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# **Careering Ahead!**



On Wednesday 19th October we hosted our first whole school Careers Convention. Students and parents across Years 9-13 had the opportunity to receive seminars from a range of professionals including; Sanjay Patel- Lawyer, Olio- Green Careers, Harriet Rose from Atkins Architects, a marketing talk from Suzanne Pugsley and Amy Briggs and Psychiatrist Mental Health talk from Suhana Ahmed. We had Universities on site including; Bath University, Royal Holloway, University of Birmingham and Roehampton University. We also had our very own teaching provider Teach Wimbledon, who provided insight into teacher training route and opportunities in education.

There were also over 25 career stalls from a variety of organisations including; NHS, RAF, OC&C Strategy Consultants, Ricardo Rail, Deutche Bank and St Raphel's charity.

Ms Ryan, Sixth Form Careers Adviser commented;

"We were really keen to expand our annual careers day to involve a much broader range of careers for students to explore and also directly involve parents in exploring these options with their child.. Feedback from students has been extremely positive and we hope to go even bigger and better next year!"



Dear Parents and Friends,

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What a term !

Thank you for the overwhelming support. This term has felt so good. We have celebrated Black History month, Sixth Form Open Evening, a Student conference on the Authority Gap and the feast of St Ursula ; we welcomed the Globe Players, a myriad of inspirational speakers and held our first Careers convention. Sports fixtures have started again and students are really enjoying winning!

We are now exploring hosting a Synod meeting to input into the Diocesan synodal process and answer the question how might we serve the mission of our church? If any Parents would like to join in this process please let us know by contacting Mrs Torch my PA.

As we return next half term we will be focussing on how we can contribute to sustaining the well being of our planet. This half term we learnt about St Katarie the Patron saint of Ecology and the Environment and reflected that whatever our age we can contribute to make a difference to the environment.

We hope you enjoy a healthy and safe half term!

Best wishes

Ms Waters



## **Getting Arty!**





Some fantastic GCSE and A Level work from students, which is currently being displayed in our St Angela's Art Centre. See our website for more photos!

#### European Languages Week



The MFL department celebrated the European Day of Languages with a week of activities for students. These include; Year 10 teaching Year 7 German, an escape room quiz for KS3, Year 7 had an amusing class with animal noses in different languages. Additionally a video was created with students saying The Lord's Prayer in different languages.

#### **Globe Players**



## Climate Change



We had the Globe Players back in for a Shakespeare performance this half term. This time the globe players performed Romeo and Juliet to Year 9, What You Will (An Introduction to Shakespeare) to Year 7 and A Christmas Carol to Year 8. Fantastic as usual!

Very proud of students Emma and Orlaith who attended the Jesuit Missions presentation where they delivered the 'Be BOLD Petition' to 10 Downing Street on on Tuesday 28th September.

The petition urges British Prime Minister Boris Johnson to make bold commitments at COP 26 in order to limit the global temperature rising above 1.5c.

## Library Refresh



In the summer holidays we took the opportunity to action plans to refresh the library, with a make over, new shelves, re-paint and general de clutter to make it more bright and vibrant! Students are loving its new look!

## Hispanic Heritage



Students celebrated Hispanic Heritage Week this half term. They enjoyed a variety of activities including; learning about Mathematicians of Hispanic heritage, exploring UNESCO heritage sites in south America discovering the impact of Hispanic artists and looking at racial justice in America and the UK.

## **Teach Wimbledon**



#### STEAM!



It's great to have our new intake of aspiring teachers with us ready to complete their training!

Some of these are pictured to the left!



We are excited to announce the launch of our brand-new STEAM Academy- a 3-year student development programme lead by Ms Bhayat, our STEAM Lead. This was set up to address the lack of female students selecting STEAM subjects for further education and pursuing STEAM careers.

Students first talk was by previous UHS Employee Emily Spencer, who spoke to students her journey into the world of coding!

#### **Black History Month**





This October, students

enjoyed a ram packed Black History Month

on the national theme

of 'Proud to be'. They enjoyed various

speakers and class

activities. Highlights included; author Alexandra Sheppard, former headteacher turned coach Viv Grant. Oxbridge Alumnae and lawyer Angela Jackman and artist Fraser James! Former Head Girl Ohemaa also surprised students to do a talk on

her decision to study

medicine at Kings

See website for more

College.

details.

We are pleased to resume

and students are excited to be performing Sister Act in

November. Watch out for

more news on or website regarding purchasing tickets

It's bound to be an amazing

for this!

performance!

our annual productions



## All An Act!



## **Open Events**



On Thursday 14th October we held our physical Sixth Form open evening at Wimbledon College. It was great to finally have prospective students able to get a feel of the WC and UHS sites. It was also fantastic so see such interest in our expanded T Level subjects in HEALTH (Laboratory Science and BUSINESS AND ADMIN (Business Support). More about these subjects can be found on our T Level hub!

## Bookfest



Congratulations to students; Mia G, Emilia L, Alicia J, Scarlett P, Sinead OC, and Samadhi D who took part in the Young Writers' Competition 2021 and won the opportunity to be published authors in the annual Bookfest anthology, which this year is entitled 'My Name Is..' Well done all!



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#### **Mulberry Conference**



On 11 October our year 12s were invited to attend an international conference run with Mulberry School to celebrate International Day of the Girl. The conference looked at the UN's theme of the Digital Age and focused on the challenges and opportunities presented for girls and women by digital media. In the afternoon the Ursuline led a session focusing on the Authority Gap between men and women, which is often heightened by social media, and examined by former assistant editor of the Times in her recent book of that name.

Year 12 students Dea and Roselda were fortunate enough to interview Ms Sieghart for the conference. Angel and Sophie presented and introduced our panel of high profile speakers who answered student questions. They gave advice on how to make their voices heard and authority felt both now and in their future careers.

#### **Essential Experience**



T Level digital students participated in online work placement with IBM this half term. One student commented "The experience in IBM was fun and engaging, as my Mentor help me have a better understanding of Degree apprenticeship."





Some Year 12 students had the opportunity to attend the Asian Women of the Year Awards on Wednesday 22nd September, where our very own senior leader Mrs Bhayat was a finalist in the 'Professions' category.

It was an amazing first hand example of leadership to our students. Congratulations to Mrs Bhayat for reaching the final!

## UCAS Workshop





Ms Ryan has been providing key support to sixth formers with their personal statements this half term in preparation for their UCAS applications!



#### **DofE: Urban Expedition!**



On 26th Sept students completed their Bronze DofE Urban Expedition along the Hogsmill Trail & ending in Nonsuch Park. Excellent teamwork & navigation skills shown by everyone! A big thank you to Carol, Rich & all the DofE Merton Leaders!



## Rugby Win!



We're through to the U18s Nationals! Well done to all students. We cant wait to see you in the Nationals! This girl can!



## Fantastic Football Ability!



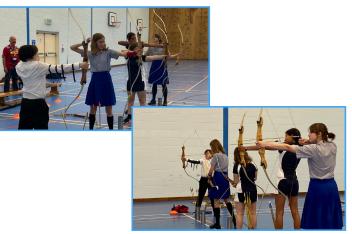




Year 7/8 Borough Football at UHS this half term! Year 7 won their competition & Year 8 came in second place only on goal difference! They have showed great resilience and work rate all the way through!

Great first competition for these players

## Archery Is Back!



Fantastic to see that our Archery club is back in full swing and is proving popular with students. Already this half term we are seeing more confident aims from students and have no doubt they will progress further next half term!

## Skateboarding



Its great so see our already popular Skateboarding club growing in numbers since its return this half term. Students area already increasing in confidence on their boards. Our Director of Sports is calling it the 'Skye Brown effect'.

13 year old Skye did fantastically well to be awarded a bronze medal at the Olympics and we think she has some new fans for sure!

