

Debating Masters Reach the Finals



On Friday 24th February, **Heather G** and **Macaulay F** (Year 11) visited the Embassy of the United States of America to continue Saint Cecilia's proud record of success in the annual Frankly Speaking Debate Competition. The event is organised by Benjamin Franklin House in conjunction with the US Embassy, and pits schools from across London against one another.

Heather and **Macaulay** debated topics such as whether celebrities should be held accountable for their carbon footprints and the role of teenagers in social movements. They eventually reached the final where they were narrowly defeated - a valiant effort given they had to argue the unjustifiable position that social media didn't lead to the spread of misinformation!

Well done to **Heather** and **Macaulay** on their second-place finish. Both had a great day and were a credit to the school.

James Aldridge

Curriculum Team Leader for History and Politics, Pedagogy Lead and Professional Coordinating Mentor (PCM)

Magical Windows

As promised in last week's newsletter, here are some lovely images of Saint Cecilia's finished 'stained glass windows' which were inspired by artist, Keith Haring. Our Year 7 and 8 artists really enjoyed and embraced this activity and were supported by our experienced artists **Eve J** (Year 13) and **Talitha P** (Year 11). I hope those who live near to the school were also able to enjoy this creative community event.



Stella Allan

Curriculum Team Leader for Art and Design

Spring Concert

Please come and join us on Friday 17th March for our Spring Concert, showcasing our brilliant and talented pupils and students. Listen to soloists, small chamber groups and our large ensembles. Featured in this concert will be a shortened version of 'Les Miserables' medley, soon to be performed on the Royal Albert Hall stage, by our Musical Theatre Club, Concert Band and String Group. Hear from our Gold award-winning Concert Band with one of their new pieces for the National Concert Band Festival in April.

Tickets are now on sale [here](#) or scan the QR code. Please purchase your tickets before Friday 17th March. We are trialling a new system to purchase tickets which means they are not being sold on ParentPay. Electronic tickets will be issued via TicketSource and you must bring tickets on your mobile device (or printed) to be scanned on entry. Tickets are £6.50 for adults and £2.30 for children including booking fees. Please purchase early to avoid disappointment!



John Wells

Curriculum Team Leader for Music

A Busy Modern Languages Department

Southbank Outings

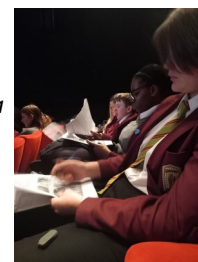


During the week before half term, we took a group of Key Stage 4 pupils and Year 9 pupils to the BFI Southbank on two consecutive days. Key Stage 4 pupils watched a series of diverse short French films. The Year 9s learned about World War II in the context of a French film. Both groups developed their French skills by completing various listening, speaking and writing activities before watching a feature length film. Please read below what **Tiwa N** (Year 9) and **Jasmine H** (Year 10) thought about their respective trips:

Tiwa: *"At the BFI, we learnt about the traumatic and devastating treatment the Jews faced under the order of the Nazis, not just in Germany but also in France. We watched (in French) a movie based*

on Fanny Ben-Ami, a French Jew. We found out about her terrifying and disturbing journey to the Swiss border from her home town. From travelling with people smugglers, being taken in by police, to staying in a stable, Fanny was a courageous, heroic and maternal figure to the other children she journeyed with. Fanny Ben-Ami is now 92 and lives in Israel."

Jasmine: *"At the BFI, first we completed some activities, such as watching a variety of clips and answering questions/writing sentences about them in French. We learnt lots of slang phrases that are used in France, as well as practising some of the sentence structures we have been doing in class. After lunch, we watched a French film called 'Untouchable' for the rest of the day, which was very entertaining."*



Cervantes Theatre Trip

Spanish A Level students have been reading the book, *'House of Bernarda Alba'*, which they will write about in their final examination. They have learnt about the role of women in Spanish society during the



difficult years marked by the beginning of the Spanish Civil War, and the impression it had on the poet and dramatist, Federico Garcia Lorca. Students really enjoyed an afternoon out at the Cervantes Theatre, London where they had the opportunity to practise their listening skills in a real Spanish play, and they especially enjoyed eating Spanish ham!



Year 10 Spanish pen pal project

Year 10 Spanish pupils have been communicating again with our pen pals in Aloha College Marbella. As part of this project, pupils have been sharing audio clips of what they do during their free time and comparing how Spanish people spend their free time too. It is very impressive hearing how fluent our pupils sound.

Some feedback from our pupils:

Amanda D: *"I enjoy chatting with pen pals as it makes me practise all aspects of Spanish in real time and it makes my brain work faster. It is also enjoyable to talk to people who live elsewhere and find out about their lives."*

Chloe V: *"I think the pen pals project is great. It is fun talking to new people and learning new words."*

Esther B: *"I love having a pen pal and it is an easy and fun way to speak Spanish. I enjoy talking to a real person about Christmas, my interests, hobbies and my idols."*

Patrick H: *"This has been a new experience which has allowed us to practise our Spanish and not just prepare for exams. It has allowed me to connect with Spaniards my own age, as well as improving my Spanish."*

Omara Muñoz Asensio, MFL Curriculum Team Leader and Sara Navarro Martinez, Teacher of MFL

Artist of the Week



Year 8 are researching Surrealism and insects. Here, **Nojus S** has created a beautiful surreal insect combining different insect parts. Well done **Nojus**.

Sarah Mulvey
Teacher of Art and Design

Library News

World Book Day

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, there is a special, themed dashboard on Accessit with games, quizzes, activities, book reviews and more. Pupils can click on [this link](#) to log in using their school Office 365 login and select the World Book Day dashboard from the dropdown menu.

If they click [here](#) they will be able to download the digital World Book Day book token. This can either be printed or shown on a device in exchange for a free World Book Day £1 book or to receive £1 off a full price book in a participating bookshop. Full details can be found through the link above.

Rachel Goodhart
School Librarian

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Philosophy Club is Back!



After a short break, Philosophy Club returned with a great session focused on planning the year ahead. The Club's marketing team, led by **Alice M** (Year 8) worked hard designing new display boards to make pupils and students stop and think about some of the most meaningful questions they would like to raise. We will be trying to get as many pupils involved as possible from now until the end of the year, as we debate fascinating issues such as designer babies, genetic modification, contacting aliens and other ethical scenarios. Pictured right: **Ava F** and **Jayda M** in Year 8.

Kaan Cengiz
Teacher of Religious Studies & Ives House Leader

Magical Music



On Thursday 23rd February, members of our Musical Theatre Club and other pupils had the chance to see 'Les Misérables' at the Sondheim Theatre in London. It was a fantastic performance and hopefully will inspire our MTC members in their 'Les Misérables' medley they will perform at the Royal Albert Hall on 28th March.

On Wednesday 1st March, we were lucky to have five invitations to the Wandsworth Wednesdays at the National Opera Studio. **Petra B, Ema K, Sophie B, Daniel L and Abigail D** in Years 9 and 10 (pictured left) saw a fantastic recital by Natasha Agarwal (soprano) and Emma Roberts (mezzo-soprano). They also had the chance to speak to the singers about their technique and experiences.

John Wells
Curriculum Team Leader for Music

Friday Night Lights

Our rugby 1st XV team will be playing against locals, Fulham Boys School, on Friday 10th March and we'd love for the Saint Cecilia's community to be out in force to cheer them on. The match is being held at 'The Rock', home of Rosslyn Park RFC in Barnes, and is sure to be a great contest. Our boys are all members of our London Irish programme and so the play will be top class. It will be the last time to see many of the boys play before they move on to pastures new. This is a great opportunity for pupils, students, parents, staff, and friends to see our talented team in action. Kick off is at 7.30pm.



Entry is free, lots of parking is available and Rosslyn Park have a clubhouse and bar (for over 18s) which will be open for spectators from 7pm. Full details of the club with maps and directions [here](#)

Address: The Rock, Priory Lane, SW15 5JH

Alex Bishop
Curriculum Team Leader for Physical Education

Netball News

On Friday 24th February, the Year 7B team played a netball match against Ark Putney Academy A team. After the first quarter, the girls were seven goals up. A very positive start. At quarter time, I set the girls a challenge - to try and win the match without letting the other school concede a single goal. They won 24-0! A fantastic win. Well done girls.

Player of the Match: **Immy C**

Team: **Lily G, Mia H, Abigail De J, Rosie B, Immy C, Emma H, Vittoria B, Sariah B and Keziah D**



London Youth Games 2023
TEAM WANDSWORTH

Girls Preliminary trials
Date: Thursday 20th April, 1 hour 15 minute trial slot to be allocated between 5.00-8.45pm
Venue: Burntwood School, Burntwood Ln, SW17 0AQ

Girls Final trials (call back only)
Date: Thursday 27th April, 5.00-7pm
Venue: Burntwood School, Burntwood Ln, SW17 0AQ

Netball Trials!
U14s, DOB cut off 01/09/2008

We would like to promote this opportunity for U14 girls to take part in trials for the Wandsworth team in the London Youth Games 2023. This is an amazing chance for girls to build on the hard work they have put into practice at school and develop new skills in a competitive environment. Click [here](#) for the application form.

To sign up, scan the QR code!
Contact us: 020 3959 0030 | lyg@enablelc.org



Harriet Field
Teacher of Physical Education

Football News



Under 13s

A huge congratulations to the Year 7 and 8 girls football team for another victory away at Ark Putney Academy on Monday 27th February.

They came away with a comfortable 3-0 win with **Bea E, Zoe O and Kyanna T** scoring the goals (all Year 7s!).

Sharon O put in another solid goalkeeping performance and well done to **Lucy L, Renae C** and **Sura L** who played well in their first game of this season.

Alex Shoderu
School Chaplain

Under 12s

On Monday 27th February, the Year 7 A and B boys football teams played away against Southfields Academy. Well done to both teams for playing exceptional football. The A team won 4-1 with goals scored by **Dylan G** (two), **Jefferson Y** (one) and **De'Quan C-J** (one). It was a hard fought, well organised and professional performance. The boys were great ambassadors for the school and were gracious in their victory. They have won every game this season, keep it up! The A team have a big tournament coming up next week, the Wandsworth Tournament, and the boys should do well if they can keep up their stellar performance streak.

The B team won 4-0. Goals were scored by **Kayon B** (one), **Daniel S** (one), **Zakary De G B** (one) and **Julius N-M** (one)

Players of the Match for the B team were **Nicholas M** and **Jack T** who both had incredible performances.

A huge thank you to the Year 13 students **Bradley A-M, Elijah S, Kwaku M** and **Jenas H** who gave up their time to come and help coach the team.

Kaan Cengiz, Teacher of Religious Studies and
Emmanuel Asamoah-Mensah, Sixth Form Academic Mentor



On Wednesday 1st February, **Jack H** in Year 11 ran at the London Schools Athletics Individual Cross Country Championships at Wormwood Scrubbs. As he was placed so highly, he has been selected to represent London at the English Schools cross country race next month. This is the most prestigious cross country competition for students in the country. Well done Jack! We wish him the best of luck for his race!

Harriet Field
Teacher of PE

Upcoming Event Reminders

- **Monday 6th March:** Wimbledon Tennis Trip for Year 10 Business Studies
- **Tuesday 7th March:** Year 7 Football Tournament, organised by Year 12 BTEC Business Studies students, 3.15 - 4.30pm
- **Wednesday 8th March:** Year 8 Escape Room, organised by Year 12 BTEC Business Studies students
- **Thursday 9th March:** Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge at Saint Cecilia's School 6-9pm
- **Friday 10th March:** Friday Night Lights - 1st XV Rugby Final vs Fulham Boys School at Rosslyn Park RFC. Kick off 7.30pm
- **Tuesday 14th March:** Year 12 Parents' Evening (virtual) 5-7pm
- **Friday 17th March:** School Spring Concert 7-8.30pm at Saint Cecilia's School