



## An Horrific Success...!!



“The professionalism and energy shown by the cast and the sheer effort that had clearly gone into the show.. a talented bunch... well done!”

**Parent**



The much loved horror-comedy rock musical the **Little Shop of Horrors** was brought to horrific life on the 6th and 7th December in our annual school production. Based on the 1960's film by *Rodger Corman* and later 1983 screenplay by *Charles Griffith*), *Little Shop of Horrors* tells the story of florist worker Seymour, who raises a plant (Audrey II, named after his fellow assistant Audrey) that feeds on human blood and flesh. When his boss Mr Mushnick falls on hard times, Audrey II brings the shop and Seymour fame and fortune along the way, but at what cost? *Aisling* played the stingy, dishonest shop owner **Mr Mushnik** excellently, while *Daisy* voiced the

creepy and ever-demanding “Feed me Seymour” plant **Audrey II**, Hope gave a particularly stand-out performance as sadistic, controlling boyfriend **Orin**, while you couldn't help feeling slightly sorry for *Isabella's* hapless but well meaning **Seymour** and *Jennifer & Kiara-* were certainly both well cast as Seymour's long time crush **Audrey** (*Thursday and Friday* respectively). LSOH's pacy music, (composed by *Menken*) in the style of early 1960's rock and roll, doo-wop and early Motown featured many well known songs including “*Skid Row (Downtown)*”, “*Somewhere That's Green*”, and “*Suddenly,*

*Seymour*” and was superbly played and sung by our fantastically talented band and melodic choir (and cast!). Many thanks to our amazing Drama, Music and Art departments, cast and crew for all the hard work in bringing *Little Shop of Horrors* to life on our stage in such style. Special thanks to: *Mr Wootton- Director*, *Mr Williams- Musical Director*, *Niamh- Choreographer*, *Miss Maxwell and Annalisa- Assistant Stage Managers*, *Ms Lees- Assistant Musical Director*, *Mr Coates- Technician*, Art/D&T departments- props and make up, *Alice, Grace, Ms Baxton*, *Mr Ryan, Mr Williams and Ms Lim-* band.





# headlines

Dear Parents and Friends,

Students have really committed to advent and joyfully raised £4845.51 for a range of charities. As we approach the holidays we have been reflecting on the history and meaning of the Crib. The Design Technology have made a number of cribs for students to buy as part of our advent preparation. Students want to remind themselves of the meaning of Christmas amidst the busyness and present buying as did St Francis when he set up the first live nativity in 1273.

As we end the term we remember all the students, staff and their families who are looking after loved ones who are ill or who are grieving. In these difficult times St Angela says *'Let us remain united together all of one Heart and one will, helping each other and bearing with each other. For if we do this without doubt the Lord God will be in our midst.'*

Wishing you and your families a very happy Christmas.

*Julia Waters*

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## Entrepreneurs In The Making!



Year 12 students developed their leadership skills, leading a challenge with Year 5 pupils from local primary schools, designed to give the younger pupils an opportunity to work on their enterprise skills. Students challenged the younger pupils to come up with a new product for **Covent Garden Apple Market** in the exciting 2018

### Covent Garden Enterprise Challenge.

Congratulations to the *St Thomas of Canterbury* team, who are this year's champions with their fantastic product 'I-Protect' an app and dog collar designed to help their owners protect and speak to their pets even when they cannot be with them.

## Primary Science Lesson



Students from *Our Lady Queen of Heaven Primary School* enjoyed a taste of secondary school life taking part in a typical **Year 7 practical science lesson** this term. Students enjoyed looking at various organisms through microscopes and using bunsen burners to discover the various energy levels burned through different food sources. Great stuff!!

# American Adventures



**"This was the most amazing school trip I have ever been on. I have loved every minute..."**

## Year 10 Student

Over October half term, 13 Year 10 and 11 students took part in the school's annual Exchange with **Ursuline Academy** in Dallas. Wimbledon girls stayed with Dallas girls and experienced what life is like as an American girl.

The Ursuline Academy in Dallas organized a number of excursions and projects for the Wimbledon girls – they enjoyed a talk by *Michael Massimo* (first man to tweet from Space) and lessons on Arabic, Journalism, History and Art. They visited many places including the Kennedy Memorial and Sixth Floor Museum, the Geo Deck, Forth Worth (where they learnt to line dance!), Perot Science museum and the Bush Library.



Year 12 students also completed an annual trip to **New Orleans** to help rebuild houses, sponsored by the local Ursuline Sisters through their partnership with the **St Bernard Project** (now SBP). During their stay the students also learned about Louisiana history and architecture at Laura Plantation, went on a swamp tour and tried some local cuisine, including turtle soup and fried catfish, they also attended a local high school rally night! See the full article in the USA **Clarion Herald** here.

## Commissioning



The Year 7 **Commissioning Service** took place on the 6th November. Students were excited to receive their servaim badges and officially become an 'Ursuline girl'. After the service parents had the opportunity to 'meet the tutors' and mingle with drinks and nibbles.



# 'Tis' The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year...



The usual buzz of festivity was in the air in the run up to Christmas. With the **Christmas Tree Service**, **Christmas Jumper Day**, **Christmas Fairs**, **Christmas lunch** and the **Christmas Shoebox Appeal** for **Operation Christmas Child**. Students in Year 10 took part in a cake sale to raise money for a Girls Secondary Technical school in Njaba, Nigeria.

while Year 12 students held a Cake and sweet stall to raise money for the **Margaret Mizen charity ForJimmy**. We also held our popular **Carol Service** in collaboration with **Wimbledon College** with donations going to our annual charity **The Passage**.

## Pushing Boundaries



“It was a great experience and I learnt a lot about how coding relates to the real world” **Year 8 Student**

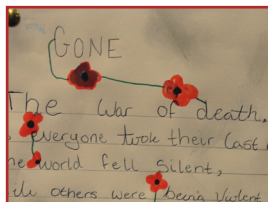
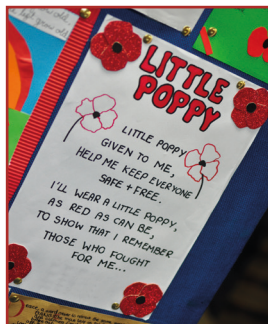
A jam-packed term for Computer Science- Year 8 students had a visitor **Nusa Faric** from **UCL** speaking about Virtual Reality gaming, 3rd - 7th December was **Code Week** with the highlight of a Code Factor dance party. Year 7 and 8 students attended an interfaith trip to **Twitter** headquarters.

Year 12 students also attended a **Computer Science in Action** day, featuring a talk by **Sir Nigel Shadbolt** (who helped **Tim Barnes Lee** to create the **WWW**). (See School Website for Further Details.)

## Remembrance!



To commemorate the **WW1 Centenary** Year 7, 8 & 9 students created a fantastic display with the history department. We received such an array of paintings, poems and factual pieces as well as 3D artwork and embroidery that we couldn't possibly fit them all on our display boards! A wonderful way to commemorate the ultimate sacrifice of the very brave!



# Ambassadors Reception!



“Eye opening and inspirational.” **Year 12 Student**

Year 12 students attended the **Women of the Future Ambassadors** Reception at the **Lloyds Banking Group**. The theme of the event was *'Kindness through Generations'* and Ambassadors from different points in their careers spoke about the value of kindness followed by them networking with the students attending.

## Back To School



Year 7 parents had the chance to go 'back to school' this term, experiencing a range of lessons from Science and Maths to Art and ICT! The opportunity offered every year, helps parents to relate to the expectations and experiences of school life in 2018!



We are delighted to draw everyone's attention to **The Royal Institution of Great Britain's** amazing **spring programme**, where audiences will hear inspirational and mind-expanding talks on everything from quantum physics to the science of love. Upcoming events include *'Why space itself is quantum in nature'*; *'The science of dieting and obesity'*; and *'Mental health in a digital age'* – and are perfect for curious students!

Find out more at: [www.rigb.org/whats-on](http://www.rigb.org/whats-on)

## Other News...

Thiepval Memorial Visit, School Council *'Say No To Plastic'* campaign, Year 8 Career Panel, Generations Together Forums, Christmas Tea Party for the Elderly, Christmas Carol Service, Grenfell Tower Donations, Christmas Fundraising and Generations Together Forums.

See our school website for more details!





netball tennis football athletics  
 rock climbing cross country  
 trampolining basketball hockey  
 dance duke of edinburgh award  
 wimbledon ball girls cycling

## U12 Winning Streak!



Excited to inform you that our Year 7/8 Football team are Merton Champions after taking 1st place at the **Merton SSP championship**.

The final went to a Golden Goal moment for the first time ever, after we drew 1-1 at full time.

Thank you to **Ricards Lodge High School** for hosting & for a fantastic game in the Final! Great to see such excellent quality girls Football in the borough today.

Our 'B' team came 4th and played to a great standard too.

Another trophy to add to this year's collection.

## Netball Festival!



Super festive **Netball tournament** for all Year 7 inter-form classes. We had 6 teams & had a fun time! Thanks to the Year 9-10 students who umpired & led the teams!

## Year 9 Basketball



WELL DONE to our Year 9 Basketball Squad for their great efforts at the **Merton SSP Championship**. Winners!

Thank you to **Harris Academy Merton** for hosting.

## U12 & U16 Wins



Great battle for the U16s v **Kingston Grammar School**. 2-2 at full time so it went to a penalty shoot-out!

After 7 penalties each UHS win 4-5. Congratulations and well played Kingston Grammar School!

Huge effort brilliantly rewarded with a 6-0 vs **Coloma Convent School** in the U12s **Surrey Schools Cup**. Thanks to **Colliers Wood UFC** for hosting us!

## housepoints

BERNADETTE	1st	4777
FRANCIS	2nd	4707
ANGELA	3rd	4513
CATHERINE	4th	4237
URSULA	5th	4225
MARGARET	6th	3989
TERESA	7th	3652

## notepad

Date	Event	
Mon 7th Jan	<b>SCHOOL RETURNS</b>	
(All Week)	Year 12 Exams	
Fri 11th Jan	Yr 12 Eucharistic Ministers Day of Reflection Year 8 Retreat (POP A), SH Church	
(10.55am-12.40pm)	Year 7 Learning Conference, Hall	
Tues 15th Jan	Yr 12 Eucharistic Ministers Day of Reflection Pt2 First Give Philanthropy Launch, Hall	
(8.35-9.40am)	Yr10 PSHEC (Well Woman Pt1)	
Thurs 17th Jan	(8.45-10.30am) (8.45-10.30am) (4.00-6.30pm) (4.15-5.15pm)	Yr11 PSHEC (Financial Literacy Pt1) Yr13 Parents' Evening, UHS Year 8 Athletics, Sports Hall
Fri 18th Jan	(All Day) (2.00-3.00pm)	Year 8 Retreat (POP B), SH Church Year 12 Sixth Form Training
Mon 21st Jan	(10.55am-12.40pm)	Drugs and Alcohol Week Year 8 Learning Conference, Hall
Tues 22nd Jan	(12.40-1.35pm) (7.00-8.00pm)	Young Ursuline Links Meeting, M2 Pathways Presentation to Year 8 Parents
Weds 23rd Jan	(10.55-11.45am)	Yr10 & 11 Feast of St Angela Merici Mass (Parents Welcome)
Thurs 24th Jan	(10.55-12.40pm) (10.55-11.45am) (1.25-3.10pm) (4.00-6.30pm)	Yr10 PSHEC (Well Woman Pt2) Yr8 & 9 Feast of St Angela Merici Mass (Parents Welcome) Yr11 PSHEC (Financial Literacy Pt2)
Fri 25th Jan	(9.40-10.40am)	Yr11 Parents Evening Yr12 & 13 Feast of St Angela Merici Mass (Parents Welcome)
Mon 28th Jan	(8.45-9.45am)	Digital Learning Week Year 7 Drug Awareness Conference
Tues 29th Jan	(All Day) (All Day) (2.20-3.10pm)	Jack Petchey 'Speak Out' Challenge Year 7 Ethos Day, Hall, Gym and Classrooms Yr7 & 8 Feast of St Angela Merici Mass (Parents Welcome)
Weds 30th Jan	(4.00-5.00pm) (4.00-5.00pm)	Ski Trip Parents Information Evening Joint Orchestra Rehearsals, St Angela's Centre
Thurs 31st Jan	(8.30am) (1.00-7.00pm)	Year 8 Retreat to Desenzano House GCSE Drama Theatre Trip
Fri 1st Feb	(3.10pm)	Year 8 Retreat to Desenzano House Returns LGBTQI History Month
Mon 4th Feb		Numeracy Week
Tues 5th Feb	(All Day) (8.45am-12.40pm)	Safer Internet Day Year 10 Business Studies Trip and Tour, Wimbledon Tennis Club Year 9 Career Networking, Hall
Weds 6th Feb	(4.00-5.00pm)	Year 10 Learning Conference Joint Orchestra Rehearsals, St Angela's Centre
Thurs 7th Feb	(All Day) (3.15-4.30pm)	Year 12 & 13 Trip to Berlin Yr10 PSHEC (Well Woman Pt3) Generations Together Forum, USFC
Fri 8th Feb		Year 10 Retreat Day Year 12 Candle Conference, Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church
Sun 10th Feb	(1.25-3.10pm)	Yr11 PSHEC (Financial Literacy Pt3) Year 12 & 13 Berlin Trip Returns
Tues 12th Feb	(All Week) (8.35-9.35am)	World Book Day Launch Philanthropy Charities visiting until 8th March
Weds 13th Feb	(2.40-1.25pm) (7.00-9.00pm)	Year 7-13 'Lunch and Learn' session: Careers Talk: STEM Sector GCSE Music Concert, Hall
Fri 15th Feb	(All Day)	<b>INSET DAY</b> (Year 12 lessons at WC) School closes for Half Term
Mon 18th- Fri 22nd Feb		<b>HALF TERM</b>
Mon 18th- Thurs 21st Feb		New York Trip
Mon 25th Feb		<b>SCHOOL RETURNS</b>