

# Upper School Newsletter

## Autumn 2019

Welcome to the first edition of our termly Upper School Newsletter!

As this first term draws to a close, it is a great opportunity for us to remember and reflect on the successes of the year so far and start to think about the term ahead. This term we began to think about the core values of our school which are Compassion, Ambition, Resilience and Excellence (CARE) and how they underpin everything we do. At the end of each term during our celebration assemblies, awards are given to those who demonstrate our values. Names of the winners can be found in this newsletter.

As a community, we are continually striving to ensure we develop true leaders of the future and equip our learners with the essential tools to strive in society. This newsletter, and subsequent editions, will inform you of some of the fantastic events that have taken place over the term and will also share and celebrate students' achievements.

We hope you all have a restful break and look forward to seeing you all in the new year!



**Ms Roxanne Lashley**  
Head of Upper School



**Mr Michael Collins**  
Deputy Head of  
Upper School

## Creative Day



On Wednesday 16th October, the whole school took part in Creative Day. This is a time where students are able to work outside their regular lessons to work on a project that allows them to look at learning in a different way.

The theme for Year 9 and 10 Creative Day this term was conflict resolution. Students in Year 9 worked across history, music, design technology, art and media to explore the issue.

Students created stencils, inspired by artist Bob and Roberta Smith in design technology for placards that were then completed in art. The placards included statements on topics such as the environment, knife crime and racism.

In music, students created a montage of sounds clips inspired by resolution conflict and music videos were created in media around the same theme.

Students also used the National Archives to identify soldiers and created poppies in the memory of their chosen soldier. The individual poppies were then used to produce an installation that was displayed in the school's theatre.

Year 10 students explored the theme through PE and problem-solving games. Students had the opportunity to investigate famous sportspeople and events such as Colin Kaepernick, Didier Drogba, the Christmas Truce, the Olympic Truce and the Black Power salute at the 1968 Olympics.

During the problem-solving games, students were able to explore issues of trust and evaluate how different situations can dictate whether it's more beneficial to be cooperative or be competitive. They also provided an opportunity for students to realise how short-term gains can lead to long-term losses and how to seek reciprocity, build positive coalitions, and create compliance mechanisms where necessary.

Year 11 students started with inspirational speakers and were then able to hone their revision skills. Revision timetables were created, and students were able to think about more creative ways to approach their revision.





## School Production – Oliver! 15th, 16th, 17th January 2020



Rehearsals for the school production are well underway and we cannot wait to see it. If last year's production of Little Shop of Horror is anything to go by, this show is definitely one not to miss!

For more pictures, tickets and information relating to the show, [please click here](#).

### Wadham College, Oxford trip

Students in Year 9 enjoyed two lectures: one on brain injury, which had many of the students squealing, and the second on the long and gruesome history of thousands of witches who were hung in the UK. Students then went on a visit to the Museum of Natural History where they handled stuffed exhibits and live Madagascan hissing cockroaches.





## Year 10 trips

### History trip to France

On Friday 8th November, 70 Year 9 students left school just after 6am to embark on a journey through the Eurotunnel to the Somme. The first stop was Vimy Ridge where students saw the preserved trenches and the impressive memorial for the Canadian troops.



Students were then wowed by the Lochnagar Crater (the largest crater ever made by man). It was made by Welsh miners who blew a huge hole under German trenches on first day of the Battle of the Somme. Other sites that were visited were, Thiepval Memorial and the Newfoundland Memorial Park.

### Art trip

The pictures below show our Year 10 Art students making sketches at the Shepard Fairey exhibitions at Stolen Space and Beats Residency Gallery's on Brick Lane.



## Children in Need 2019



We are proud to say we raised a total of £1087.85 for BBC Children in Need! Money was raised from a number of initiatives including bake sales, a non-uniform day and the now infamous three-legged race. A big well done to Mr Enebeli who organised it all with his team of Upper School volunteers. An additional shout-out goes to Year 11 tutor Mr. Medway who put his body (including his now broken arm) ahead of his pride to ensure victory with his partner Mr. Gilbert. Well done, Sir!

## Anti-Bullying Week 18th-22nd November

During Anti-Bullying Week, each year group was shown a video during assembly (put together by Pip Ainsworth and our media team), that featured teachers and pupils discussing their experiences of bullying. It was a powerful and moving assembly with a very clear message: we don't stand for bullying and you must seek help if you are being bullied or know someone who is.

Pip also designed T-Shirts that were sold to pupils and staff which were worn on Friday 22nd November – this raised an amazing £400 pounds which has been donated to Safaplace, a local mental health charity.

**“Each of us deserves the freedom to pursue our own version of happiness. No one deserves to be bullied.”** Barack Obama



## Mock Exams

Year 11 students had two weeks of mock exams recently and really showed commitment to their studies. Well done, Year 11! Results will be sent out to parents/carers during the week beginning January 20th 2019.

## Sporting achievements

The girls football teams are again on the path to glory and have had some barnstorming results this year – well done to every player involved! The Year 9, 10 and 11 teams are all in the Quarter Finals of the London Cup and the Year 9 and 11 teams are also in the 3rd round and Quarter Final of the National Cup, respectively.

Well done to the Year 10 boys football team who are in the last 32 of the Inner London Cup. The Year 11 team are already one step further and into the last 16 in the same competition. Unfortunately, the Year 9 boys football season has come to an early close after being drawn to play the same (very strong!) team in the first round of both cup competitions - a rude awakening for last season's finalists.

## Year 11 Parents' Information Evening

On 18th September, all Year 11 parents were invited into school to discuss the year ahead and were given advice regarding examinations and revision. On sale at the event, we had GCSE guides for parents and carers for £1. The guide provides a wealth of information regarding the best ways to support your child during this crucial time.

[You can still purchase a copy here.](#)

If you are in receipt of Free School Meals, your child will have already received a free copy.

[A link to the presentation can be found here.](#)



## End of term prize winners

### Compassion

Nicolas Ceron-Gonzalez 9W  
Naseerah Alibhai 9N  
Wolf Armstrong 10K  
Dayabir Morsky 10H  
Rajpreet Kaur 11H  
Bartosz Grzeszczak 11H

### Resilience

Nadim Ali 9S  
Afua Appiah-Dwamenaa 9O  
Lola Awoyemi 10W  
Camillo Fior Ganly 10G  
Harry Hill 11O  
Jessica Chennis 11O

### Ambition

Eren Akca 9H  
Kimberley McCollins 9K  
Zain Silcott Duberry 10I  
Lucy Javurek 10O  
Elise Doyle 11E  
Ali Acar 11K

### Excellence

Harley Gordon 9G  
Beth Collins 9I  
Sohan Singh Rathore 10K  
Shona Speirs 10T  
Imanol Gustavo Pedroza Barris 11W  
Lili Wondwossen 11S

## Dates for your diary

### General

6th January – INSET Day  
14th January – TKTC parent drop in 9am  
3rd February – Parent Forum 6pm-7pm  
21st March – Safaplace Conference 10am-4pm (ticket information to follow in 2020)

### Year 9

26th February – Parents' Evening 4pm-6.30pm

### Year 10

9th-20th March – Year 10 Work Experience

### Year 11

29th January 2020 – Parents' Evening 4pm-6.30pm  
24th and 25th February 2020 – Trial Examinations for English and science  
10th March – Trial exams for mathematics and physics

