greenwich & Bexley Hospice and the South London Special League. The events included an Easter Fayre, a Mufti Day, a March a Mile sponsored activity and a Talent Show.*

*We are always delighted to welcome friends or neighbours of the Academy and charity events offer fantastic opportunities to raise much needed funds and further our involvement in the local community.*



Best Wishes  
Patrick Winston  
Principal

### ● **Breaking News**

We are delighted that three members of the Class of 2015 have been offered places at Oxbridge for September 2017. Mary Oboh to read Oriental Studies, Karen Sarmiento to read Computer Science and Fatima Shekoni to read Chemistry.

At St Paul's Academy, we fully support and encourage adult learning and, to this end, we are able to offer a Masters Degree: Leading Innovation & Change to all of our staff. This qualification is offered in partnership with St Mary's University, Twickenham and is facilitated by Bernie Borland CBE, our Chair of Governors. The take up over the last 7 years has been phenomenal, with young staff in particular benefitting from this professional development. Congratulations to the latest cohort who were conferred with their degrees recently; *Ms Flamant, Mr Grogan, Ms Sandhu and Ms Spurling.*



*Miss Sandhu and Mr Grogan are conferred with their Masters Degree: Leading Innovation and Change*



## The Late Dave Crawley RIP

The death has occurred recently of Dave Crawley, formerly Assistant Principal at St Paul's after a long battle with cancer.

Mr Crawley joined the staff of St Paul's as a teacher of Art & Design in September 1972. He was an excellent teacher and played a key role in raising standards at our school. When the Academy proposal was launched in 2002, Mr Crawley provided unstinting support in his role as Teacher Governor, at a time when the majority of the stakeholders did not support the proposal. He retired from his post at St Paul's in 2007. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife, Chris, his son, Fred and his family & friends. The Academy made a contribution to the charity Big C in lieu of a floral tribute at Mr Crawley's funeral.

## Limitless Project

Over the last 8 weeks female dance students from St Paul's Academy have been taking part in the Limitless Project run by Greenwich Dance.

The Limitless Project is about more than dance; it is a project to develop leadership skills and empowering young women to become confident individuals. Over the last 8 weeks Roxy Byrant, along with other dance artists, ran workshops leading into creating a dance piece to perform at the Greenwich dance showcase "This is Us" on Friday 17th & Saturday 18th March.



## Easter Celebrations

In the Christian Year, Lent precedes and prepares for Easter. It is a penitential season and a time of spiritual growth and a time for discerning and doing well. Traditionally we give more time to prayer, fasting and almsgiving (money given to the 'poor' or good causes). This helps us to say 'Yes' to God's will and 'No' to being self-centred in order to become better followers of Jesus. The season begins by recalling when Jesus fasted in the desert for 40 days before embarking on his public ministry of proclaiming the Good News. In the Northern Hemisphere, Lent begins in winter. But when the 40 days are over, we know that the warmth and new life of spring are surely coming.

At St Paul's Academy, the season of Lent has been busy as usual. We started off with the Ash Wednesday Liturgy, which was prayerfully marked by all members of our community. On each Friday of Lent, we have had voluntary masses celebrated. The Lent Fast Day was observed as students committed themselves to raising funds to help CAFOD's Big Fish project in Zambia.

As we approach Holy Week and the Easter Triduum, we are looking forward to a fantastic Easter festival during which we participate in a greater way, and meditate on the events of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection for the salvation of humanity.

We wish all members of our community, friends and supporters, the renewal that comes from the Risen Christ and a restful time with your families

*Look for details of the Holy Week and Easter services in your local churches. May the joy and peace of the Risen Lord be with you all!*

### The Celebration of Easter

Almighty God,  
with joy and praise,  
with awe and wonder,  
with gladness and celebration,  
we remember the events of Easter.  
We lift up our hearts,  
we lift up our thoughts,  
we lift up our voices,  
we lift up our souls,  
recognising afresh all you have done for us.  
We rejoice in the message of Easter,  
the Good News at the heart of our faith-  
light after darkness,  
joy after sorrow,  
good after evil,  
life after death.  
May the truth of the resurrection inspire us with new hope.  
May the victory of Christ fill us with new joy.  
May we serve you with new vigour  
to the glory of your name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
  
Amen.



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# CITIZENS UK

Recently our Citizens UK Group have been given an opportunity to start a campaign which aims to enable the community to be safer. Our aims are to fulfil our own potential and change our environment for the better.

We have arranged conferences and events which have allowed us to connect with high profile people such as Sophie Linden (The Deputy Mayor of London for Policing and Crime). We recently met with her and organizations such as St Thomas Church, Metro Charity and Corelli College, who all visited our Academy to discuss the safety plan for our community. We exchanged feedback with Ms Linden on whether the proposed plan would help and she pledged to arrange a meeting with Simon Dobinson (The Borough Commander for Greenwich Police) to discuss what we think should be done to make our local community safer. On another issue, Sophie Linden was impressed with our methods of dealing with behaviour issues in our school.



In addition to this, we visited **King's College** in Central London on the 3rd of March to discuss the issues in our area which are troubling young people. We learned that if you want a change in the community you need the support of powerful people behind you. At the conference, schools from across London came to discuss their local problems and their campaigns to resolve the issues; some schools had their own workshops to explain their issues. A workshop that our school went to was called "The Journey of a Leader."



This was organized by Ark Academy, who shared some of their students' stories and their perspective on what could be changed. They also talked about housing prices within London and how they are simply not affordable for most people.

Other workshops were based on current national and local issues. Some of these involved the subjects of refugee welcoming, employing young people and participation in our schools.

We are now working on a mapping activity that allows us to work out where people don't feel safe in our community and the reasons why. This information can help the Police, and Simon Dobinson specifically, to decide which issues need attention. Some of the problems highlighted during our work were how there is a lack of adequate working CCTV and working street lights and how there is a real need to reduce the number of people carrying weapons on the streets.

***Our Citizens UK group are doing all this in hope that a change can be made in order to create a safer community.***



## Laban conservatoire of music and dance

On Wednesday 1st February Miss Croft and Mr Campbell visited Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance in Greenwich with a group of dancers from Year 7 though to Year 11.

The students really enjoyed the day; they got the chance to have a tour of the Laban building where they looked at the dance science labs, a dance library, 12 dance studios and the theatre. We then had a private dance class with a lecture from Laban. This was all in aid of informing the dance students of extra dance training they can receive on Saturday mornings with the Centre of Advance training programme which many of our students took an interest in. Several of them will be applying for the programme with the help of myself and support from their parents. Overall, it was a great and inspiring day.



The first Geography fieldtrip of 2017 was to the Natural History Museum, when a group of 60 Year 8 students and 5 members of staff spent the day exploring the plate tectonics, earthquakes and volcanoes section of the museum.



*The students' behaviour was fantastic, both on public transport and within the museum. The trip was very interactive and it helped consolidate students learning, a fantastic experience for all involved.*



While visiting the museum, students completed a booklet consolidating what they had been studying since September. In the earthquake section students got to experience what it would be like to be in a real life earthquake. One student said to me afterwards that it helped him “to understand how scared people must feel during an earthquake”.



After lunch the students had some extra time to explore different parts of the museum, they found the geology of the earth particularly interesting.



The final activity for the day was an interactive workshop where they learned about how volcanoes occur, the different types of lava and the ways in which earthquakes are measured. The students were keen to get involved in the workshop, displaying their knowledge and understanding. One student and I were fortunate enough to be asked to assist in various engaging activities.

## Further Education at Shooters Hill

A group of our Year 11 students took part in an organised day out at Shooters Hill Campus. Selected students were given the opportunity to try potential further educational courses, ranging from Hair & Beauty, Construction and Catering. Throughout the day, students got to actively engage and try out lessons with the support of the Shooters Hill Staff. Activities on offer were pizza making, setting up an electric socket, joining plumbing pipes together and practicing hair and make-up skills. A fun day was had by all and St Paul's students again were a credit to the school.



## The Fab Four perform!

The Fab Four, aka *Ashraff Bangura, Apisan Kulathevasingham, Eden Amalraj and Daniel Kraif* made their concert debut performing to a select group of staff. Their set of eight songs included self-written and adapted works as well as solo instrumental sections.

“The Homework Club Song is about me going to homework club, getting help from the teacher and eating biscuits” commented Eden. Daniel said afterwards that, “It was brilliant because we sang the songs to the teachers, I felt excited!” Ashraff explained, “When I sing a song I feel so good” and Apisan summed it all up perfectly by saying, “Keyboard—zip, zap, zo!” Look out for more musical fun from The Fab Four in the future.



## Vitality SuperLeague Netball Rewards Trip

# LondonLive2017

Saturday 11th March saw a group of SPA Netball girls, alongside coaches Miss Duffy and Miss Stone, attend the LondonLive, Vitality Netball SuperLeague clash between Surrey Storm and Hertfordshire Mavericks at the Copper Box Arena, Stratford.

As a reward for their continued hard work, dedication to their sport and success on the court, the group of Year 7 to 10 pupils enjoyed a brilliant day out. Travelling by DLR from Woolwich Arsenal to Stratford, the girls enjoyed some food in Westfield Shopping Centre before venturing to the Copper Box Arena. En route the girls were able to engage in some sightseeing as they strolled through the grounds of the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. Upon arrival at the Copper Box the girls had time to enjoy some entertainment in the form of dancing as well as closely observe both teams extensively warm-up.

Guaranteed to always be a fast paced and physical encounter between these two superleague rivals, our SPA girls were not disappointed by the display of netball they received on the night. All of our girls revelled in the opportunity to see elite level netball up close. Students thoroughly enjoyed the game,

which saw reigning superleague champions Surrey Storm run out the game 67 to 45 winners, while all the time taking mental note of the ways in which they can further improve their own performances.

The status, physicality and professionalism of these elite level female athletes has further inspired our SPA Netball girls to work hard. It has given them the determination and belief that perhaps one day they themselves can make it as an elite athlete and superleague netball player. With the SPA Netball girls putting in some wonderful individual and team performances of late, there is no doubt that the future of netball at St Paul's Academy is indeed a bright one. Aim high ladies!



## Greenwich Basketball League

To enhance the profile of basketball in St. Paul's Academy and to further increase the participation levels within all year groups, Mr Kwabi was able to create a Greenwich Basketball league. This league involved the participation of schools within the Greenwich Borough in regular competitive basketball fixtures throughout the academic year including Woolwich Poly, John Roan & Thomas Tallis.

### Year 7

The league kicked off with the Year 7s playing their first round of tournaments on the 24th January. St Paul's started off well by beating John Roan 11-2 and continuing their good form with another win against Thomas Tallis 18-0 but unfortunately losing to Woolwich Poly 9-2. They ended the day 2nd with 6 points trailing Woolwich Poly by 3 points.

The second and final round of tournaments was hosted on the 14th March and St Paul's again started off with a good win over John Roan 8-3. Their fine run of form continued against Thomas Tallis with an impressive win of 16-2. The game that could potentially decide who would be crowned Champions of the Year 7 Greenwich League was between Woolwich Poly and St Paul's. After an intense game with last minute rebounds and blocks ended as 4-4. Both schools were tied with 13 points each and the league would have to be decided on another match between the two schools.

A great start by Woolwich Poly handed them the lead and with 2 minutes gone they were up 7 points to 1. St Paul's fought back hard and were able to perform brilliantly but unfortunately too many shots missed meant that the game finished with Woolwich Poly winning the game 11-7. As a result, Woolwich Poly were crowned Champions of the Greenwich Basketball League with St Paul's finishing runners up. This promising group of talented players have shown great potential in representing St Paul's Academy and we look forward to hearing about further successes in their future sporting endeavours. Well done boys, keep up the good work.

<http://www.galaxyhotchocolate.com/fund/profiles/st-paul-s-academy>



## The History Makers

With over 600 secondary schools entering the English Schools Cup, the pinnacle of school boys football, our Year 9 football team created history at St Paul's by becoming our first ever team to reach the final 4 of this prestigious competition.

After an exhilarating first half of football, our boys found themselves going into the latter stages of their semi-final fixture 3-1 up. However, after constant pressure, excellent technical play and persistence, the visitors managed to level the score in the dying minutes of full-time. With each SPA player having expended every last bit of energy they had, this came as an agonising blow for our boys. With the score 3-3 after full-time as well as following an additional 10 minutes of extra-time, the only way to separate both teams was via sports most cruel decider; a penalty shoot-out. Sadly on this occasion the heroic efforts of our SPA boys was not enough to suffice, losing a titanic battle with their long term rivals Beths Grammar School on penalties. The inconsolable nature of the players at the final whistle

emphasised powerfully, the incredible level of effort and passion they had invested into their record breaking cup run.

The journey for this special group of players began in September with a hard fought 4-2 win over Ravens Wood and continued through 9 rounds of intense competitive football to reach the semi-final. With their level of commitment at training, inner belief and togetherness as a group and ability to act like champions in all aspects of their footballing performance, this unit of players can take great pride in being superb ambassadors of the values which St Paul's Academy represents.

*Mr O'Donoghue, Mr Verrall, Mr Meade and all of the staff and pupils at St Paul's Academy would like to congratulate the boys on their historic achievement and wish them even more success in the coming football season. Well done to an exceptional team who should now be thinking about progressing even further next year!*



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### TERM & HOLIDAY DATES 2017

Summer Term  
Monday, 24th April  
Friday, 21st July

Summer Half Term  
Monday, 29th May  
Friday, 2nd June

Autumn Term  
Tuesday, 5th September  
(Year 7 only return)  
Wednesday, 6th September  
(Year 8 – 11 return)  
Friday, 22nd December

Autumn Half Term  
Monday, 24th October  
Friday, 28th October



## Ditch it & Donate it Day Wednesday 3rd March

All students and staff are asked to donate items of clothing, boots, & shoes, coats, handbags, bedsheets and duvet covers for our recycle bin.

Items will be collected from students as they come into school, outside the Restaurant Area.

Please ensure that your items are in good repair and clean.



The Salvation Army

**Charity  
Money Raised**  
Since becoming an Academy,  
we have raised in excess of  
**£170,000**  
for a variety of different  
charities and organisations.