



THE WALLINGTON WEEK

Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers

This week saw our school production, 'Legally Blonde' being performed all week, including to local primary schools and I was lucky enough to attend on the final evening, having already listened to rave reviews from staff who had seen it on previous nights. The cast and crew put on a fantastic show for everyone with great acting, great musical performances and of course great comic timing.

Preparations for the show had begun as far back as September and to see all of the hard-work and commitment culminate in such a brilliant production was a real privilege. A very well done and thank you to all of the cast, orchestra and production crew, with a special mention to Mr Merrick and Mr Ludlam for their continued technical support and of course Hugo the dog! Thank you also to Mrs Broadbent, Miss Lowe, Mrs Yard, Mrs Gunn for their huge contributions and support. And finally thank you to Mrs Borageiro-Maier, our Head of Drama, who did such a great job as Director. We look forward to next year's production.

Have a great half-term and just a reminder that Monday 25 February is an INSET day for staff.

Richard Booth



More photos will be available to view on the school website on Monday next week

The Week Ahead

Monday 25 February
INSET Day—No students in School

Tuesday 26 February

08.25—Students return following half term
08.25-14.50—Y11 Food Practical NEA2 Exam Group 1

Wednesday 27 February

08.25-14.50—Y11 Food Practical NEA2 Exam Group 2
16.00-19.00—Year 9 Parents' Evening

Thursday 28 February

18.30-19.30—World Challenge Launch evening

Friday 1—Sunday 3 March

PGL Netball visit to East Sussex - Years 7 & 8

Dates for your Diary



Monday 4 March

18.00-19.00—DOE Parents' Briefing
- information for expeditions.
19.00—PFA Meeting

Wednesday 6 March

Year 7 - Netball A&B @ Epsom College
16.00-18.00—Careers Evening 3

Thursday 7 March

08.25-14.50—World Book Day
16.00-19.00—Year 8 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 12 March

16.00-17.00—Wellbeing Information evening

Thursday 14 March

08.25-14.50—Enrichment Day (2)

Friday 15 March

19.00—PFA Quiz

Sunday 17 March

DOE Bronze Training Walk & practice route planning

Monday 18 & Tuesday 19 March

15.00-17.00—Gym and Dance Rehearsal 3-5pm (Hall)

Wednesday 20 March

08.25-14.50—Gym and Dance Display Rehearsal

Thursday 21 & Friday 22 March

19.00-21.00—Gym & Dance Display

Sunday 24 March

DOE Gold Training Walk for Direct Participants only -
Surrey Hills

Thursday 28 March

17.30-19.30—Empowerment Awards - Feminism Society

Friday 29 March

Inset Day—Year 9 Daughters to Work Day



Are you in Year 10 or 11? A budding explorer or wannabe Bear Grylls wanting to see some incredible places? Or someone looking for an amazing experience that will develop their confidence, leadership capabilities and outdoor skills?

If so, come to the World Challenge Launch evening on **Thursday 28 February at 6.30pm** in the Hall
(Parents welcome too).

You will be able to hear about the exciting trips we have planned for Summer 2020 to **Uzbekistan** and Summer 2021 to **Thailand, Laos and Cambodia**.

If you have any questions then please see Mrs Watson or Miss Grenville or visit

www.world-challenge.co.uk

Visit by Best Selling Author Holly Smale

On Tuesday we were given the chance to meet Holly Smale, the author of the Geek Girl series. She is a very successful and widely known author having sold 3.4 million copies worldwide. Luckily, our class, amongst others, had the fantastic opportunity of finding out how she came to be successful and asking questions of our own.

We spent an hour learning about her path to fame which included having a pet rock collection, being a clumsy model and having been read poetry as child that was written in 1832. She even read us the first chapter of her new book (The Valentines: Happy Girl Lucky) that we instantly fell in love with. We were extremely encouraged by her visit as her journey has taught us not to give up on something that you love.

Not only did we have a laugh as she recalled awkward childhood memories but we were inspired as she went on to tell us how she'd become a feminist and went on to achieve great things despite not having the best school life. This has taught us that you should not let anything put you down and to just do what you love.

Elsa & Joelle (9 Seacole)



Year 7 House Dance Competition

Sports Captains to read out to form:

- Who:** You must select fairly **2/3 acts per form**. These can be either a solo, duet, trio or group.
- How:** Once decided, the acts must **sign up on the sign up sheet on the Dance Studio door**.
- What:** Create a dance, of **no longer than 2 minutes**, based on the theme 'natural world'. You must bring your music with you on a CD or YouTube.
- When:** **Thursday 28th February 2019**
- Where:** Dance studio

****The selected winners will perform at the Gym and Dance Display!**

Badminton Interhouse



Year 9

Where: Sports Hall
When: Tuesday 26 February 2019
3-4pm
Who: Team of 4
**We will be starting promptly at 3

Year 10

Where: Sports Hall
When: Wednesday 6 March 2019
3-4pm
Who: Team of 4
**We will be starting promptly at 3

Year 11

Where: Sports Hall
When: 13 March 2019
3-4pm
Who: Team of 4
**We will be starting promptly at 3

Year 10 Interhouse Table Tennis

Where: Sports Hall

When: Wednesday 27 February 2019
3-4pm

Who: Team of 4



Inter-house STEM competition

all new



Build a LEGO sweet dispenser on your own or as a team.

Submit photos and a video of your creation to Mrs Caspary by 15th February.

The top 3 entries will earn points towards the House Cup.

Build a LEGO sweet dispenser

Yr 10 Artificial Intelligence Residential Course

8th – 11th April 2019

University of Exeter – £165

The Smallpeice Trust has teamed up with The University of Exeter to offer a limited number of places to eligible students giving them the opportunity to attend the above residential course at a subsidised cost as part of the university's goal to widen participation to higher education. Eligible applicants, in addition to learning about the hot topic of Artificial Intelligence, will also experience life on campus as a student. *To be eligible for these limited subsidised places, an applicant will need to meet the following criteria:-*

Parents/guardians will not have attended university

The subsidised course fee for these limited places is £165 (the full cost is £300) and includes 4 days full board, all course materials and social activities.

Students will take part in projects where they will explore the world of artificial intelligence, a branch of science which deals with helping machines to find solutions to complex problems in a more human-like fashion.

If you know of any eligible Year 10 students who would benefit from attending this course, please encourage them find out more and to book as quickly as possible as the places are on a first come, first served basis.

National Engineering Competition

This is a competition that involves independent research into a specialist field of engineering, interviewing an engineer in your chosen specialist field, identifying a real life problem and inventing a solution to that problem.

The deadline is 27 March.

If you think you might be interested in taking part, please email Mrs Caspary.

All entries receive a named certificate. Shortlisted entries are displayed at regional exhibitions and awards are presented to the best from each year group.

This competition is open to all students.

LEADERS AWARD

Senior Rugby Team

Congratulations to the Senior Rugby Team who finished Runners-Up in the RFU's South London Rugby Tournament. They beat Darford Bs, Judd and Thomas Tallis to win their group, narrowly losing to Dartford As in the final.

