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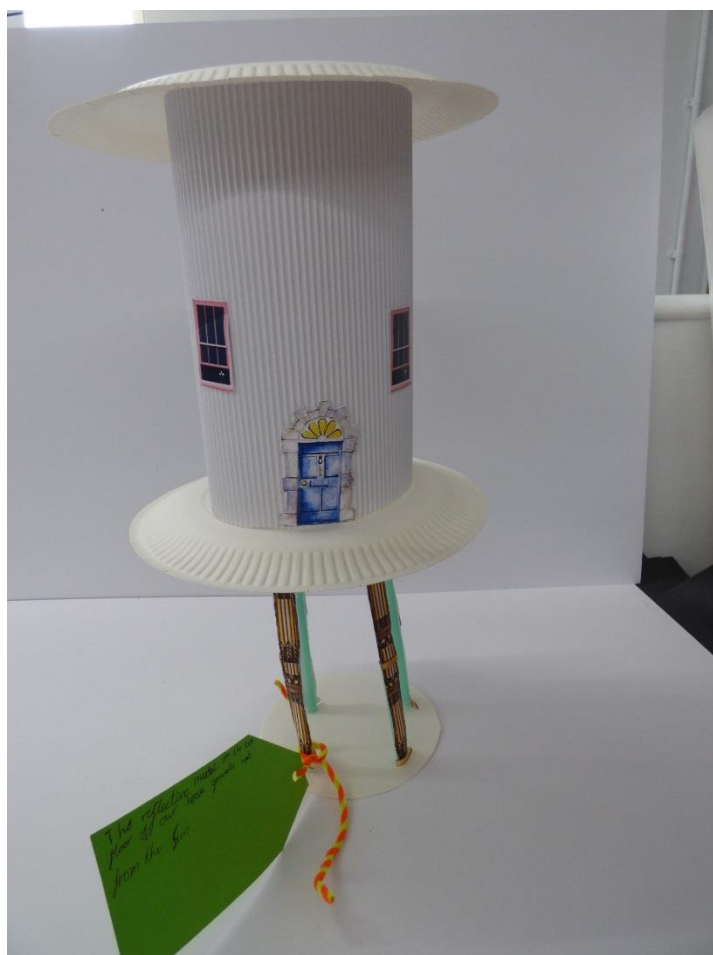
- our summer school for the new Year 7s (*see below*)
- collection of GCSE and A Level exam results (*with lots of coverage in local press*)
- a complete refurbishment of the PE changing rooms (*see pictures*)

## Summer School

Mr Altmann, Head of Years 7 & 8 and Transition, was pleased to welcome over 90 boys new Year 7s to our summer school at the start of the summer holidays.

The boys got to know each other, the school and some of the staff whilst enjoying a variety of activities.

This was a model produced for an Art Project looking at the amazing work of project engineers Ove Arup with a focus on smart surfaces and smart buildings.





## New William Ellis Changing Rooms!





## WES Trailwalk for Charity

Over the first weekend of the summer holidays Ms Concannon, Mr Rourke, Mr Wharton and Mr Bell took a 100k sponsored walk across the South Downs way with the aim of completing the course in 30 hours. Ms Concannon sent this message to staff after successfully completing the challenge.

“Just wanted to say a massive thank you from all of us for sponsoring our 100km walk. I say this having made it home, washed the mud away and safely on the sofa where I can ignore the aches and pains in my legs and feet.

It was definitely the most challenging thing any of us have ever done, made even more challenging by the persistent (and at times very heavy) rains and high winds. However, just a couple of hours after the end (I think we all finished by asking what on earth we were thinking) the many good points are coming back.

The more extreme sides to perseverance and resilience (more than I ever thought I had!)” is certainly something we intend to share with the students”.





## National Poetry Day in September

Ms Damms, Head of English, prepared an account for you in poetic form of what the English department did to celebrate National Poetry Day on 28<sup>th</sup> September.

"This year's theme was 'Freedom', such a Big, heavy idea that we did something Very small and light with it:

Cut out bird shapes - doves and eagles - Bought popcorn, biscuits, lollies, said "You pay for your freedom to eat these By writing a poem on a cut-out bird"

Then watched the power of sugared bribery to unleash the creative spirit.

Some poems took flight,

Others, with wings clipped, faltered -

It's hard to write poems with half an eye

on a snack-laden table,

Though it's kind of fun to pinion rhymes And batten down words to cardboard birds In the name of 'Freedom' (or sweets)."



Boys will be studying poetry in the second half of the autumn term with Years 7, 8 and 9 - from Romantic era Gothic poetry to 21st century spoken word texts.





## School Council

The Student Council has had an exceptionally busy half-term!

### MEETING THE TRUSTEES

Early in September, two of our Council members, Fenton Captain Erin and Willow Deputy Captain Jack, were invited to attend a meeting with the school's board of trustees, to learn more about the role of the trustees and feedback about life in school. This opportunity also allowed the boys to gain further insight into areas like finance and investment. The information and experience was then shared with the rest of the Council members who considered the impact the trustees have on the lives of students in the school.

### MAKE YOUR MARK

The whole school took part in the annual MAKE YOUR MARK campaign this September, a powerful opportunity for students to raise their voices about the issues that they feel most passionate about. From ten issues which are voted on nationally by almost 1 million young people, PROTECT SCHOOLS BUDGETS FROM DAMAGING CUTS was the winning issue with students at William Ellis, with VOTES AT 16 coming in a very close second... The Student Council met this week to set out the Council priority for the year and, based partly on the outcome of the campaign, decided that they will take this issue forward as their main priority to challenge this year.

### COMING UP

The Student Council heard feedback from students across the school about the new PSHE and Tutorial programmes and our recent Deep Learning Day on the theme of the Environment. Based on the ideas that emerged in the feedback, the Student Council are now going to be involved in the planning of our next DLD on January 29<sup>th</sup> around the theme of Gender Equality. This will involve them researching issues, thinking about possible activities and attending a preview screening of the upcoming film *Battle of the Sexes* which looks at issues relating to gender in sport. This will be as well as the work the council will undertake in raising awareness and hoping to affect change in relation to the council priorities for the year.





## WES Bake-Off

The House Team wrote:

"This year's WES bake off was a great success, with wonderful creations arriving by the box load. Just over £250 was raised in 45 minutes!

The main hall was a buzz of buying and selling, fantastic salesmen skills and smiles wherever you looked!

Thank you for helping our WES Bake off 2017 rise to the occasion"



*One of the most interesting cake creations – and it being very much enjoyed!*





## Quad Courtyard Garden

The William Ellis gardening club, with pupil and teacher donations and hard work, have transformed a neglected area into a welcoming potted garden of plants, flowers and vegetables.

This term, they would like to build trellis to support the climbing plants and vegetables as well as branch out into a second area and create a winter potted garden, with evergreen and autumn blooming plants.

The club has written to local garden centres to request any donations to help maintain and enhance the green spaces in the school and to ask if they could visit the school's gardening team to help them gain experience and develop their gardening skills.

## European Day of Languages



### Hello, Guten Tag, Merhaba, Bonjour, Buon giorno, ¡Hola!

Year 7 took part in a competition to speak to as many staff in different languages as possible to help celebrate the diversity in the school.

The five prize winners were:

Ryan – 7F; Zak – 7B; Michael – 7L; Yamin – 7L; Sami – 7B.





## Suffrage Talk at PHS

GCSE and A-Level History, Sociology & Literature students and teachers went along to a talk by Sarah Jackson in the Parliament School Library on **the Women's Suffrage movement**, more specifically, the East London working class and migrant suffragettes.

This was an amazing opportunity for students and staff interested in the subject of Women's suffrage to hear an expert in the field deliver an engaging lecture. Sarah Jackson is a published author and engaging speaker. It was an ideal opportunity for students keen to study at university to experience an academic lecture.

**THE FIGHT FOR WOMEN'S EQUALITY**

**THEN AND NOW**

**It's Not Just Noise,  
It's The Right To Our Voice!**

A masterclass by Sarah Jackson  
**Open to all**

**Thursday 19 October 2017**  
**Parliament Hill School Library, 3.30 - 5.30pm**  
Snacks available before the session





## Adam Smith Institute – Independent Seminar on the Open Society

The Business and Economics Department at William Ellis hosted speakers from the Adam Smith Institute for a 6<sup>th</sup> form seminar in September.

The Adam Smith Institute is one of the world's leading think tanks. Independent, non-profit, and non-partisan, it promotes neoliberal ideas through research, publishing, media commentary and educational programmes. Famous for its trail-blazing work on tax, privatization, and public sector reform, the Institute is at the forefront of making the case for free markets and a free society in the United Kingdom.

Speakers and subjects covered were:

*"The Immigration Debate We Should Be Having"* - Sam Bowman

*"The Economics of Uber"* – Sam Dumitriu

*"The Economics of Discrimination"* – Ben Southwood

*"Brexit – Prospects for Trade"* – Matt Kilcoyne

*"Why Entrepreneurship Matters"* – Sophie Jarvis

## Year 7 visit Boulogne

**Itinerary – meet at 04.15hrs at school gate.** So the day trip to Boulogne started for most of Year 7. One boy didn't quite make the early start but his family managed to catch up with the coach and he was transferred onto it at a motorway lay-by.

With a visit to Calais, the P&J Chocolate shop for a demonstration and workshop, Boulogne Town for lunch and a town trail culminating in an interesting visit to L'Escargotiere du Choquel, the boys had a very full day, arriving back at school over 15 hours later.

*Some highlights....*









## Shakespeare Schools Festival

Students have been getting ready for the forthcoming Shakespeare Schools Festival with practise sessions at the Conway Hall.







## 3K Challenge on Hampstead Heath

Not only did the 350 boys in years 7, 8 and 9 rise to the challenge of running 3k on the heath for a fundraising event organised by WESPA but they helped raise over £3,000 for the school. Ms Jones and Mr Lane ran the course to help the boys along, Mr Altmann walked the course and Mr Gunter acted as timekeeper. WESPA parents pulled out all the stops in producing posters, setting up a new “Just Giving” page, helping and supporting the event.





## A Performance at Sadler's Wells: WES with

Key stage 3 WES boys opened for Tavaziva, a renowned African contemporary dance company, in the Lilian Baylis Studio at Sadler's Wells on 13th October.

Their performance, called *Shapes of Rhythm* was choreographed by Mathias Julius, a choreographer for Tavaziva's boys dance programme Ziva Youth with the support of Nicole Victor, a post-graduate apprentice company dancer from Northern School of Contemporary Dance.

*Shapes of Rhythm* was the curtain raiser performance for Tavaziva's new touring production 'Izindava'. Created by Artistic Director Bawren Tavaziva, Izindava is a personal piece about his experiences growing up in Zimbabwe, and also focusses on the redemptive power of dance, music and Rastafarianism.

Creative and Performing Arts teacher, Mr Pratt, said, "Music, drama and dance are thriving at William Ellis School.

"Some people say you can't get boys to dance, but we know that isn't true. Creative learning has been shown to boost academic performance as well as helping young people to develop self-confidence, focus and teamwork. This is particularly valuable for boys. We are always looking for ways of developing these attributes. Working with companies like Tavaziva gives them the opportunity to channel their energy, be creative and enjoy learning together".

The partnership with Tavaziva is largely funded by the Monument Trust and Jack Petchey Foundation.

*WES boys, just before their performance at the Lilian Baylis Studio:*





*Then performing at the Lilian Baylis Studio, Sadler's Wells*



### **A message from PC Jack Ray 181EK,**

### **Safer Schools Officer at William Ellis School**

Last year I ran an afterschool cadets style club for Year 7s and 8s which got quite popular. This year I will run the club as an official Met Police Cadets which means that the students will be able to go onto trips with the police, get uniform and be able to use more resources - for example getting police cars for the students to have a look in, have guests from police departments etc. It has been agreed that girls from La Sainte Union and Parliament Hill Schools will be able to attend as well if their school's officers help run the sessions with me and the girls arrive already in their uniforms.

We will be signing students up before the first session on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November and hope that the club continues to be a success.



## Old Elysians (ex WES students)

Two ex-William Ellis students (known as Old Elysians) have come to our notice over the past few weeks.

After the terrible storm Irma that hit the Caribbean, the new governor of the British Virgin Islands and Old Elysian, Gus Jaspert, appeared in much of the press. He had previously been private secretary at Downing Street. A tempestuous start to his new job but hopefully his experiences at WES will keep him in good stead!



King Ben-Adir (ex-WES/LaSWAP) sent a note to Mr Pratt and Mr Parry thanking them for references provided to help him get a visa to film with Disney in Canada/USA. He has appeared most recently in the films "King Arthur: Legend of the Sword" and "Trespass Against Us" and in the TV drama "Death in Paradise".

## Reminder - Equipment boys should bring each day in a sturdy bag



The school admin team have pens, biros, pencils, rubbers and rulers for sale but please remember your son should always come to school with the following equipment to be ready to learn:

- Ruler
- Pencil x 2
- Pens x 2
- Sharpener
- Glue Stick
- Coloured pencils
- Rubber
- Reading book





## **Camden Shout Out – 6 November, 5.30pm** **Have your say - make a difference**



**Camden's Youth MP and Youth Council are inviting young people in Camden to have their say at this year's Shout Out.**

Young people attending the event at Central Saint Martins college of art and design, in Granary Square, will be able to take part in workshops about:

- a more connected Camden (how to make communications with young people better)
- choices beyond education (career pathways and aspirations)
- making the invisible visible ('hidden' illnesses and disabilities)
- being 'street smart' (safety and wellbeing in Camden)
- the impact of recent cuts to services and the challenges ahead.

This free event is for 13 to 19-year-olds (aged up to 25 for young people with a learning disability) and food from Global Generation will be provided.

**Book your free place now**

Choose from the five workshops above when you [register for your free place on Eventbrite](#)



## Parents Make a Difference



*Parents and Carers workshop at The CarAf Centre*

### Parental engagement and involvement with schools

When parents and families become engaged at an early stage in their children's education, it is better for their children. Parents and schools working together have a positive impact on children's academic and personal development.

#### Aims of the workshop

- Learn the differences between parental engagement and involvement
- Explore different ways of engaging with schools and being involved with schools
- Have interactive discussions with other parents/carers to share ideas and exchange information

## FREE TO ATTEND!

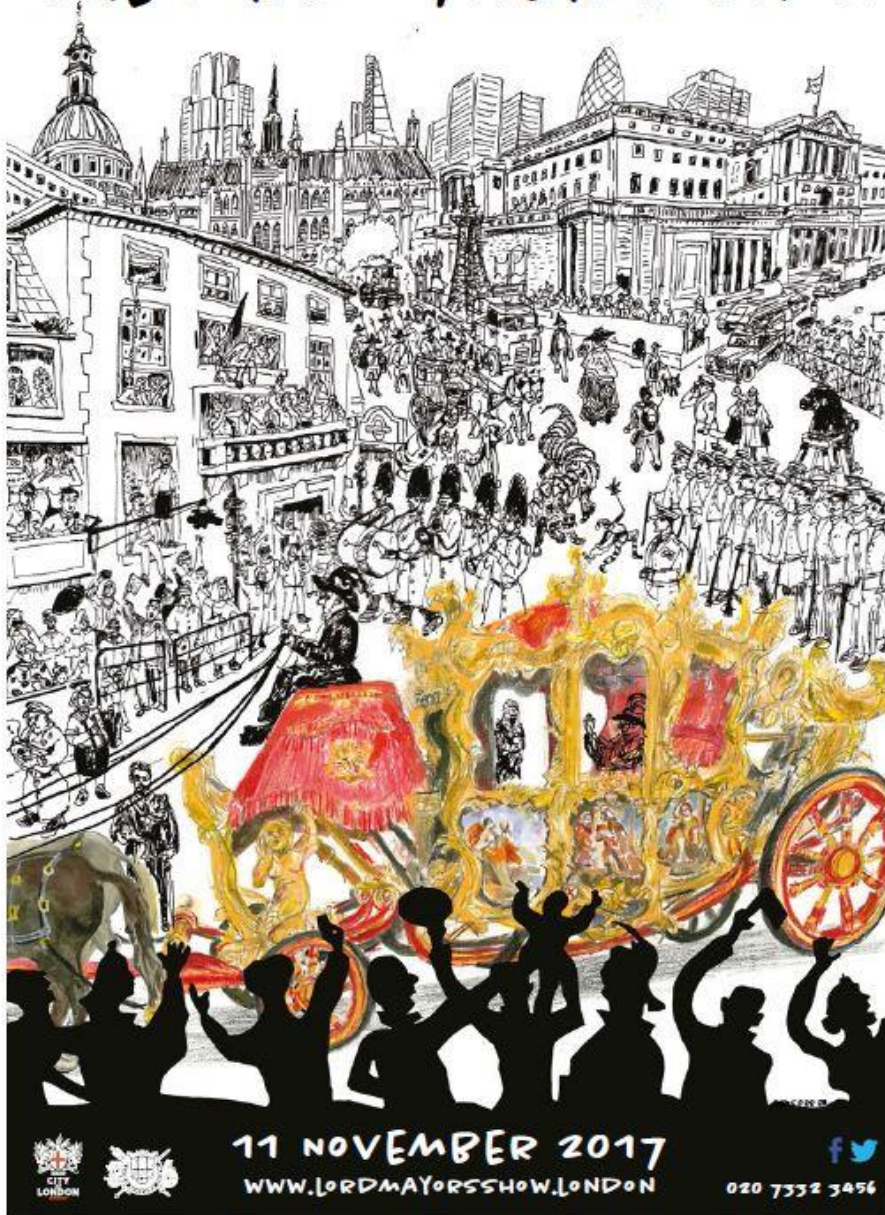
At The CarAf Centre, 27-30 Cheriton, Queens Crescent, NW5 4EZ

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November, **12.15pm-1.45pm**

Limited places, to book your place call 0207 284 0030 ext 202 or email  
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