



## YEAR 9 POETRY SLAM!



The Learning Resources Centre hosted a **Year 9 Poetry Slam** on Tuesday after school, led by House Leaders, Mr Glover and Ms Conran. There was fantastic support from lots of staff who cheered on the performers at this special event. Ms Conran gave a stunning performance reciting some poems to start the proceedings and the participating boys followed with some excellent poems performed in both English and French. Mr Difusco (English Teacher) and Mr Merhag (French & Spanish Teacher) had worked with boys in their English and French classes to produce some of the poems that were performed by the boys.

Mr Glover said afterwards “the range and depth of the work produced was stellar, I’m sure my colleagues in attendance will agree!”

The judges awarded House points as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Fenton (20pts)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Willow (16pts)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Keats (12pts)
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Burgh (8pts)
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Lauderdale (0pts) sigh...

**Very well done to all the performers**



## School Counsellor

We are sorry to be losing our School Counsellor, Mr Fenn, who is going to work for Hackney Social Services setting up a new project with Adolescent Mental Health Services. We have been interviewing for his replacement this week and we will announce his replacement in our next newsletter.

## Sports News

Unfortunately the WES KS4 basketball quarter finals fixture on Wednesday against Haverstock had to be cancelled as they had a parents evening. It will now be held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 4pm. Good luck to the team!

## Half term break: 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> February

Very best wishes to our students and their families for a safe and enjoyable half term break.

## Message from School Office

A reminder that students should return to school on **Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 9.30am.**

Lessons will start Period 2 and it is week A.

## Week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> February:

**Monday – Thursday** – Breakfast Club: 8am (except Monday), Homework Club: 3.15pm, with City Year

**Monday** – Safeguarding Training for all staff: 8.30am, Year 11 Action Tutoring: 3.20pm

**Tuesday** – Year 8/9 French/History Trip to Normandy - leave: 6am, return Friday at 8pm, Year 9/10 Model UN Conference: All Day, Sixth Form Digital Careers Roadshow: 1pm, Tree of Life Workshop: 4.30pm

**Wednesday** – Year 9 STEM Inspiration Day: All Day, Year 12 Biologists to Genetic Engineering Workshop: All Day, KS4 Basketball: 4pm, LaSWAP External Interviews at ABS: 4pm

## DIARY DATES

MARCH	
Year 9 Orchestra Workshop*	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March: daytime
China Trip Meeting*	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March: 6pm
Full Governors' Meeting*	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March: 5.30pm
WESPA Quiz*	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March: 7.30am
'Open mic' gig for Key Stage 4/6 <sup>th</sup> Form*	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March: Lunchtime
Year 12 & Year 13 Mock Exams	w/b 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar
Year 9 Options Evening	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar – time tbc*
Year 7 Parents' Information Evening	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> March – 6pm
Year 9 Music Concert with James Redwood	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March – time tbc
Year 10 Parents' Evening	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar – 4.30pm
Spring Concert	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar – 6.00pm
<b>EASTER HOLIDAY (25<sup>th</sup> March – 8<sup>th</sup> April)</b> GCSE Easter Revision Classes Ski Trip, China Trip	

\*New listing/amendment