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24<sup>h</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Headteacher's Weekly Roundup Date, Autumn B Week 4**

Well done to all the students in Years 7 to 10 who have been preparing and delivering excellent oracy assessments in their subjects. Lesson observations and feedback from students indicates that this opportunity is really helping our students develop their public speaking confidence and delivery. Parents and carers will be able to view the grading of these assessments in the Autumn B report at the end of the term and in your daughters trackers (books).

Congratulations to the successful winners of the Wimbledon Bookfest Young Writers' competition. Their winning entries on the topic of what 'Home' means to them have been published in the Wimbledon Bookfest 2023 Anthology of Stories and Poems! Grab your copy.

The Eco Team attended The Garden Museum in Lambeth for an eco-wellbeing retreat getting stuck into a "Moss Safari," involving slide observation to identify microscopic organisms. They also seemed to enjoy the wormery centre, using digital microscopes to observe worms and learn about how different body segments contribute to soil health and composting!

### **Highlight of the week**

Last week I received the news that a Year 8 student had successfully been selected for the National Youth Choir. This week I am gobsmacked to report that 5 students have in fact been selected. This is a stunning achievement so well done to the students and Mr Ching for this opportunity.

### **Focus areas for next week**

Revision for assessments across the school, especially Year 11 and Year 12. Year 11 homework has stopped for revision. Year 12 Cumulative Assessments have just begun, good luck to all the students in demonstrating their learning so far in their new KS5 courses.





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### Upcoming events & dates

**School Performance – Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, Thursday November 30<sup>th</sup> and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

Remaining Tickets available purchase from the DK Finance office. £10 each. Pre purchased ticket only access.

1<sup>st</sup> December (2pm) – Christmas tree service in Chapel

18<sup>th</sup> December (8pm) – Joint Carol Service at Sacred Heart

### News and announcements

In response to the discussions in school helping students understand and empathise with the humanitarian disaster unfolding in Gaza and Israel, some students have formally requested a focus on fund raising to aid the emergency. Next Friday we have a non-uniform day to assist in this effort. Money raised will go directly to CAFODS emergency programme in Southern Israel and Gaza. More information to follow.

### Parent Resources

Missed our Autumn A school wide and year group **newsletters**? Read them [here](#).

To support parents and carers manage conversations re. the Israel-Palestine conflict, I am resharing some valuable resources. This [article by Common Sense Media](#) and attached poster from National Online Safety can be used as guides to hold appropriate conversations with your child.





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**Images from the week**



**The chaplaincy lead Eco Group, Having a go at 'Moss Safari at the Garden Museum in Lambeth for an eco-retreat.**



**Wimbledon Bookfest Young Writers Winners**

**Congratulations to Esme 8F, Evie 8A, Lottie 9U, Honor 9U, Simran 10U, Jada 10A, Isabella 11C, Laura 11M, Lizzie 11F, Lydia 11C, Sinead 11T, Sylvana 11C, Jessica 13T, Katie 13T, and Julia 13U!**







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I was joined in my office by Mr Ching and the Students who secured places in the National Youth Choir. Well done to Eva 8M, Bella, 9F, Gabriella 8M, Elena 9B and Aleksandra 10C. Truly incredible



Chitty Chitty Bang Bang rehearsals in full swing.



Year 8 netball team competing at St cecelias Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>. No victories this time but tough competition.

Netball training with The Hall School's Y7s on 21st November and a friendly fixture to finish off. Friendly but we still won!





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Wishing you and your family a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing some of you at the production next week.

Yours faithfully



**Eoin Kelly**  
Headteacher

