



From The Head Teacher....

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have had a good week.

At Assembly on Monday, we introduced the *Sixth Form Leadership* team to the school.

Sixth Form Leadership Team

Many congratulations to our new Sixth Form Leadership Team. We very much look forward to working with and supporting them in the areas of the school they wish to see evolve and develop. The Sixth Form team are:

Ebunoluwa A – Head Pupil & Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity Lead

Adam I-M – Head Pupil & Community Lead

Ted M – Deputy Head Pupil & Prep and Pre-Prep School Lead

Harriet M – Deputy Head Pupil & Prep and Pre-Prep School Lead

Olivia D – Deputy Head Pupil & Performing Arts Lead

Eleanor G – Deputy Head Pupil & Sports Lead

David F – Deputy Head Pupil & Sports Lead

LAMDA Evening

I was delighted to be able to attend and watch our LAMDA pupils, from Year 4 through to Year 9, showcasing their work last night in the Library. Their performances were truly magnificent and clearly show they have prepared themselves very well for their exams which will take place on Saturday 21st May. We wish them the very best with their performances.



Mark Wallace – Headteacher
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Soloist Performances

Taking place at the very same time as the LAMDA performances were our Prep School soloist performances. I am sorry that I was unable to see all the performances, however, I was able to attend once the LAMDA performances ended and was so glad I could. It was lovely to see so many of our younger pupils performing, many of whom for the very first time, in front of a supportive audience of family. Thank you to Mr Kent-Davies for organising the event and our visiting music teachers in preparing our pupils. The next Music Concert is on Tuesday 10 May at 6pm when our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils will be performing. We very much look forward to this.

Godstone Farm Visit

Our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Godstone Farm on Wednesday with an opportunity to see and touch many farmyard animals. On their return they were able to enjoy a nice ice lolly which each pupil was given as part of our *Founders Day* celebrations.

Pre-Prep and Prep Maths Workshops

It was lovely to have our pre-prep and prep pupils engaged by *The Problem Solving Company* over the course of today. Bringing Maths to life in an engaging and imaginative way was lovely to see and the pupils really seemed to enjoy the activities they were part of.

Careers Fair

Our first BCS Careers Fair will take place on Monday 9 May from 2-4pm. This will be for Years 9-13 and we are very lucky to have some parents, local businesses and staff volunteer to help run the event which we hope will give pupils insight into the careers and options available to them.

Pupils will be taking part in 3 lectures, 4 workshops and some mock interviews. Please share the job descriptions emailed to you with your child over the weekend so they can prepare for the mock interviews.

Nursery Visits

We have some parents visiting next week in the Nursery to share a number of different skills. We are very grateful.

Monday 9 May

Mateo and Antonio's mums are coming to read a Spanish/English story

Wednesday 11 May

Zoe-Grace's mum is coming to help with Jo's bee pebble craft

Thursday 12 May

Fatima's mum is coming to talk about Eid



Mark



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Week Ahead

I very much wish the Year 5 and Year 6 pupils a lovely time on the *Liddington Residential Trip* next week and look forward to hearing their stories on their return.

We very much look forward to seeing parents and carers of our Year 10 pupils on Wednesday (11 May) evening which begins at 5pm and will take place between the Library and Dining Hall.

Year 11 study leave starts next Wednesday with the main exam blocks beginning from Monday 16 May. Of course, some of our GCSE pupils have already started the language parts of their GCSEs, which we hope have gone well, and we wish them all the very best in the forthcoming weeks.

Next Friday we host the ISA Senior Athletics Meet at Norman Park. This is a very good opportunity for our pupils to display their talents in both track and field events against other similar sized schools across the London South Region.

I look forward to seeing those of you who are attending the *PTA's Bingo Evening*. This will be in the Dining Hall starting at 7pm and promises to be a fun evening.

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

With best wishes,

Mark Wallace



Mark Wallace – Headteacher
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Junior News

We have had another busy week in the Junior School and I was delighted to accompany the children to Godstone Farm. Many thanks to Mrs Bateman for organising the trip and for all the staff and children who made it such an enjoyable day.

Next week, Year 5 and 6 will be travelling to Liddington in Wiltshire and there is much excitement as our departure date approaches. Hopefully the sun will shine for us and I'm sure the children will have a wonderful time and get to challenge themselves with some of our planned activities.

We do not have a class assembly next week, but the Year 5 assembly will be on Friday 20th May (as we have Sports Day on Thursday 19th May).



Stars of the Week

3rd May 2022

Reception	Yosan for her effort in phonics.
Year 1	Harry Bartlett for his effort levels in writing, particularly his story and his information writing.
Year 2	Mayah for always putting others first and for being a kind and caring member of Year 2.
Year 3	Gabriella for great maturity and working hard in all subjects.
Year 4	Olamide for a fantastic story.
Year 5	Matthew Perrins - recent effort and motivation in English.
Year 6	Megan for her excellent behaviour in all lessons.

Many congratulations to all of our Stars.

We are very proud of you!

Ms Barker - Head of KS1 and KS2



Junior News

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Last Friday, Year 3 had a wonderful day at the Science Museum.

They started the day at 'Power Up' - an activity where they played games from over the last couple of decades. Even the teachers recognised some of the first games and consoles like Pac Man and Atari Tennis!

Next, Year 3 enjoyed a Forces workshop where Georgina, Anastasia and Mrs Sweet were asked to join in with Fred the Frog! They learned so much - What were Newton's theories? What is Magnetism? Can you switch a magnet off? What makes rockets fly? It was a great workshop and fun too!

Finally, Year 3 watched a film all about Antarctica. It featured seals, penguins and lots of pool! It was brilliant.

Ms Sweet –Year 3 Teacher.



Thank you to Mrs Sweet, Ms Bentley and Mrs Black for making the day so much fun! - Year 3



Junior News

Nursery News

The Nursery children have been working on their fine motor skills this week whilst exploring mini beasts and learning about the life cycle of a spider.

They have had lots of fun making pipe-cleaner spiders, using tongs to find the spiders, using scissors to cut out some spiders and felt pens to practice their writing skills and to colour spider pictures.

Great work!



Mrs Murphy - Nursery Practitioner



Senior News

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Students from Year 7 were invited to lead the readings and prayers of intercession for the annual Good Samaritan Mass that took place on Thursday, the 28th of April at St George's Cathedral Southwark. Mass was celebrated by Bishop Paul Hendricks, who spoke about the parable and what it means for us in the world today.

It was a wonderful opportunity for Catholic schools and colleges from across the diocese to gather and celebrate the important work of charity fundraising that takes place throughout the academic year.

Before mass we also had the opportunity to visit the Romero cross and admire the wonderful stained-glass windows depicting the coronation of Mary as the Queen of Heaven, the crucifixion of Jesus and a window dedicated to the saints of England and Wales.

Tegan, Annabelle, Jamie, Jordan, Jathunan, Titalayo, Nikita, Elizabeth, Ali and Zechariah were exceptional representatives of the school, and I was very proud to accompany them along with Mrs Colling the Chair of trustees.



Mrs Shields - RE Teacher



Senior News

Senior Sports

19 year 10s and 6 year 12s set off from school last Friday morning for their practice expedition for their Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award. The cohort travelled to Shamley Green in Surrey where they would have to walk and navigate themselves through the Surrey countryside before setting up their tents at Bentley Copse camp site. The pupils were great ambassadors for the school and really enjoyed their time learning new skills. The pupils really took to the challenge of being self-reliant for the weekend including cooking for themselves and putting up their tents. Despite the cold and tiredness setting in, the pupils persevered and all received great feedback from the instructors at the end of the weekend. In contrast to the scene on the noisy minibus for the journey to Shamley Green, the vast majority of pupils used the journey back to catch up on some additional sleep!

Just a reminder: the next expedition for this year's DofE cohort is Friday 24th- Sunday 26th June. In the meantime, please continue to complete the physical, skill and volunteering sections of your programme.



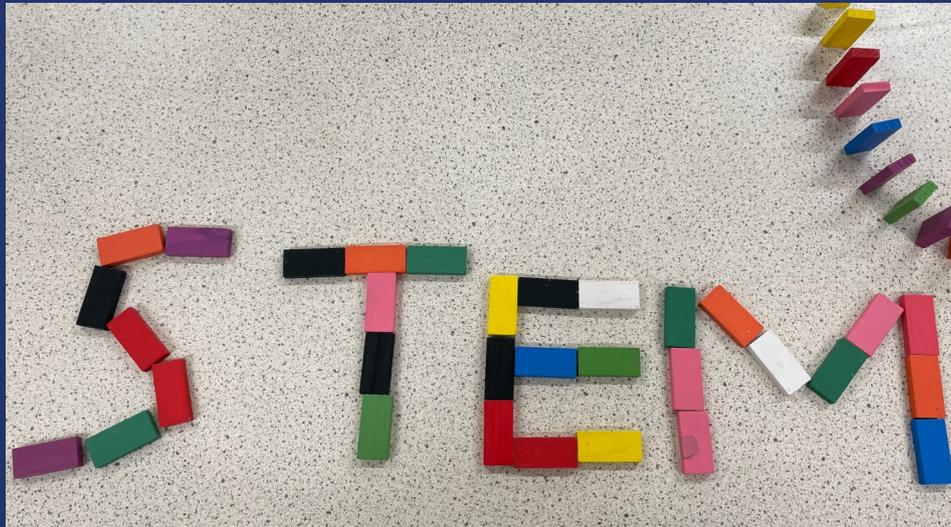
Mr Oliver - Director of Sport



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Club News



Recently in STEM Club we have been looking at dominoes and this week we managed to create a domino chain long enough to cover the Physics lab. Everyone loved making it and it was great fun when we were able to knock it down!



Harriet and David, Sixth Formers



Notice Board

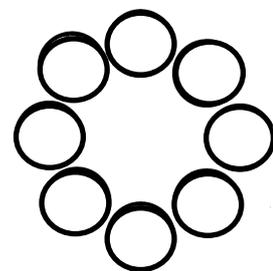


Numeracy puzzle – did you realise that Numeracy skills are actually based on problem solving? Can you work out the answer to this?

This information will create a circle of 8 discs. Use 2 orange discs, 2 yellow discs, 1 red, 1 green, 1 blue and 1 purple disc.

Clues

1. a yellow disc touches only orange discs
2. an orange disc touches only yellow discs
3. the red disc is adjacent to and clockwise from an orange disc
4. the purple disc is directly across from a yellow disc
5. the green disc is the rightmost disc
6. one disc is between the green disc and the blue disc
7. the topmost disc is not orange





SAFEGUARDING AND WELL-BEING INFORMATION

Online counselling support for pupils

<https://www.kooth.com>

Support for parents | NSPCC

Parenting can be rewarding, but it can also be challenging. This is a Positive Parenting guide shares practical advice.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/>

Coping with your teenager - NHS

Many parents find their teenager's behaviour challenging. Teenagers' behaviour can be baffling, stressful, hurtful and often worrying.

<https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/children-and-young-adults/advice-for-parents/cope-with-your-teenager/>

Parenting teenagers | Relate

Here you'll find lots of practical advice on how to deal with common teen issues. If you have any questions, our counsellors are here to help.

www.relate.org.uk <https://www.relate.org.uk/relationship-help/help-family-life-and-parenting/>

Information, training and support for parents and carers

Being a parent can be a joy. It should be a joy. And it often is. But when your child is suffering, parenthood can be a tough, lonely and frightening place.

<https://charliewaller.org/what-we-do-for-parents>

Young Minds Charity

Young Minds are a charity that provides information and advice to young people, and parents and carers.

[YoungMinds - children and young people's mental health charity - YoungMinds](https://www.youngminds.org.uk/)

Designated Safeguarding Lead - Mrs Kate Brooker

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Week A

Monday 9th May

- Whole School Assembly
8:45am Main Hall
- Year 5 & 6 Trip to Liddington leaving
- Careers Fair
2:00pm - 4:00pm
Dining Hall/Library

Tuesday 10th May

- Year 3 & 4 Concert
6:00pm Main Hall

Wednesday 11th May

- Year 10 Parents' Evening
5:00pm - 7:00pm Main Hall
- Year 11 Study Leave Begins

Thursdays 12th May

- Pre-Prep and Prep Assembly
8:45am - 9:00am Main Hall
- Year 8 HPV First Vaccinations
Year 9 and 10 HPV Second Vaccinations

Friday 13th May

- ISA: Senior Athletics (BC Host)
9:00am Norman Park
- Year 5 and 6 returning from Liddington



2022
**SUMMER
CONCERTS**

Junior Solo Showcase

THURS 5TH MAY, 7PM - DINING HALL

Featuring solos from years 3 - 6



Year 3 & 4 Concert

TUES 10TH MAY, 6PM - MAIN HALL

Featuring years 3 and 4

Senior Concert

WED 22ND JUNE, 7PM - MAIN HALL

Featuring years 9 - 10 and guests

Prep School Concert

WED 29TH JUNE, 4PM - MAIN HALL

Featuring Junior Chorus and years 3 - 6

End of Year Concert

THURS 7TH JULY, 7PM - MAIN HALL

Featuring Juniors, Seniors and West Kent Big Band



WELLBEING CHALLENGE



Drink 2 litres of water in a day	Go outside at break time to walk around or do an activity	Swap a sugary or caffeinated drink for water	Swap a biscuit or cake for a piece of fruit	Listen to a mindfulness track or relaxing music	Read a book	Go for a walk for 30 minutes
Go outside into the fresh air	Try a Yoga session at home using a YouTube Video	Walk or cycle to school	Go to bed earlier to make sure you get 8 hours sleep	Write down all of your strengths	Take 30 minutes of calm time for yourself before bed	Take 10,000 steps in a day
Get 8 hours sleep	Meditate for at least 10 minutes in a quiet place	Watch a live sports event	Go for a swim	Eat at least 7 portions of fruit and veg in a day	Walk around barefoot	Swap a fizzy drink for a fresh smoothie
Write down all of the things you like about yourself	Get off the bus one stop earlier and walk the rest of the way	Doodle, colour, draw or make something arty	Do a favour for somebody else	Write a gratitude list	Set yourself 3 goals- Write them down	Stretch your muscles

IT'S EASIER THAN YOU THINK TO IMPROVE YOUR WELLBEING- SMALL CHANGES CAN HAVE BIG RESULTS!

START TODAY!
NOT TOMORROW!