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Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of the academic year, we have a great deal to celebrate. The Leavers' Banquet was a magnificent occasion, with a record number of guests. Over 250 staff and students were present for the meal and a large number of staff joined us for the entertainment later in the evening. As always, our young people did themselves proud; they looked wonderful and their behaviour was exemplary, as it has been throughout the exam season. They were a credit to themselves and their parents and carers and it was clear that they are ready to take their place in society as young adults. We look forward to some outstanding examination results in August! With the superb organisation of Ms Spurling and her team the examinations at St Paul's and at Charlton Athletic all ran extremely smoothly.

Examination success

In recent weeks, some examination results have been published. In the BTEC ICT course, 199 Year 11 students have achieved A* – C grades. In Year 10, a group of 46 students have completed the BTEC Sports course one year early and all of the students have achieved A* – B grades including 4A*s and 29As; these are a magnificent set of results.

Enrichment and Sporting Activities

Throughout the Newsletter, you are going to read about a superb set of enrichment and sporting activities that have been made available for our students. →

Farewell to members of staff

As is usual at this time of the year we have to say goodbye to some colleagues, and it is with sadness that we say goodbye to **Geraldine Hennessey**, a lead member of the Learning Support Assistants who is retiring after seventeen years at St Paul's.

We are also sorry to be losing some members of staff who are moving to pastures new; **Tolu Ayeni, Elaine Bishop, Paul Boyd, Eddie Brophy, Anne-Marie Dixon, Sabrina Dixon, Matt Faherty, Fran Freitag, Melanie Grigg, Ciaran Harrington, Kath Irvine, Frances Mullan, Esme Murphy, Peter Murphy, James O'Brien, Fearghal O'Nuallain, Jasneet Panesar, Anne-Marie Robb, Gloria Shagee, Jessica Scolah, Kim Tucker, Lee Turner and Danielle Wilson.**

I would like to thank them for their unique and valuable contributions to St Paul's and wish them every success in their new ventures.

We are delighted to welcome our new staff who have already commenced their roles at St Paul's, **Lorna Donlon, Elizabeth Foster, Oisin Gately, Dewi Griffiths, Madeleine Hughes, Amara Igwe, Avril Kinnerk, Jack Kirby, Hubert Kwabi, Senan Lavery, Ciara McNamara, Casie-May Stanley, Christopher O'Connell and James Wyatt-Moon.**

I would like to thank all colleagues, both teaching and support staff, for their hard work throughout the last year; without the support and dedication of the staff, St Paul's



Academy could not have continued to make excellent progress. I am also very grateful for the considerable support that we have received from the family and friends of our students

I hope that you all have a relaxing and enjoyable summer. **Pat Winston**

Feile Peil na nÓg:

South London – All Ireland Champions

John West Féile Peil na nÓg is a Club festival for Gaelic Football and Ladies Gaelic Football at Under 14 level, involving teams from across the Association. The John West Féile na nÓG National tournaments this year were held in Kerry, West Limerick and West Cork and on this occasion, South London competed in Division 3.



June 2016



The South London team, with eighteen students from St Paul's Academy, accompanied by Michael Maher, Paul O'Donoghue, Brian Smyth and Pat Winston departed for Co. Limerick. The boys enjoyed their first evening relaxing at Fitzgerald's Equestrian Centre, which was sponsored by Liam Barry, before the big group stages on Friday. The rest of the trip would see the South London boys being hosted by Fr Casey's GAA club in Abbeyfeale.

With a positive attitude from the start, the South London boys took on Butlersbridge from Cavan in their first group game. With a final score of 0-5 to 0-2, the boys set the standard for the competition with their first victory. Game two of the day; Newcastle West vs South London, the boys had a comfortable win with the score line reading 2-6 to 0-2 at full time. On Friday night, our host club Fr Casey's prepared a delightful feast for both sides. Teams, families, mentors and players enjoyed socialising in the evening with many of our South London boys providing song and dance which proved a hit with the locals!

Saturday saw South London take on our fantastic host club, Fr Casey's. The game was played with great heart and spirit but South London dominated throughout. The final score line truly reflected the hard work the South London team put in, 3-4 to 0-5, leaving London in a very promising position entering the Quarter Finals.

Played in Dromcollogher, the Quarter Final saw South London compete against Kanturk. With a jersey clash, our boys had to play in red and amber, however, this did not deter them! South London controlled the game from start to finish with some fantastic performances displayed throughout. The game finished 4-5 to 0-1. Buzzing with the result, the South London team made their way back to Abbeyfeale for a BBQ and disco with the Fr Casey's host team. Again, a fantastic night was had by all, our South London team entertained on the dance floor and even tried a spot of Irish Dancing! Plenty of laughs were had and new friends made. South London did not stay out too late however as preparation for the big Semi Final was well underway. South London vs Naomh Éanna in the much awaited Semi Final was played at state of the art facilities in John Mitchel's, Ballyseedy. The game was intense from start to finish and despite a big Naomh

Éanna crowd making plenty of noise on the side line, our boys did not crumble under pressure. The South London side fought hard and defeated the competitive Naomh Éanna side. The final score line read 3-4, 1-3. All Ireland Final here we come!



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South London U-14 Feile Peil na nOg 2016 Champions



South London U-14 team with host club



South London team warming up before the All-Ireland Final

Our aim was to make the final

Set out at the beginning of the Tournament, the aim was that the South London boys would make the All Ireland Final and they certainly did not disappoint! Players, mentors and spectators from all round gathered to watch this eagerly anticipated final. Dublin Champions, Lucan Sarsfield were most definitely up for this game, chanting their team name loudly; evidently fired up before the ball was thrown in the air. The first half was a battle but the Dublin champions finished narrowly in front.

Coming from 2 points behind at half time, the South London boys worked tirelessly in the second half to earn their much deserved victory! South London put in a superb team effort which could not be faulted. Some outstanding performances on the day were noted by Sahid Kamara who was solid in defence, Samuel Adenola was exceptional in the middle of the field, Samuel Braddick confidently added to the score line, however, the hero of the day was Armani Orji who scored the winning goal to secure the All Ireland Feile Division 3 title! The commitment and dedication that these boys have given to Gaelic Football is highly commendable. The tears in the players and mentors eyes when the final whistle was blown just sums up how much this experience meant to the boys. To win the tournament was just the icing on the cake!

All in all, a terrific weekend was had by both players and mentors. Many teams, managers and players commented on how well drilled and prepared the South London team were. Host families remarked how polite and well mannered all the boys were and what a delight it was to host them for the weekend.

Special thanks must go to Maurice O'Connell and all of the hosts from Fr Casey's from Abbeyfeale, who looked after the team and mentors so well throughout the weekend. We are forever grateful to all those individuals who facilitated – for their time, organisation and preparation put in to ensure the weekend was a success.

Nightline Hike with Wide Horizons

#What will you do today in Geography?

We are delighted to tell you about an incredible achievement by some of our Year 9 and 10 Geography students. They entered a competition called Nightline by Wide Horizons, which involved the students walking 30 miles overnight to raise funds for disadvantaged children to attend outreach programs with the charity. It means that children who are economically deprived are given the opportunity to attend trips like our competition win to Wales.



Year 9 team - Emmanuel, Wojciech, Shanelle, Finlay, Sammy, Lilly, Phoebe, Nosa and Faith.

During the weekend we witnessed great team performances; England football team beating Wales 2-1 and the Rugby team winning their first ever series in Australia. St Paul's students in Year 9 and 10 showed the same values of teamwork, leadership and perseverance to achieve an incredible sporting feat. Without training, 20 students reached the 21 mile marker, navigating through undulating terrain, rivers and often limited light, except for the glow sticks directing our route.

A further 10 students walked with Mr Davis, Mr Eldridge and Ms Gregory to tackle the hilly final 9 miles of the route. This included 2 hills over 200 metres above sea level and proved a feat when legs were tired and we were entering our 10th hour of walking. Nonetheless, the students worked cohesively to achieve the unthinkable at the beginning of the evening and recorded a time of 11.5 hours with rest breaks.



40km out of 50km (24 miles).

Congratulations to all students for their tremendous achievement; we hope they thoroughly enjoyed the Nightline Hike. What is especially commendable is the fact that these students have raised over £600 (including gift aid) for the charity and proved yet again that Geography students are a credit to the school and assets to our department. A special thanks must go to Miss Gregory, Mr Eldridge and PC Verrall for their dedication to this event outside of curriculum time. Similarly, well done to the Wide Horizons team for a fantastic and well-organised event. **See you next year!**

South London – All Ireland Champions

Congratulations to the all the boys and to their very successful management team, who have given a lot of their own time, many late evenings and weekends, training twice a week to prepare these boys appropriately for the Feile. This recent win has brought our total to 4 All Ireland titles in 6 years, an amazing achievement and has made all the hard work worthwhile.

Well done boys – an amazing achievement! You have made South London, St Paul's Academy, Dulwich Harps and Thomas McCurtain's very proud!



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Odisee University Teacher Training Visit to St. Paul's

Since 2010, Canterbury Christ Church University has nurtured links with Odisee Teacher Training University in Sint Niklaas, northern Belgium. As part of this partnership, St. Paul's each year welcomes trainee teachers from Odisee who are in their final year of secondary teacher training while they study the module, 'Opening Up New Horizons'.

This year we welcomed over 50 trainee teachers, who spent a day at St. Paul's experiencing life in a London secondary school. Part of this day was spent in classrooms teaching about Belgium Language and Culture which was a new experience for our students. This was a hugely enjoyable day, and not just because of the delicious Belgian chocolates that the teachers bring us. We are already planning and looking forward to next year's visit from Berlinde de Meyer and colleagues.



Feast Day 2016

The programme for the Feast Day began with a Voluntary Mass, which included the induction of the Year 10 Leadership Team. Each year group then had their awards assemblies with numerous students being awarded for their progress and achievement in every subject area across the curriculum.

Every year group had selected a charity to support through fundraising activities:

Year 7 Water Aid

Year 8 McMillan Nurses

Year 9 Kamuli Hospital, Uganda

Year 10 Save The Children

Additional money raised will be donated to the Greenwich & Bexley Cottage Hospice.

During the day there were opportunities for students to experience a new range

of activities and stalls and the BBQ ran by Mr Davis and Mr Pinkerton was enjoyed, along with the chicken and rice stall. The 'Sponge the Teacher' activity was extremely popular with the students, who enjoyed being able to soak Mr Akif, Mr Innocent, Mr Grogan and Mr Crinnegan.

A huge thank you to all members of staff and students who contributed to and helped in the delivery of Feast Day. To date, we have banked in the region of £4,000 for our nominated charities.

We look forward to hearing about many more successful fundraising events in the future.

What a brilliant day!



Barbecue on Feast Day



Mr Akif being 'sponged' for charity

Enrichment and Sporting Activities

Netball

Momentous breakthroughs for SPA Netball Squads

The 2015-2016 season has witnessed netballers at St Paul's Academy breaking down barriers and writing history of their own. Not only did all four teams in Years 7, 8, 9 and 11 win their Greenwich School's Netball leagues, scoring 176 goals and conceding only 14, all teams also remained undefeated throughout the entire league campaign. This is testament to the hard work, dedication and commitment of both players and coaches in seeking to achieve the best in each pupil.

A special mention must also go to our Year 7 Netball team who made history by becoming the first ever netball team from St Paul's Academy to win a Kent Netball Tournament when they were crowned Kent Netball Invitational Tournament Winners in June of this year. An historic and memorable victory for a talented group of players who will continue to develop throughout their time at SPA.

Another first for our netball girls saw three of our Year 8 players, **Grace Mbakam-Nitcheu**, **Osayande Eghaghe** and **Shana Ajufu** make it through to the final stages of the U14 Kent Academy Netball Trials. This is a fantastic achievement for all three girls who had to attend a gruelling trial process against the best players in the county over the course of a number of weeks. This highlights the advanced level of skill and game play which they have developed during their 2 years at SPA. Unfortunately this time the girls did not make the county squad, however, they are now amongst the top 35 best U14 players in Kent and will no doubt make the final cut next time round. Well done to all St Paul's Academy netball players on a tremendous season and we look forward to hearing of your future successes in the next academic year.



Year 7 Girls Netball Team - Kent Invitation Tournament Winners 2016

Athletics

Season highlights

Our athletes have shone in both the indoor and outdoor seasons this year, picking up many accolades in both track and field events. The main highlights of our athletics season are below:

- **Year 10/11 girls** - Lee Valley Indoor Cup Champions and 3rd in Lee Valley Outdoor Cup
- **Year 8 girls** - 2nd place in Sports hall Athletics London Youth Games finals and 2016 Cambridge Cup Champions
- **Year 8 boys** - 2nd place in Sportshall Athletics London Youth Games finals, 2016 Cambridge Cup Champions and Greenwich School's Champions
- **Year 7 and 8 boys and girls teams** made it through to the 2nd round of the English Schools' Athletics Competition.
- **Year 7 boys** – 2016 Cambridge Cup Champions
- **Year 7 girls** - Lee Valley Indoor Cup A Final Winners and Greenwich School's Champions
- 22 pupils selected to represent the Royal Borough of Greenwich in the London Athletics Cup.

Another momentous achievement for our athletics team saw Year 8 pupil **Nana Gyedu** selected to represent London at the English School's Athletics



Nana Gyedu, Year 8, London Youth Games Champion 2016

Championships in Shot Putt, qualifying with a new personal best of 10.76m; a massive 39cm over her old PB!

This is an absolutely amazing achievement for such a young athlete and we are very proud of all Nana has achieved to date in athletics. Nana has also recently won Gold at the London Youth Games representing Greenwich in the shot putt where she competed against Year 8 and 9 students.

Tunde Ajidagba also won bronze in shot putt at the same competition. At the time of print, **Nana** will travel with the London team to Gateshead on 8th and 9th of July to compete against the best in the country. We wish her the best of luck and look forward to hearing about more wonderful performances from this talented and ambitious athlete.

Boys' Football

Year 10 boys

Got their first trophy this season after working so hard for so long beating Harris Academy Beckenham 2 - 1 in the District Cup. After being down 1 - 0 at half time the boys showed our tremendous SPA spirit, epitomising our sporting ethos of 'Never Give Up, Never Let Up' and 'Losing is Not an Option' and coming away with a deserved victory; emerging as 2015/2016 Bromley Cup Champions.

Year 11 boys

Their final season under the guidance of team manager Mr Akif saw the Year 11 Boys' Football team win the Bromley Cup as well as reach the Kent Cup final for the fourth time in their five years at SPA

Having emerged as champions three times previously, unfortunately it was not to be a fairy-tale ending for our boys this time round as they were beaten 2-1 in the final. However, despite the defeat the boys can look back on their time at St Paul's with pride in light of all they have achieved, both on the pitch and in the classroom. Well done boys, we are extremely proud of you.

Thank you for being such fantastic ambassadors for St Paul's Academy throughout your time with us and we wish you all the best in your future.



Year 10 Boys' Football Team

London Youth Games Football

2nd July also saw a number of our Year 9 boys selected to represent Greenwich in the London Youth Games 5-aside Football tournament at Crystal Palace. In emphatic style our boys left the competition as champions, lifting the trophy for the first time. A fantastic achievement and another first for St Paul's Academy.



Tawab is World Champion

Congratulations to **Tawab Mousavi**, a Year 11 pupil on our Gifted and Talented PE and Sports Programme, who has recently been crowned Welterweight World Champion at Muay Thai Kickboxing. Tawab has added this title to the Inter-Continental title he won in April and the National title he won in November 2015.

Tawab has managed to combine his academic studies during a busy exam period, alongside a training schedule preparing him for the World Championships in Germany in May of this year. For this Tawab deserves great credit and epitomises the value placed in being a student athlete. His world title success is made even more impressive by the fact that he fought up a weight class; competing against heavier opponents.

His journey to becoming a World Champion began when his natural ability for Muay Thai Kickboxing was identified during a Physical Education class at Nemesis Gym in Erith. Thanks to the partnership between St Paul's Academy



and Nemesis Gym, Tawab was able to continue his training there through a scholarship system which has ultimately resulted in him representing England at the highest level in his sport as well as achieving unprecedented success. We at St Paul's Academy are hugely proud of what Tawab has achieved in a relatively short kickboxing career thus far and wish him every success in his future beyond St Paul's Academy.

Handball

Handball at SPA continues to grow in strength in terms of performance and popularity amongst our pupils across Years 8 to 10, both boys and girls. U15 girls have had a very successful season in which a number of our pupils represented the Royal Borough of Greenwich at the London Youth Games in June. Our girls performed exceptionally well making it out of the group stages and through to the quarter finals. The girls were unfortunately beaten by Southwark in the quarter-finals however their performances throughout the season have shown that their regular training and commitment to this new sport is beginning to pay dividends.

Well done girls!



SportInspired Festival 2016

Working in collaboration with the charity organisation SportInspired as well as supported by our colleagues at Charlton Park Academy, 18th May 2016 saw St Paul's Academy become the hosts of the 2016 SportInspired Festival. This festival was in aid of national 'Give and Gain Week' and supported by Lloyds Banking Group who sent along 90 of their employees to volunteer at the event. This event was specifically targeted towards those pupils in Years 3 to 8 within the Greenwich Borough who have a special educational need. The aim of the festival was to help instill a love of sport and physical activity in these pupils who may not ordinarily be given the opportunity to engage in such activities as often as they would like.

A total of 170 pupils were welcomed to SPA for this festival across Years 3 to 8 throughout schools within the Greenwich Borough. All of the children had the opportunity to experience a range of new and engaging activities, such as tri-golf, boccia, new age curling and polybat, which hopefully will further encourage them to continue participation in sport and physical activity in the future. Just simply looking at the smiles on both the children's and volunteers faces was evidence of the fantastic time everyone had at this wonderful event. One Lloyds Bank volunteer commented saying:

'I volunteer for many organisations, Lloyds gives us a wide range of opportunities. This is a great opportunity for pupils, a great venue and even better volunteers in the shape of young leaders'
(Nic - Lloyds volunteer)

Step into Dance 2016

Our dance team have worked so hard all year with the aim of making it through to 'Step Live 2016' as part of the 'Step into Dance' programme run by the Jack Petchey Foundation. With a total of 1500 dancers and 149 performances to compete against across London and Essex, our dancers knew that qualifying would mean commitment, diligence and passion from all. It is with great delight that we are able to say that all of our dancers' hard work and commitment has paid off as they have

successfully made it through to 'Step Live 2016'. This is a fantastic achievement and as a result our team, under the guidance of Miss President and Mrs Hatton will be



performing at the prestigious Sadler's Wells Theatre on Saturday 9th July. We wish them all good luck and hope they enjoy this wonderful experience.





Year 7 'Health and Well-Being Day'

As lead school for Health and Well-Being in the Greenwich Borough, our Year 7 students celebrated our 'Health and Well Being Day' on Wednesday 15th June in style at St Paul's Academy with a fantastic day of fun and activity.

The day started with our students meeting England Karate competitor Ross Mathieu and International and GB Table Tennis star Darius Knight. Ross showed us why he is one of the best in England with his 'Kata' display, an impressive detailed pattern of movements which he often displays in Karate. Darius took on some of SPA's finest table tennis players in a challenge competition but unfortunately none of our pupils managed to beat the 2012 Olympic competitor! Mr O'Donoghue inspired our pupils with an informative presentation relating to our own mental, social and physical well-being.

Students completed a range of activities from 'Fight Klub' with Ross Mathieu where they were put through their paces in an energetic workout built using simple combinations of kicks and punches whilst keeping time with the high energy drum and bass beat. Playing as European teams to coincide with the UEFA Euro 2016 Championships being held this month, each combined form class had an array of games on the day in our football tournament, with some fine

displays of football shown. Our Sky Sports Ambassador in conjunction with our Health and Well-Being initiative showed some of his skill with a Table Tennis Master Class. Pupils had a chance to better their skills by learning from the best. Darius competed at the 2012 Olympic Games and shared some of his life experiences with our pupils.

The highlight of the day for many of our pupils was the chance to take on the 120ft inflatable obstacle course outside. With lots of different hurdles to overcome the obstacle course proved tremendous fun on the day. Students and teachers alike competed to get the quickest time and to beat their opponent on the course. There were many laughs and giggles as many struggled to leap obstacles, jump hoops and climb ladders but everyone had fun, which was the main aim of the game!

The day would not have been a success without the help of our Health and Well-Being Ambassadors who work relentlessly with Miss Devine every week to ensure our Health and Well-Being initiative in school is effective. It is hoped that such a great event can become an annual festival of celebration of sport and physical activity for our students, helping to cater for their holistic development at the academy.

One of the greatest highlights of the day was the unbelievable work carried out by each and every one of the 40 St Paul's Academy Sports Leaders throughout the entire duration of the event. All of the external companies and staff from schools throughout the borough who attended the event simply could not praise our Sports Leaders highly enough. This is testament to the hard work and dedication shown by our sports leaders who worked tirelessly in preparation for this event. As well as ensuring that all of the kids participating in the event had an enjoyable day, all of our young leaders have gained immensely from their experiences, in particular getting the opportunity to work closely with children who have a special educational need. All of the Sports Leaders notably grew in confidence as the day progressed which was a delight to watch as well as enhancing their leadership, teamwork and communication skills to name but a few. A year 9 Sports Leader commented following the event saying:

'This event has really taught me how to be a leader. It has been character building' (Michael Ononye, Year 9 SPA Sports Leader)

It is hoped that such an inclusive, rewarding and humbling sporting festival can become an annual event in the SPA calendar as we look forward to continuing to provide all young people throughout the borough with equal opportunities to engage in and enjoy sport and physical activity.



Year 7 and 8 PGL Residential Trip - 'Forming Friendships and Facing Fears'



For the first time in a number of years 36 of our Year 7 and 8 pupils were given the opportunity to attend a three day outdoor education residential trip, delivered through PGL, from Monday 20th to Wednesday 22nd June. Our pupils were spoilt for choice as each day was jam packed with activities, offering pupils the opportunity to engage in a wide variety of new challenges.

Our first day saw pupils take part in quad biking and the PGL 'Giant Swing'. Such activities gave our pupils the chance to develop their problem solving, teamwork and leadership skills as well as overcoming existing fears of heights on the Giant Swing. After the main activities of day one staff and pupils finally settled into their rooms before sitting down for their first meal together. The entertainment for the first evening consisted of a campfire where pupils got to sing songs and toast marshmallows. However, this was no normal campfire sing along as our pupils characteristically, in true SPA style put their own stamp on proceedings, engaging in their own original sing songs and dancing to some of their favourite afro beats.

Rising early on the morning of day two, even with a few sleepy heads in tow, everyone was ready to engage in another action packed day of activities. Day two saw pupils participate in activities such as zipwire, archery, trapeze and a very muddy challenge course. The zipwire and trapeze encouraged students to develop key aspects of their resilience such as problem solving, the ability to persist and continue to try and overcome a challenge in the face of adversity as well as manage their emotions and ask for help where and when required. Pupils enjoyed learning a new sport in the form of archery, however, we think it's safe to say that unfortunately we have no Robin Hood's in our midst! The final activity of

the day saw pupils (and staff) faced with their toughest challenge yet, the muddy obstacle course! A mini-version of the popular tough mudder course, pupils were faced with climbing over and crawling under a range of obstacles while surrounded by mucky puddles at every turn. Following the first task of simply rubbing mud all over their faces, all barriers and apprehensions were quickly broken down and considered a distant memory as pupils and staff got totally stuck in and enthralled in the activity. What shone through were the smiles on every single student and teachers face after engaging in such a unique, uninhibited and exciting activity.

With all of our clothes hung out to dry outside our cabins and everyone washed and squeaky clean once more, the group were able to sit down and enjoy their last evening meal together. The final activity of the day saw Mr Innocent transform into our resident house DJ and entertain everyone at our very own SPA disco. Pupils and staff enjoyed an evening of fun, dancing and laughter before settling in for our last night at our resort.

Waking early on the final morning of our trip, pupils quickly packed and prepared themselves for the events of the final day. Pupils took part in both a low ropes challenge as well as a range of sporting activities such as rounders and rugby football. Ensuring we sat down together

one last time to enjoy a lovely healthy lunch, we were then soon ready to depart and return home to St Paul's. As pupils boarded the coach and we set off it was evident to see how much pupils enjoyed and benefited from their experiences during this trip. On our way home it was fantastic to listen to pupils recall fond memories of activities they had engaged in or enjoyable and memorable moments they shared with one another. Such an experience has helped pupils to engage with each other much more, form new friendships and strengthen existing ones as well as develop a mutual respect for one another.

All pupils who attended the trip were fantastic ambassadors for St Paul's Academy and displayed exceptional behaviour throughout which they should be commended for. A special thanks must go to Miss Stone and Miss Duffy for the planning and organisation of the trip as well as Mr Innocent and Mr Crinnegan for their help and support in the lead up to and during the trip itself. Due to the overwhelming success of this trip it is hoped that a residential trip like this can be offered to pupils on an annual basis. Getting the opportunity to engage in new activities and grow in an environment beyond that of the classroom and realms of St Paul's is invaluable to ensuring our pupils holistic development as well as providing them with lasting memories which they will cherish.



Jack Petchey Awards 2016

Monday 6th June saw 9 of our students attend the annual Jack Petchey Awards Evening for the Borough of Greenwich. This year the event was held at the O2 Cineworld which proved a fantastic venue for the awards. The evening is a chance to celebrate and recognise the hard work and achievements of young people as well as adult leaders throughout schools in the borough. Entertainment was provided throughout the evening including a performance by two of our very own Year 10 students, David Adeogun and Bridget Akintunde-Philips, who sang a beautiful rendition of their own gospel song. Listening to the talent, hard work, dedication and achievements of our young people at St Paul's, as well as in our neighbouring schools was heart-warming and something which we as a school are very proud of.

The following students, alongside Miss Duffy, a teacher of Physical Education at SPA received achievement awards for their hard work and commitment in the following areas:

- Stephen Ola-Oni (Year 10) – Hard work and dedication to our Health and Well-Being Club and Sports Leaders Programme. Stephen is described as a 'born leader'.
- Nana Gyedu (Year 8) – The highest amount of positive behaviour watch entries in Year 8 as well as a high achieving sportswoman in a range of activities including athletics and netball.
- Laschar Williams (Year 9) – Commitment and dedication to her English studies.
- Dennis Johnson (Year 10) – Outstanding progress and achievement in Science.
- Daniel Abeshin (Year 11) – An inspirational volunteer within Dance and a vInspired Student Ambassador.



- Lora Umelue (Year 10) – Outstanding Health and Well-Being Ambassador, Sports Leader and vInspired Student Ambassador.
- Miguel Manalili (Year 10) – Continued dedication to the community of St Paul's Academy.
- Aakash KC (Year 10) – Consistent hard work and achievements in maths and statistics.
- George Zuhlke (Year 9) – Hard work and never ending positive attitude.
- Miss Duffy (PE Teacher) – Received a Jack Petchey Leader Award for her dedication to Netball at St Paul's and establishing the first ever Greenwich School's Netball League, providing girls in years 7 to 11 across the borough with opportunities to compete in regular netball fixtures and engage in increased physical activity.

Well done to all of our awards winners. We are very proud of all of your achievements and look forward to hearing about your future successes. Keep up the fantastic work!

Dressed to impress

On Friday 17th June, staff and students from the class of 2016 came together to celebrate the end of their five years at SPA. Organised by Miss Pooley, with the support of the Religion and Society Learning Zone, students dressed to impress to fit the Hollywood themed event. The night was a fantastic way for everyone to bid the year 11's farewell, but also a chance for students to relax after a very busy examination period.

I would like to take the opportunity to wish the Class of 2016 every success in their future plans and we look forward to seeing them on the all-important results day in August."



Summer Activities for Weybourne Residents

Again, we welcomed a small group of residents from Weybourne Care Home to take part in some summer craft activities.

The residents, working alongside some Year 10 students, were able to experience new craft skills whilst they made foam rainbow mosaics, dotty summer art pictures, painted sun catcher photo frames and wind chimes.

On completion of the activities, the residents enjoyed light refreshments before collecting up their craft work and making their way back to Weybourne by mini bus where they were able to proudly show their achievements to other residents and staff.



vInspired Conference 2016

As part of the vInspired School's programme, an initiative which helps to recognise and celebrate youth volunteering, a group of our students were invited to attend the conference in March of this year as vInspired Student Ambassadors. 12 students in Years 9 to 11, alongside Miss Duffy who co-ordinates the programme at St Paul's attended the conference in central London. Attending the conference and engaging with the vInspired programme has helped our students gain a greater insight into the world of volunteering, helping to inspire them to motivate and encourage other young people to get involved.

This conference was an opportunity for staff and Student Ambassadors to network and enjoy interactive training and workshops. Pupils got the chance to share experiences and ideas on creating volunteering opportunities with other like-minded young people. Pupils listened intently to guest speakers such as David McQueen, an international speaker, awards host, facilitator and TV presenter who works with some of the top companies in the private and public sector. Pupils were inspired by his experiences and stories as well as the way he was instantaneously able to capture and maintain the attention of his audience.

Pupils were given the opportunity to work with pupils from other schools to share and exchange their ideas and experiences of volunteering and their

own personal visions for the future. Students looked at leadership and communication skills and how their volunteering work could help them when they go to apply to university or for jobs. Pupils were afforded the chance to develop their own community project which would help raise awareness of food banks in their local area as well as how they would collect food and supplies which they will eventually donate to the foodbank. Students listened intently to personal stories of people who have benefited immensely from the help and support of our local food banks in London. Such stories touched our pupils greatly and inspired them to want to make a difference. Pupils were humbled by what they heard and want to now use the fortunate position they find themselves in to help those less fortunate than themselves.

All pupils should be congratulated for the level of maturity, passion and enthusiasm that they demonstrated on the day. As always all pupils were fantastic ambassadors for St Paul's Academy. It was clearly evident how enthused and inspired pupils were by their experiences and it is very exciting to see what these superstar volunteers will do in the near future. If anyone would like to get involved in the vInspired volunteer programme please see Miss Duffy or likewise please check out our personalised website on: <http://vinspired.com/schools/st-pauls-academy>



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Term & Holiday Dates: September 2016 – August 2017

Autumn Term	Tuesday, 6th September (Year 7 only return) Wednesday, 7th September (Year 8 – 11 return) Thursday, 22nd December
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Autumn Half Term	Monday, 24th October Friday, 28th October
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Spring Term	Monday, 9th January Thursday, 6th April
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Spring Half Term	Monday, 13th February Friday, 17th February
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Summer Term	Monday, 24th April Friday, 21st July
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Summer Half Term	Monday, 29th May Friday, 2nd June
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Since becoming an Academy, we have raised in excess of £150,000 for a variety of different charities and organisations.
During our Easter Appeal, we held a series of fundraising activities and raised in the region of £4,000 to support our nominated charities.
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