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15th March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Headteacher’s Weekly Roundup Spring B Week 4

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have volunteered their homes in support of the French Exchange. It’s really fantastic to have this offer as part of our wider curricular offer in school and we couldn’t do it without you. Year 9 students this week have also participated in a trip to see Romeo and Juliet at the Globe Theatre, Year 7 students escorted by the RE Faculty to the Hindu Temple, Year 10 Art students went to Tate Modern Museum and the Geography department completed their class trips this week to Battersea Power Station. This is not all the external curriculum offers but it will give you a taste of what’s been going on. We congratulate all the students whose exemplary behaviour and participation really supports the staff in leading and offering these opportunities. Meanwhile, back in school, KS3 students have been engaging in a whole range of activities to mark National Science Week, including using the construction of time chambers and then exploration of how we use fire in practical experiments during lunchtime on Tuesday. Thank you to all the staff and students who contributed to this excellent experience.

Highlights of the Week

On Wednesday 13th March we hosted the annual St Cecilia’s Concert hosted by our Head Girl Clara. Please look at the incredible [programme](#) listing the range of orchestral pieces through to choir and solo performances. I shared with parents and carers that this really is one of the highlights of the year for me and parents, carers, and grandparents’ pride at seeing their daughter’s courage and talent was tangible. Thank you also to the Parents Association who supported this and all our events by raising money in the provision of refreshments. Thank you for your time and commitment.



Our amazing orchestra performing at the St Cecilia’s Concert on Wednesday evening.





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Focus areas for next week.

Students in Year 7 to 11 have been reminded not to turn their mobile phones on at the lockers and use in school. They have been reminded that they must leave the school premises at the end of the day before using their mobile phone. There has also been a marked increase in sanctions being issued from students rolling their skirts. Uniform standards require knee length skirt conditions. Your support in communicating this expectation to your daughter/s would be appreciated.

Some upcoming events & dates

Neurodiversity Celebration Week

Sacrament of Reconciliation available this week by appointment

Year 8 Philanthropy Project Cake sale daily until 20th March

Monday 18th March Ski Trip Easter 2024 Parent Information Evening in Main Hall (6:00-7:00pm)

Tuesday 19th March Year 12 Tate Museum trip

Wednesday 20th March Multicultural Evening (6:00-8:30pm)

Thursday 21st March KS5 Spanish trip to BFI/Year 12 Arts Awards trip to Wimbledon College of Arts/Multicultural Catwalk (lunch-time)/Year 12 Parents' Evening at Wimbledon College (4:00-6pm)

Friday 22nd March Year 11 Chemistry Mock/Chinese / Mandarin lessons at Kings College

News and announcements

We look forward to welcoming you once again into the school for Multicultural Evening on Wednesday 20th March. Letters home about this event have already been distributed. This event is now sold out and we look forward to welcoming ticket holders for the event.

Parent Resources

Academic Review Days (ARDs)

ARD appointments will occur on **Wednesday 27th March: Lessons 5 & 6 (13:30 – 15:10)** and **Thursday 28th March: All day (08:50 – 15:10)**. Bookings will open on Monday 18th and login details will be sent before then. For Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 13 students "normal lessons" are suspended to accommodate appointments; students will be dismissed for home at lunchtime on Wednesday 27th March and there are no lessons on Thursday 28th March. For further information do refer to the ARD email dated 7th March.





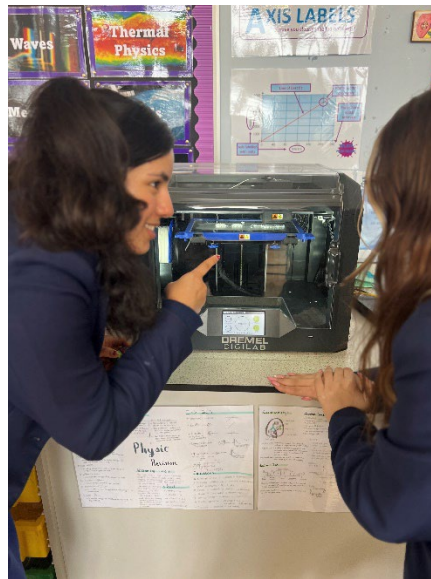
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Year 10 Geography had a great time on their field trip to Juniper Hall in Surrey recently. They completed some river fieldwork as part of their GCSE unit.



We celebrated Science Week with a range of activities...





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Congratulations also goes to Juliana, Eugenia, and Laura (pictured right) who had the opportunity to perform at the Royal Albert Hall this half-term in affiliation with Merton Music! They were very excited to tell me all about it.



Some Year 7 students visited the Shree Ghanapathy Temple in Wimbledon this week. We thank Shree Ghanapathy Temple for the insightful visit!





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Wishing you and your family a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully

Eoin Kelly
Headteacher

