



News Update (31st March 2023)

Dear families,

Today's Non Uniform day has raised money for victims of the earthquake in Syria and Turkey earlier this month. At this point we have raised over £500. Parents can make a donation on ParentPay. The charity donations will be sent to the Disasters and Emergency Committee [Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal 2023 | Donate Now | DEC](#)

Parents of students in Years 7-10 should have received their son's spring term progress report today. Please check the parent portal if you have not already seen this. Please discuss your son's report with him. Congratulations to the boys for their achievement and progress this term.

Students in Years 8-11 travelling to Italy for this year's ski trip will be departing tomorrow. We wish them a safe journey and a fun trip. No doubt there will be pictures of their adventures in the next edition of the newsletter.

Congratulations to all students for their hard work and efforts this term, and the contributions they have made to the wider school community.

Easter revision sessions

Year 11 students will be in school across the two-week break for revision tutoring, and a timetable has been sent home to families. We encourage these students to make use of the Easter holidays for structured revision and exam preparation, and rest in advance of the exam period.

Our collection for the [Camden Foodbank](#) continues in school after the break. Donated items can be dropped off at the school office **until 10am on Tuesday 18th April**. The Foodbank will be collecting items on this day, so please note that unfortunately items cannot be accepted in school after this time. If you would prefer to donate money to this local cause rather than food items, please visit the foodbank's [donations page](#) for further detail of how to help.

Students will return to school on Monday 17th April, with public exams starting in early May. Next term a number of our music students will be involved in Camden's schools' music festival at the Royal Albert Hall on 24th April. Our Bertha Earth Ambassadors will be going on a residential visit to Jamie's Farm that same week. As a highlight to the coming term, the WES Culture Day and International Evening will take place on Thursday 15th June. Further information about this event will be made available in the coming weeks.

Yours faithfully,

Izzy Jones, Headteacher



Drama Lighting Workshop Anna Hughes, Head of Drama

On Friday 17th March, both GCSE Drama classes took part in a lighting workshop. Industry expert Jon Cole showed students examples of different types of theatre lighting and other accessories such as gels and gobos. Then students used these items to experiment with different angles, colours and effects to understand the importance of lighting in creating atmosphere, allowing the audience to see what we want them to, and to emphasise important characters and props on stage.



This workshop will be essential when students approach the written exam. They will be asked to come up with a design concept for the play DNA, by Dennis Kelly. Armed with the knowledge from this workshop, I look forward to hearing their ideas!

Tasty recipes in Food Tech Gloria Sinnott, Food Technology Teacher

Year 8's have recently been demonstrating their culinary skills making flat bread and salmon kebabs, while students in Years 9 and 10 have been preparing sweet and savoury tarts, demonstrating presentation techniques. Good work everyone.





Year 7 Volcano Model Competition
Sel Pomeyie, Head of Geography

The annual William Ellis School volcano model competition went off with a bang earlier this month!

This year students were instructed to replicate a famous volcano and add research details. There were some great entries, with one including pieces of volcanic rock collected from a recent holiday.

Volcano Model Competition 2023

Individual Winners

- 7B Alexander
- 7F Sacha
- 7K Toby
- 7L Guillem
- 7W Jessy

House Competition

- 1st - 7L
- 2nd - 7K
- 3rd - 7F
- 4th - 7B
- 5th - 7W

Well Done to all involved!!!!

Fantastic work by all the Year 7s who produced models – all received certificates and extra-curricular praise points. The winners also received a geographic magazine. The results of the competition were:

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Sixth Form Film Premiere
Pandora Kay Kreizman, Media & Film Teacher

Last term saw a well-attended 'premiere' screening of the short film 'Phone Heist' in the Sixth Form study centre. Written and edited by Oscar Davis in Year 12, and performed and filmed by students from William Ellis and Parliament Hill School, ' Phone Heist' is an affectionate spoof of heist films and a wonderful send up of teachers and students. It was produced in partnership with 'The Screen Community' a film and tv charity who ran a series of workshops on film production in the Autumn term and explored everything from what makes a good screenplay to filming on broadcast quality camera equipment. A big thank you has to go to all the students who attended the workshops, and gave up their Saturday to film and take part: whatever your role- big or small you made it happen and ensured we made the best film we could given the few resources we had!

The film can be viewed on the school website. Do give yourself a treat.

Pass the popcorn!



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Year 7 English trip – ‘Hamlet in an Hour’ Rubel Rahman, English Teacher

On Friday 24th March 2023 twenty Year 7 students went to see ‘Hamlet’ at the National Theatre as part of their studies in dramatic texts and performances in English.

For many students it was their first visit to the nation’s premier theatre and despite adverse weather conditions, spirits were high and the boys represented William Ellis School admirably. The adaptation (which was, as always, shortened) was deemed a success by our students and it was wonderful to witness Shakespeare bringing such excitement to a new generation.



Here the students are photographed, en route, outside St Paul's Cathedral, a location we visited as it appears in our class novel in Year 8.

Year 8 Poetry Project Performances Rubel Rahman, English Teacher

Twenty-seven budding young poets took part in Lauderdale House’s fantastic poetry project (‘The Art of Dispute’) this half-term. Their efforts, over a total of six weeks, to craft poems on the theme of human rights alongside professional poet, Deanna Rodger, culminated in a poetry recital on Tuesday 28th of March 2023. It was a pleasure to see our boys find their voices and display their excellent work in an event that celebrated not only human rights but their hard work, creativity and resilience.





Art and Graphics Trips

Laura Madsen, Head of Art, Craft and Design

Year 11 Art and Graphics students went on a very useful visit to the Tate Gallery this week to produce artist studies to help them to develop their exam theme of 'LOCK'. Students tried to consider this in its widest terms such as being locked into a stereotype, or looking at the art of protest. We are excited to see what they make for their exam!



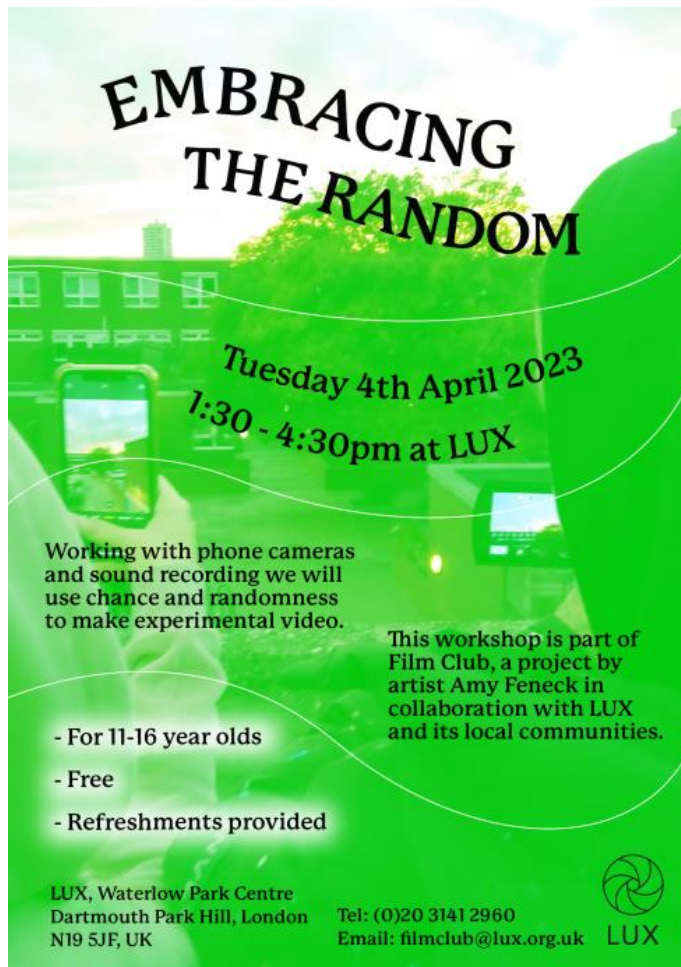
Year 13 Graphics A level students visited London Zoo. They took photos, investigated merchandising and made drawings. This is to support their exam theme of 'simple and complex'. One student is planning to develop work campaigning against trophy-hunting, while another will develop marketing materials for the zoo. They proved you are never too old for the petting zoo and took turns to pat the goat!! Year 13 also enjoyed seeing a baby sloth in the rainforest area.





Easter Holiday Activity for Film Enthusiasts

Local Arts project Lux are holding another Film Club workshop for young people at Waterlow Park this Easter:



Please get in touch with Amy Feneck – filmclub@lux.org.uk – if you have any questions about the workshop or Lux.

SEND Research Opportunity Vu Gawe, SENDCO

Camden SEND have started the process of improving and updating their SEND Local Offer website and are currently in the research phase of the project. As part of their research, they would like to hear from children and young people (18 – 25) with special educational needs, and their families. One of Camden Council’s researchers will be hosting interviews. Some interviews may take up to an hour (1hr). As a thank you for your time, you will be compensated with a shopping voucher worth £30.

If you would like to share your experiences with Camden SEND, please [register here](#) and they will contact you.

If you have any questions, please contact Tania Ignat: tania.ignat@camden.gov.uk .



Wings of Hope Speed Mentoring Event
Horace Parry, Head of Year 11 & Careers Lead

The Wings of Hope organisation (WOHAA) are hosting a very special event, where students aged 13-18 years old get the opportunity to speak to young successful professionals from various industries, about their career paths.

It is open to current WOHAA Participants, WOHAA Alumni, as well as NON WOHAA Participants (for a fee).

WOHAA have provided some further detail here:

- Approximately 20 different industries will be represented
- Students can have 1 to 1 chat with young professionals and meet other students in similar positions
- Informal setting to ask any questions they want about Uni choices, gap year, and career paths
- Current WOHAA participants attend FREE. Non WOHAA participants can attend by paying a small fee of £10.00 per student.

Students get 15 minutes per industry table to find out more from the mentor, by having an honest conversation with them. Students can cover approx. 8 industry tables during this session.

We have a wide array of mentors coming from the industries below, with more being confirmed:

Accountancy, Finance, Law, Medicine/Health, PR/Events, Entrepreneurship/Business/Startup, Languages, Oxbridge, Economics, Politics, Engineering, Technology, Music and Drama, Journalism and Writing, Design and Fashion, Health and Fitness, Travel, and International Study.

Here are the details:

Date & Time : Saturday 22nd April 2023 at 13:30- 16:30 pm

Location : London Business School, Nuffield Hall, The Regent's Park, London NW1 4SA

Conducted by : Students of London Business School and Wings of Hope Team

Nearest tube stations: Baker Street or Marylebone

Limited availability - tickets will be allocated on a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.

Here is the link to book tickets : <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wohaa-speed-mentoring-at-london-business-school-london-tickets-584911605357>

Here is the link for our past speed mentoring event Video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=phkGOEuZ_BY