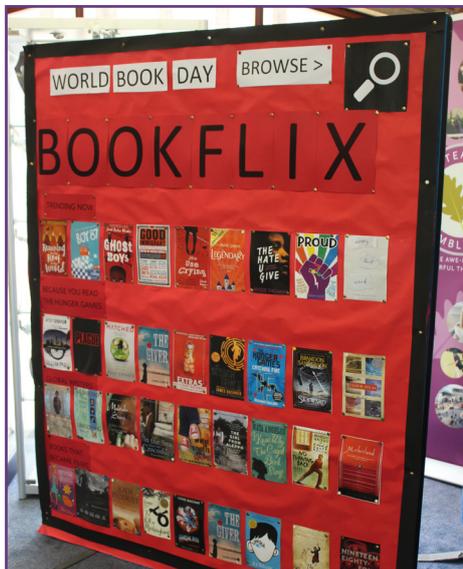
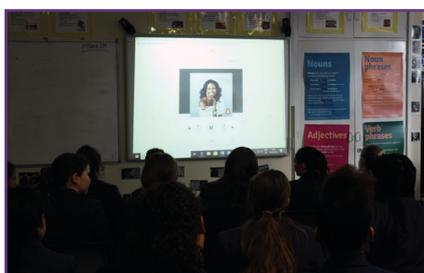


Life-Enhancing Lessons



“I haven’t read a fiction book in a while and picked up *Becoming* by Michelle Obama after attending the audiobook session.. it’s very interesting read.. she is a great role model for us and a strong woman- inspired!”
Year 11 Student

This year, we combined **International Women’s Day** (Friday 8th March) with World Book Day (Thursday 7th March) to create a huge celebration of female empowerment through literacy!

Their were many eye catching displays in the foyer and LRC throughout this half term, including a Bookflix board put together by the English Dept and a display promoting inspiring female reads in the LRC!

The theme of International Women’s Day this year was #balanceforbetter and how we can help forge a more gender-balanced world. The LRC and Junior Librarian team promoted a number of books (in among fantastic displays created by Librarian, Ms Spencer and

her library team) written by and about inspirational women who have made/are making a difference, along with a section of literature on women rights. Students also had the opportunity to complete quiz’s to find out what they knew about inspirational women all over the world! (To see a full list of the inspirational reads for International Women’s Day please visit our website.)

In English lessons throughout the World Book Day, literature by minority and female authors were celebrated - marking International Women’s Day as well as the success of the school’s recent Global Reading Initiative. Students in Key Stage 3 discussed books they are currently reading and persuaded others to read their choices, they also made

bookmarks and participated in ‘Name That Author’ quizzes. Students in Key Stages 4 and 5 explored Feminist Literature through the lens of Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, a celebrated female Nigerian writer and novelist. At lunchtime, students were invited to attend **Audiobook Listening Parties** where they could listen to readings by Michelle Obama, Maya Angelou, Suzanne Collins and Angie Thomas - and enjoy some snacks! This event proved very popular with well over 100 students attending. We are thrilled to have had the opportunity to guide and support our students as they develop real enthusiasm and passion for reading!



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the Light of the World*

Dear Parents and Friends,

During uncertain times in our country and in our church we look for support in local communities. At Multicultural Evening in March we really celebrated the richness and diversity of our community, St Angela reminds her followers that we need to remain united together all of one heart and one, will respecting and caring for each other.

Our school continues to be enriched by the many cultures and languages which make up our church community. We have raised over £3,100 for our Lenten Project for Ursuline School in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Thank you to all parents, students and staff for their efforts.

Wishing you and your families a very happy Easter.

Best wishes

Julia Waters

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A Talented Bunch



It was another fantastic **St Cecilia's Concert** on *Wednesday 13th March*! A huge well done to all students who took part- be it in the orchestra, brass ensemble, Year 7 & Year 8 choir, Year 9 & 10 GCSE music classes or as part of the **Merici Singers**- you were all fantastic! Thank you to all who attended and of course to the Arts Department for putting together such a professional show! *See website for more photos!*

Congratulations also goes to Ciara 13F and Alicja 13A who have both recently passed grade VIII piano. Both girls were taught, in school, by our piano teacher Ms Lim. Joyce (pianist Y13) has successfully auditioned for the prestigious Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance and will be studying piano there from September!

Train to Teach!



On *Wednesday 27th March* we held our annual "**Train to Teach**" **Open Evening** in association with *Teach Wimbledon* and *Roehampton University*.

We welcomed many members of the public, particularly those interested in a career change. We look forward to many more applicants to *Teach Wimbledon* for 2020!

Jack Petchey Regional Hosts!



".....I spoke about the power of perspective and how if we view this world from another view we will be able to see a true version of our world..."

Year 10 Student

We were excited to host the **Regional Finals** of the **Jack Petchey "Speak Out" Challenge** in *March*! Our 3 competitors *Katie* (who spoke on "Is it really me?") *Kelis* ("My Superhero"), *Scarlett* ("The Colour of Conscience") faced fierce competition from other Merton schools including *Wimbledon College*, *Raynes Park* and *Harris Academy Morden* and unfortunately despite their best efforts our girls did not make the finals. Congratulations to finalist *Jesse* from *Harris Academy Merton* with his speech on 'Appearances'.

Diversity Rules!



"A lovely evening, we try and come every year.." Parent

We hosted our annual **Multicultural Evening** on *Thursday 28th March*. It was a fun and food filled night of celebrating diversity, with range of eye catching stall displays filled with delicious varieties of food. Throughout the night there were also many fantastic student performances across the year groups, including, singers, dancers, poets, instrumentalists and a fashion show where students celebrated their cultural dress and heritage! The event raised over **£1,40.95** to go towards our Lent charity project- the *Ursuline School* in the Democratic Republic of Congo!

Big Business!



Some of our Year 7 and 9 students had a fantastic day at the **Lloyds TSB Digital Skills Day** at *Roehampton University* on *Wednesday 27th February*. Students worked in teams to create their own digital enterprise projects! *See school website for more details*

DigiGirlyz Winners



“I learnt that everything starts with a small idea and then it develops in the real world. It was such a fun day!” **Year 9 Student**

We are delighted to announce Year 9 students won the **Microsoft DigiGirlyz** event competition on *Friday 8th March!* The students had to plan, create and pitch their idea of a new piece of technology which would help others. Our students created a ‘demi watch’ for dementia sufferers.



Do We Deserve Our Place On Earth..?



Year 10 took part in a **Learning Conference** in *March* where they pondered the above question. During the day students worked in teams to investigate the ‘good’ and ‘bad’ points of countries around the world before presenting their conclusions to their peers regarding the country specific contributions made to the earth!

Ri The Royal Institution
Science Lives Here



There are plenty of fun and educational science activities at the **Royal Institution** this Easter, for children and their parents. Their Easter holiday workshops are an opportunity for children to enjoy hands-on exploration and experimentation; while parents can enjoy a visit to the Ri’s free museum or just some downtime to enjoy a coffee! Their ExpeRimental videos can help you entertain younger children on a rainy day, while enjoying simple and exciting experiments you can do together, using everyday items in the home. *And for the grown-ups the Ri hosts talks from leading scientists and cultural commentators, in its iconic Lecture theatre two or three nights a week. Visit www.rigb.org for more information on all of this and more from the Royal Institution.*



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New York, New York!



In *February* half term Year 12 students visited **New York** with staff. During the trip students had a wonderful time experiencing all the sites the city has to offer, including THE Empire State and Times Square ! We hope you enjoyed yourselves!



Literacy Languages!

One of our sixth formers (in Yr13 has been involved with the **Wimbledon Bookfest's Spring Weekend**) this term. She has been a Bookfest volunteer for some time was actively involved promoting the *Daniel Hahn, Katharina Bielenberg* interview with a translator- promoting her idea that we should encourage more foreign books (in translation).



“Being involved with Bookfest has been a lovely experience and it was so exciting to meet Daniel and Katharina and be reminded of the importance of being open-minded to other languages and cultures...”

Why It Matters!



Year 12 **English Literature Students** received a talk by *Professor Robert Eagleston* this term on gothic and how it transcends the genres of fashion, music and literature. Students analysed the key elements which of gothic in comic books with group discussions and Q&A sessions with the Professor.

Medicine!



Many thanks to *Jess* from *St Georges Hospital* for delivering a **Medicial workshop** to Year 11 & 12 students! Lots of helpful tips on work experience and the interview process! We look forward to seeing some of our students apply to the medicine field!



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Basketball



Well done to our **Y9/10 Basketballers** after their 26-12 win away at Ricards Lodge on the 7th March. Brilliant team effort all round. Thank you for hosting us!



Excellent basketball taster sessions in PE this half term with visiting coach **Wayne** from **Spartans Basketball**. They are offering Easter Basketball camps on the following dates:

**Mon 15th- Thurs 18th April
 10am-3pm**

www.spartanbasketballacademy.com

Ski Trip Prep



Ski trip preparations were well underway at the **Ski Centre** in **Hemel Hempstead** on Friday 8th March! (Students kitted out and ready for training on the 'slopes' above). Students did well and some even hit the big slopes for turning practice!

Rambert!



Rambert Dance enrichment students had a fantastic time this term! They attended the studios in central London where alongside lots of dance coaching they received a full history of dance within the company!
 See school website for more details!

Football



Absolutely fantastic **U12 match vs Surbiton High** in the **Surrey Schools Semi Finals** on 20th March (above). A valiant effort by all and a pleasure announce that we progress to the Finals after a 4-3 (pens) win! (1-1FT)!

Great result for the U16 side with an impressive 6-2 win at **Coloma** n 14th March (left). A **BRILLIANT** team effort by all! Well done to our footballers!

DofE



Congratulations to all of our Awardees at the annual **DofE Merton Awards Evening** at **St Marks Academy** on Thursday 4th April. A wonderful evening to reflect on all of our achievements this year.

Cross Country



Some brilliant **Cross Country** work on **Wimbledon Common** this term with our Year 10's! Great attitude towards exercising for our general health and wellbeing. Well done!

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Date	Time	Event
Weds 24th Apr	(10.55am-12.40pm) (7.00-8.00pm)	SCHOOL RETURNS Year 10 Learning Conference; Hall Year 6 New Intake Evening for Parents (A - L); Hall
Thurs 25th Apr	(7.00-8.00pm)	Year 6 New Intake Evening for Parents (M - Z); Hall
Fri 26th Apr	(All Day) (1.35-3.10pm)	Year 9 Retreat Day (Pop A) Year 10 Visit to a Jewish Temple
Sat 27th Apr	(9.30am - 1.00pm)	Year 6 New Intake Testing
Mon 29th Apr		Digital Learning Week One Year 7 Class Visiting St Angela's Forest Gate for Insieme Day (3.30 - 5.30pm) Year 7 & 8 Athletics Trials; Wimbledon Park Track (4.00 - 7.00pm) Year 6 Interviews; Hall
Tues 30th Apr	(8.45am - 3.10pm) (3.30 - 5.30pm) (4.00 - 7.00pm)	Year 8 Rehearsals First Give Philanthropy; Hall Good Samaritan Mass; Southwark Year 9 & 10 Athletics Trials; Wimbledon Park Track (4.00 - 7.00pm) Year 6 Interviews; Hall
Weds 1st May	(All Day) (10.55 - 12.40pm) (7.00-8.00pm)	Year 7 & 8 Twitter Interfaith Trip Year 7 Learning Conference; Hall Student Leader Celebration; USFC
Thurs 2nd May		Year 12 End-of-Year Exams (Until Fri 10th May) Generations Together Question; WC Yr8 Parents' Evening; Hall & Gym
Fri 3rd May	(10.30-10.55pm)	UPA Doughnut Day; Foyer
Mon 6th May	(All Day)	School closed for May Day
Tues 7th May	(7.00pm)	Year 9 Revision Week Year 7 Help to Prepare Your Daughter for Exams' Evening
Weds 8th May	(8.45-10.30am) (10.30am-12.40pm)	Year 8 Learning Conference (Pop A); USFC Year 8 Learning Conference (Pop B); USFC
Thurs 9th May	(11.00am-12.30pm)	Year 8 Rehearsals for First Give Philanthropy; USFC One Year Sixth Form Leavers Service; Wimbledon College
Fri 10th May	(8.45am-12.40pm) (10.00am-2.00pm) (10.30am-12.45pm) (6.30-9.30pm)	End of Year 12 Exams Year 11 Thanksgiving Day; USFC Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 Girls Tennis; Ricards Year 8 First Give Philanthropy GRAND FINAL; Hall Year 13 Leavers' Celebration Mass; Sacred Heart Church & USFC PGL Liddington Netball/Football Tour (Until Sunday 12th May)
Mon 13th May	(All Day)	GCSE Exams Start (Until 19th June) Hall, Gym and USFC Oxbridge Trip to Merton College Year 9 Internal Exams (Until Friday 17th May) Year 10 Therapy & Challenge Week
Tues 14th May	(4.00-6.00pm) (7.00-9.00pm)	Borough Athletics Part 1; David Weir Merton Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition Training
Weds 15th May	(9.30am-3.30pm) (12.40-1.25pm) (6.00-6.30pm) (All Day) (3.10-4.10pm)	Borough Athletics Part 2; David Weir Year 7 - 12 LunchN'Learn: Arts Dallas Trip Parents' Information Evening; USFC Year 10 Geography Fieldwork Day YSVP Visit to Kew House
Fri 17th May	(All Day) (2.00-3.00pm)	Teach Wimbledon Open Day School Council Meeting; SFCR
Mon 20th May		A Level Exams Start
Tues 21st May	(All Day) (12.40-1.35pm) (7.00-9.00pm)	Year 12 Careers Pathway Day; Dining Hall & Computer Rooms Year 10 Geography Fieldwork Day Young Ursuline Links Meeting; Merton DofE Bronze Expedition Training, South Wimbledon
Weds 22nd May	(All Day) (7.00-8.30pm)	Year 9 - 12 Women in Computer Science Day; Oxford University GCSE Music Concert; Hall
Thurs 23rd May	(8.30am)	Year 10 Residential Retreat to Desenzano House Departs
Fri 24th May	(All Day) (3.20pm)	A Level Chemistry Trip to the National Gallery Year 10 Residential Retreat to Desenzano House Returns
Mon 27th- Fri 31st May		END OF TERM HALF TERM
Mon 3rd June		SCHOOL RETURNS