



Year 7 Christmas Postal Service

Several members of the ECM day enterprise challenge winning team ran a successful Christmas postal delivery service in school for Year 7 and Staff.

They delivered over 500 items of post and raised £59.72 for Great Ormond St Children's Hospital. A big 'thank you' and well done to Ellie Barnes, Alex Tyler, Jenetha Raveendran, Joseph Hearn, Rasheedat Bishi and Jordan White.

Ms Rock

Year 11

An opportunity has been presented by the Charlton Athletic Community Trust (CACT) who has been commissioned to deliver the 2012 pilot for the National Citizen Service on behalf of The Football League Trust. The project is heavily supported by the cabinet office to promote a more cohesive and responsible society by bringing young people aged 16 together and supporting them during their transition into adulthood. The National Citizen Service also aims to engage young people with their local communities by helping them to deliver their own voluntary social action project.

The scheme will occur during the summer of 2012 and will involve residential activities in Wales and Kent with activities including canoeing and kayaking amongst other things. The group are coming into the assembly on Thursday 23rd February but if you are keen to receive information before this please e-mail me and I will forward the details to you.

Mrs Pearman

Notices

Culture Club ~ Looking for something to brighten those January blues? Then join us this month for one of our theatrical treats at unbeatable group rates:

NOISES OFF - Comic excellence at The Old Vic Theatre on Tuesday 24th January, just £11.50.

CRAZY FOR YOU - Broadway glitter and musical magic at The Novello Theatre on Tuesday 31st January, just £20.00.

Please collect a letter from the English department (J13) to avoid disappointment. Everyone welcome, you needn't have been before.

Ms Hanington & Ms Stoddard

Forthcoming Events

Thursday 26th January ~ Inset Day

Monday 6th February ~ Year 9 Options and Parents' Evening

Thursday 9th February ~ PA Wine Tasting Evening

London 10k Run - Sunday 8th July 2012 - Runners Wanted

Great news for all you long-distance runners!

BGSPA has invested in a diamond debenture for the London 10k run and this means we need runners on Sunday 8th July 2012 who are aged 15 or over on the date of the event and who can run the distance of 10k in 2 hours or less.

Ideally we would like students, parents and teachers to come forward and take up these places.

If you would like to take part and can raise between £100 and £150+ in sponsorship money (for BGSPA), please contact parent Wendy Milliams:

wendymilliams@hotmail.com or mobile: 07894 454031.

For more details about the event:

<https://www.british10klondon.co.uk/>

Diversity Club kicks off with the New Year

Have you thought about any New Year's resolutions? Eat less chocolate, do more exercise, be kinder to people – all the usual, right? Well, here's an alternative: how about 'embrace diversity'?

Surely you already *do* though. You're not a prejudiced person, and you try to include everyone, and that's fantastic, but what else can you do? Have you ever asked yourself that question?

How can we be **proactive** about diversity?

Well, that's not a question I can answer in a simple way. However, I am organising a club which meets **every Wednesday** in the **New Sixth Form Study Room** in the L block. The aim of this club will be to work as a team to answer those questions.

Students will be encouraged to independently strive for self-understanding and to develop their own opinions. Moreover, we will pursue **activism** within and outside of the school community to promote diversity.

The first few sessions will begin with watching a movie called 'Chocolat' (**starring Johnny Depp!**). But this is not all we are going to do. We will conduct small scale social experiments in the club, we will eat ethnic foods, learn about different types of art, music and dance from around the world. We will also talk about various forms of diversity within the same culture. We will produce creative work, hold discussions and do lots and lots of activism to promote our causes!

There will be **prizes** available for the best activism campaigns.

So come along, develop your skills and experience things you've never experienced before. **Open your mind.** The club is mostly geared at Year 7s and 8s, but if you want to come along from a different year, feel free – we don't discriminate against age! And if you're a Sixth Former, perhaps you might also be interested in helping out for your CAS and UCAS.

Join diversity club, and enrich yourself!

Adam Bligh-Hasan, Year 12

Sports News

Rugby

Rugby training is back on Monday 16th January. With a busy fixture list coming up I'd like to see as many players there as possible so that we can have a strong second half to the season. I particularly would like to see Years 7 & 8 on Monday and Year 9 players on Tuesday, as we have a game on Wednesday.

Mr Lines

Attention sports stars!

The PE department would really like to update our wall of fame. If your son or daughter has achieved a high level of sporting performance (district / borough / county / national honours or competition) in the last year, please let us know and provide us with a picture of them performing so that we can add them to our illustrious list. Please send details to Miss Leffen in the PE department.

Miss Leffen

Free School Meals ~ Do you qualify?

You can register your child for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

An application form can be collected from Mrs Triggs in the School Office.

Merits

Well done to the following students on reaching 50 merits. This effort sees them on their way to completing the pastoral side of the Year 7 Diploma.

Amanda Hayes-Holgate, Millie Plumpton (7RAH), Victoria Houlihan, Joshua Grandini-Fenn, Zoe Le Conte, Kiefer Buckle (7EFM), Ethan Cheung, Rasheedat Bishi, Jacob Newman (7SMA), Chloe Wait, Dorinna Pentchev, Harry Wilson, Tia Le Ma, Karina Gukhool (7LJP), Finley Barry, Siddarth Patel, Jordan Harrex, Emily Furze, Kaetochi Nwankwo, Natasha Sidhu (7MYL) and Manraj Soor (7CJW).

Mr Pullen

All names will be added to the draw for an iPod