



## News Update (17<sup>th</sup> October 2019)

Last week we ran the last of our Open Mornings with the best turn-out of the series. Thank you to any parents who came along to see the school with younger siblings. On Friday the Year 7s set off for a trip to Boulogne at 5pm and returned very tired late in the evening – we hope to share a review in the next “News Update”.

This week, CAVE Week (Creativity, Action, Vocation, Enterprise) involved over 20 different projects being worked on by students in their tutor groups rather than having their usual lessons. There were lots of trips across London from Kew Gardens to the skip garden at Kings Cross.

This afternoon the boys have been presenting their projects to the other students. This was a report prepared and shared after a visit to The Times on Tuesday by 10F working on the project “#Reading Matters”:



On the second day of CAVE week we went to the baby Shard, a building which houses the Times newspaper and the office of David Aaronovitch who is a journalist that went to our school in 1968. At the end of the day we were given the chance to have a Q&A with him. This was a once in a lifetime chance to ask important questions about this David, his life and most importantly reading and his experiences with it. He said that 'reading is completely fundamental if you want to take on the world' and told a story about a man he met in America who couldn't read. He also said that when he joined the school in 1968, they still had blue blazers until year 9 and black blazers in years 10 and 11. They didn't have a football team, as the headteacher wanted it to be a posh school, which at the time only had rugby teams. He was enthusiastic about the Times, saying that it was the best office he'd ever worked in, although he only has to come in on Tuesdays!

8F worked with Ms Damms on a project called “Cooking and Recipe Book Making”. Their week started with a visit from Steven Mangleshot, Executive Head Chef for the Wagamama restaurant chain, who has 30 years' experience in hospitality, and 18 years' service at Wagamama. In the new Food Technology room, he demonstrated cooking chicken curry and cauliflower recipes and then spoke to them about life as a chef. Later in the week they visited Ridley Road market to buy food for their own recipes for a cookery workshop using the new Food Technology room. Some interesting creations resulted:



Creations in progress



“chick in a nest”

## WESPA Latest News:

The Hampstead Heath 5K run sponsorship money has been counted. The run has raised an unbelievable £4,147 – well over the target and a testament to how all the boys and their families supported the event. We will report back on how the PE Department uses the money after half term.

## **School Events – Week commencing 28th October 2019**

**Breakfast club in Dining Hall at 8am throughout school week – all boys welcome**

**Homework club in Learning Resources Centre, 3.15-4pm, Mon - Thu**

**21<sup>st</sup>- 26<sup>th</sup> October: Half Term break (site open 8am-3pm)**

*Office Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday only*

**WEEK B: Year 13 Mock Exams – no Year 13 lessons during exam week**

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Oct: Oracy trip to Samsung KX: 8.45am-1pm

Tue 29<sup>th</sup> Oct: Year 11 Action Tutoring (English & Maths): 3.15-4.30pm; Police Cadets with PC Tracey – Junior's 3.30-4.30pm; Senior's: 4.30-6.15pm

Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Oct: Dogs' Trust Session: period 3; Year 11 Shadow Heroes workshop: 1.45-3.45pm; Year 8 DT Workshop: period 5

Thu 31<sup>st</sup> Oct: House Bake-Off Part 1: morning break (details to be confirmed)

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Nov: House Bake-Off Part 2: morning break (details to be confirmed)

**Following Week: November GCSE exams; Year 13 MFL oral mock exams**

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Nov: GCSE English exam (resit)

Tue 5<sup>th</sup> Nov: GCSE Maths exam (resit); Camden Years 7 & 8 Handball fixture; Autumn Term Performance Platform Concert

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Nov: Year 9 Imperial War Museum trip (1); GCSE English exam (resit); Sex Ed. Working Group meeting;

Thu 7<sup>th</sup> Nov: GCSE Maths exam (resit); Gobs' School Improvement Committee meeting; Year 11 English Information Evening (to be confirmed)

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Nov: Deadline for school photo orders to be returned to office; Year 11 'Great Expectations' theatre trip

**Coming Up:** 11<sup>th</sup> Nov – Armistice Day – 2 minutes' silence; Year 11 Study Skills workshop; GCSE Maths exam (resit); 12<sup>th</sup> Nov – Camden Y7-9 Basketball fixture; 13<sup>th</sup> Nov – Y9 Imperial War Museum trip; '& Juliet' Theatre trip; 14<sup>th</sup> Nov – Camden Y10-11 Basketball fixture; Y9 Parents' Evening

*A reminder that letters about school trips can be found on the school website under "News"/Letters home.*