



## Easter Tea Party for Senior Citizens on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March

In February Mrs Leffen, a number of Year 12 IB students, 2 Year 11 students and I set up a committee to discuss ideas for the party. In the background members of staff from the ADT department, Curriculum Enrichment students and some junior Art students prepared food, decorations and planned photographic records.

On the day Mrs Leffen, the IB students and some of the Curriculum Enrichment students worked with Mrs Coldicott, Mrs Hillier, Mrs Wieck and me to finalise the food prep, set up the Sixth Form Centre decorations and tables, organise the raffle, entertainment and lovely company for our guests. Mr Scriven and the premises team set up the tables, urns and crockery.

The star performers of the singing and dancing routines and looking after our visitors were: Omolara Sokunbi, Skye Terblanche (7CMS), Isobel Dickson, Vikki Hughes (7MTR), David Kirk (7EP), Felicio Lobo (8HLE), Ife Onwuemene, Tara Burgess, Jack Barton (9RL), Lucy Dickson (10JNA), James Kelly (11FF), Lewis Watson, Chiedza Mutongwizo, Louise Braybrook (11NSS), Paige Harris, Emily Orford, Raquel Foster (11MYL) and Sian Williams (13JKH).

There was a rendition from our forthcoming school production of 'Singing in the Rain' performed by Bryony Snelling, James Kelly, Anna Roach, Sian Williams, Lucy Dickson, Emily Orford and Raquel Foster.

A House competition was organised to design some Easter posters to adorn the SFC for the party: the overall winner was Prothero House. There were also individual prizes of Easter eggs: 1st prize went to Vinay Kerai & Antonio Drake-Perello (7MTR), 2nd prize went to Libby Wilsher-Ellis (12HJO) and 3<sup>rd</sup>

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prize went to Amy Lee & Philip Hagelberg (7KLB). One of our guests celebrated his birthday on the day so he was our judge of honour for the competition.

It all looked amazing and was thoroughly enjoyed by our guests who went home with super photographs, lots of goodies and very happy memories of a great afternoon at BGS.

My sincere thanks go to the staff and an extra helper from Danson Primary School for their hard work and support and my special thanks go to the IB committee for their enthusiasm and contribution in making the afternoon a great success.

*Mrs Young, ADT Department*

## HSBC/British Council Chinese speaking competition

Since Year 8 I have been learning Chinese. Early last year, an opportunity came up to go to China. When I heard this I was in but there was one condition. It was first prize at the HSBC/British Council Chinese speaking competition. I had to speak for two minutes about things I have learnt for the past year, but I put a twist on it and decided to speak about what I would do if I got to China, and how learning Chinese has really boosted the learning of all my languages.

After six months of learning I went to the London heats on December 9<sup>th</sup>, at the London School of Economics. I made my speech and did really well, and the following Friday I found out that I would be going to the National

Final at the British Museum! I learnt my speech a bit more and went to London in the hope of winning first prize! But the competition was a lot harder than I was expecting. I made my speech, and looked around the museum while the judges made their decision. I came back, only to discover that I had not won. But I still had a great day out, and the competition as a whole has helped me in my Chinese lessons in general. Despite the result, I am very pleased I entered this competition.

*Joshua Minchin, 9RL*

## Spelling Bee

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April if you were walking up Danson Crescent you could have seen the sorry sight of Zoë Greenwood, Sarah Beaman, Matthew Robertson, Mr Baker, Miss Woodcock and me trudging along at a snail's pace. We were about to hop on a bus to The Times Spelling Bee, which we've been practising for what seems like ages! The Times Spelling Bee has been set up by The Times Newspaper, and gives Year 7s the opportunity to improve their spelling, and take part in a competition at the O<sub>2</sub>. We got there, ate our lunch, and went inside the cinema apprehensively. We were given two challenges; a 'Spelling Play-Off' and a 'Quick-Fire Round'. On the second round, we had to choose if we wanted easy words, hard words, or medium words. We chose easy words, so we'd get through as many as possible in the two minutes we had. We came fourth overall (St Olave's Grammar School came first, and are through to the semi-finals). It was a really brilliant day, full of spelling, and LOTS of awkward turtles (ask someone else!).

*Ellaournes, 7KLB*



## Year 13 IB

Good luck to all the Year 13 IB students who will be taking their final examinations over the next few weeks. (See photo opposite)

I can't believe that two years have gone so quickly. We will really miss them and we wish them every success.

*Mr Brown*



## MABBathon

In the penultimate week of the Spring Term, the students of Mabbs House took part in the first ever MABBathon. Our very own Mr Rosenthal ran the London Marathon over the Easter break, and to encourage him and help him with some fund raising for the Teenage Cancer Trust, the students and staff joined him in running / jogging or walking laps during academic monitoring (and even break times and after school).

Our initial target was to complete a marathon within the week and raise £500... But we are a very competitive House! Not happy with completing 1 marathon, our students ran a phenomenal 11.4 marathons = 296.5 miles within a week, with 7SMB completing an outstanding 143.8 miles (with some help from Miss Brand too). Aanabaiyan Bavanandam 7SMB managed a spectacular 10 miles, as did Mantas Gedgaudas 8TM, but special credit must go to Luke Bennell in 8TM for completing a half marathon in a week! Congratulations on running 13 miles.

We've also managed to raise a lot of money for Mr Rosenthal too – with many students bringing in large amounts of sponsorship money – congratulations to Michael Knight (again 7SMB) for raising the most amount collected (so far) which helps our current total to £324.83. If any students / parents would like to add to Mr Rosenthal's total, you can either bring money to the finance office or sponsor him directly at: <http://www.justgiving/Matthew-Rosenthal>

*Mr Harris, Head of Mabbs House*

