



National Gallery Visit by Year 7

Over the course of last week Year 7 forms visited the National Portrait Gallery in Trafalgar Square, London. We were researching different ways to draw a face, including side profile, comic and face on. One of the main paintings visited by most forms was the 'Ugly Duchess'. It was a comic photo, but recently there was evidence released that suggested she was real!

Passing through the halls, we saw a famous pointillism painting by Georges Seurat. It was HUGE! Later each art group went into their normal form group and were taken around by a tour guide. They discussed certain paintings, including the 'Ugly Duchess'.

After looking round the rest of the gallery we went to the shop (which was slightly overpriced; a cushion cost £65!). Overall, we really enjoyed the trip, and can't wait until the next one!

Katherine Beeching, Year 7 Prefect

Visit to Wicked

On Wednesday 9th November Tom Barton 9PEB and Alex Coates 7CJW attended a Workshop for the visually impaired for Wicked at the Apollo Theatre in London. Here's what they had to say:

"The workshop was fun. We did a lot of acting. My favourite bit was split into two halves; first we picked an animal and made up a language in pairs (I was a monkey speaking fruit language)."

Alex Coates, 7CJW

"We had a touch tour then watched the performance. Overall I thought the performance was fantastic and I'd definitely see it again."

Tom Barton, 9PEB



Forthcoming Events

Monday 28th November ~ Inset day

Thursday 1st December ~ Twelfth Night & Pantomime

Friday 2nd December ~ Twelfth Night & Pantomime

Thursday 8th December ~ Christmas Concert at St John's Church

Year 11

Mock examinations commence on Monday 5th December for two weeks. All students have been issued with an examination timetable and are to attend in full school uniform. Students will be asked to remove non-uniform items and for girls in particular they will be asked to remove nail polish. To avoid this unnecessary disruption at the start of the exams could all students and parents be vigilant with uniform. The results of the examinations will play an important role in deciding Sixth Form options and the results will be published in the next reporting round in January.

All students have been issued with a revision booklet giving information on how to revise and organise themselves at this time, as well as receiving information in assemblies and during PSHCE.

If students are feeling particularly overwhelmed they can see me, Miss Skinner, their form tutors or visit the peer mentors for additional support.

Good Luck Year 11!

Mrs Pearman

Industrial Action

BGS is closed to students on Wed 30th November due to industrial action.

Exceptions: Year 12 'Maths in Action' and Year 13 Geography 'Tectonic Hazards' which will take place as planned.

Ski lessons and the pantomime rehearsal will also go ahead.



Jonathan Wrate and Dan Thomas

Rugby

Our Year 7 team maintained their 100% record, producing an excellent performance against Knights Academy, winning 22-17. In only their second match the boys showed a growing understanding of the game and put together some impressive passages of play in attack and defence. Tries from Jordan White (3) and Jake Emeny-Smith sealed the win.

The Year 8 team demonstrated a strong instinct for self-preservation in their first half, avoiding any risk of injury due to tackling the opposition, finding themselves 36-0 down at the break against a strong Kemnal team. A second half rally improved matters, but a final score of 50-12 was disappointing. This does, however, give us a clear focus for training in the coming weeks. Please bring gumshields.

Our Year 10 and 11 teams received their trophies for winning their respective Met-Kent leagues last season. These were presented to the team captains this week. (See photo)

Well done to both these teams.

Mr Lines

Peer mentor Drop-in Sessions

The Peer Mentors are currently running drop-in sessions for all students in the school. Students are welcome to go along to S4 for a chat to discuss anything, for example, subject choices for Year 11s transferring to the Sixth Form, Year 9s going into Year 10, managing exam stress, friendships etc. The times are as follows:

Lower School: Thursday morning break

Upper School: Tuesday lunchtimes from 1.50pm

Do feel free to go along!

News from the Parents' Association

Millennium Club update

November winners are:

1st Prize (£20) Sukina Banks (Year 8 parent)

Share number 129

2nd Prize (£15) Carolyn O'Donnell (Year 12 parent)

Share number 90

If you wish to join/renew from January 2012 then the deadline for getting forms and payment to the Finance Office is Friday 6th January 2012.

Please e-mail catherinejstock@hotmail.co.uk if you would like a form sent to you. Thank you. Catherine Stock PA

School project on ECM Day

On Wednesday this week, as part of the ECM day, 4 of us took part in a redecoration project. Whilst it might not appear to be the most glamorous of tasks, we first checked all the different toilets within the school, before deciding on which needed our attention – and we decided the girls' toilets near the Latin classrooms would benefit the most. So armed with rollers, brushes and a selection of paint, we got started cleaning and repainting the walls a brighter shade of creamy-white (as well as trying to remove and cover up any graffiti), before we began adding colour and being creative!

As you can see from the photos, it was a messy job – but someone had to do it, and it was really good fun!

Caitlin Holmes, Matt Plows, Eleanor Mann & Lucy Glibbery

