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Dear Parents/Carers

Headteacher's Weekly Roundup Autumn B Week 3

Well done to all Year 13 students who have been receiving feedback from their mocks and using this learning to make the necessary adjustments to their work. The progress is really reflected in the remarkable outcomes emerging.

On Tuesday this week we had the Hustings for Head/Deputy Head Girl/Boy. There was a shortlist of applicants making speeches to the assembled entire Sixth Form and a selection of Year 11 students. Eleven brilliant speeches captivated the audience and voting was exceptionally tight in the race to make it to the next stage. We even made history with our first male applicant who finished his speech with, *'lets make history'*! (See pictures below.) The highest voted candidates will enter the final round of interviews to become Head/Deputy Head Girl/Boy. Well done to all applicants and best of luck for the next round in the process.

School production rehearsals continue at a pace, and you can see the details below on tickets. Finally, today we welcomed to the school Mr Williams who is the Merton School Partner, visiting to support and affirm the work we are doing to maintain standards. Mr Williams is a long serving partner, and we were proud to show the impact of our work on attendance.

Highlights of the week

One of our Year 12 students, Liv, who is part of the fantastic Sixth Form Enrichment programme 'Guardian Young Reporter' went to the Diwali festival in Leicester Square and interviewed Sadiq Khan the London Mayor. Well done to our budding young Kate Adie!

A Year 9 student brought me an oven warm cake on Wednesday after her Food Science lesson, I can only encourage this type of behaviour.

Focus areas for next week

Oracy assessments are happening across all subjects in KS3 and Year 10. All students are getting the opportunity to demonstrate their learning in oral presentation form. Vital life/professional skill development in Autumn Term B.





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Upcoming events & dates

School Performance – Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, Thursday November 30th and Friday 1st December

Tickets available to purchase from the DK Finance office at £10 each. Please note pre-purchased tickets only for access for both nights.

22nd November Covent garden Business Challenge Year 12 students

1st December (2pm) – Christmas tree service in Chapel

18th December (8pm) – Joint Carol Service at Sacred Heart

News and announcements

Lauren Wilmot Ex Ursuline High School student reaches the finals of Masterchef Professionals.

Lauren said of Mrs Hoyles *“I Hope you are well and remember me. I wanted to say a massive thank you for guiding me to attend catering college rather than university. I continue to sing your praises as you saw something in me that I didn't.”*

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/mediapacks/masterchef-the-professionals-2023-contestants-heat-two-week-two>

Parent Resources

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

[Failosophy for Teens by Elizabeth Day](#): A teen edition of the bestseller Failosophy: A Handbook For When Things go Wrong. This new illustrated book for children aged 12+ focuses on turning failure into success, a topic that is so vital in today's world where resilience is key to success. One for the Christmas list!





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Images from the week



Get your tickets fast!



Big Scoop for Liv, Sixth Form Young Journalist





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We welcomed students from our local primary schools this week, and our wonderful Sixth Formers helped them take part in the Covent Garden Business Challenge. They had to create a product to sell in Covent Garden. The winning team will soon go and showcase their product for real. Our Sixth Formers were, as always, outstanding ambassadors for our school.

Below. The Finalists for Head/Deputy Head Girl/Boy who presented their speeches on Tuesday.

Head Boy and Girl Hustings



Akua



Isla



Joshua



Katie



Kheira



Giulia



Lara



Rumi



Victoria



Ana



Clara





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Wishing you and your family a lovely weekend and a good week ahead.

Yours faithfully

Eoin Kelly

Headteacher

