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From the Headteacher

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you have had a restful break.

We have had a very positive start to term and I must praise Year 10 on their approach to their PPEs last week. They have taken them extremely seriously. I wish them all the very best for their results.



This term is a short, but exceptionally busy for everyone. Year 11, in addition to preparing for their summer exams, will also be meeting with our Sixth Form team to discuss their choices. Others will be preparing their applications for apprenticeships, colleges courses and other establishments. Year 8 students will be making their option choices and there is a programme to support students and parents. Whilst most of Year 13 have submitted their university and apprenticeship applications, some are still working on these and I urge you to speak to Mrs Davies if you need any more support with either.

This is the term when we host our annual Careers Fair, one of the biggest school-based fairs in the region. We also run our Careers Seminars between Monday 22nd January and Monday 5 February. We are so grateful to the 17+ local professionals and members of the business community who have given up their time to lead these sessions.

Tickets have gone on sale for our production of Annie and it is proving to be very popular. Having seen some extracts, I can understand why. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Thank you again for your support of your children's education and of the school.

Mary Davies

CALENDAR

16 January	Yr12 & 13 Progress Evening
17 January	School Closed for Staff Training Day
17 January	Ski Trip 2018 Information Evening
18 January	Students return to School
17-19 January	School Production - Annie - 7pm
19-26 January	Yr7 Tirabad Adventure
22 Jan - 2 Feb	Yr9-13 Careers Seminars
21-23 January	Yr12 CERN Trip
26 January	Yr13 Business Conference
30 January	Yr7 M Progress Meetings
1 February	Yr7 E Progress Meetings
2 February	Yr8 Tirabad Outdoor Pursuits



Maiden Erlegh Trust Careers Seminars 22 January - 2 February 2018

We are excited to offer students in Years 9 to 13 opportunities to attend bespoke career seminars that cover a wide range of professions run by local business people.

[Click here for further information](#)

Year 11 Meetings regarding Sixth Form Applications and Future Choices

Between the dates of the Wednesday 24 January to the Friday 2 February Year 11 students will meet with a senior member of staff to discuss their KS5 option choices. Dates and times of these meetings will be given to students via their tutors.

Reminder

WE'RE CLOSED

Wednesday 17 January is a staff training day.

Students will be dismissed at 2.55pm on Tuesday 16 January and are not expected back in school until Thursday 18 January.

Please find detailed below the timetable of events for the Year 8 options.

6 February	Careers fair - Year 8 students may attend if they wish to find out about careers, jobs etc.
9 February	Y8 Options assembly - In school assembly led by Mr Thomas about the process.
22 February	Y8 Options evening - Information for parents/carers & students about the process and KS4 subjects.
27 February & 1 March	Y8 Progress Meetings - An opportunity to find out about progress in existing subjects and information about the KS4 course (existing subjects only).
5 & 6 March	Options surgeries - Advice & guidance for parents/carers and students experiencing difficulty in selecting their options.
9 March	Option form deadline - Submission of choices.
May	Options confirmed to parents & students - Confirmation of courses.

Creative Writing Competition



The Creative Writing Club's Winter Writing competition was the largest yet, with a wide range of fantastic entries from Yrs 7- 13.

The competition was fierce as students experimented with form, structure and language to present a truly excellent selection of original poetry. It was a difficult decision, but in the end the following prizes were awarded:

1st place: Chris Starnes 11E2 – a poem about old friendships lasting

2nd place: Mia Pearce 11E4 – a poem about the experience of being alone at Christmas

3rd place: Emma Snell 7E2 – a persona poem from the perspective of Scrooge

Click on each winner to view their work.

Congratulations to the winners! Look out for the Creative Writing Club's Spring term competition which will be based around short stories.



Earley CResCent Resource Centre

Check out the latest courses at the Earley CResCent Resource Centre:





You may also be interested in the Employability Workshops which include Starting Your Own Business, Is Volunteering For You?, Interview Skills, Group Interview Skills, Interview Presentation Skills and much much more!

Visit the courses section of their website for further information.

<http://earleycrescent.org/wp/courses/>



The final preparations are underway for the performing arts production of Annie. The performances take place from Wednesday 17 January - Friday 19 January starting at 7pm. Tickets are £5 for concessions and £8 for adults. They are available from the performing arts department at break times and after school using the ticket letter on the school website, [click here to view letter](#).

The production involves students from years 7-13 and they have been working on it since September. The preparations included a very exciting trip to see the west end performance which starred Meera Syal. We hope that you will be able to join us as all of the students have been working very hard.



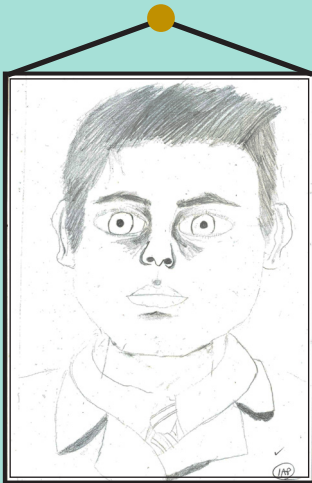
Winter Showcase

On Thursday 14 December, the performing arts faculty held their Winter Showcase. The concert included performances from the school music groups and two drama performances. There was also some solo and group performances. The night ended with a fantastic performance of Mariah Carey's "All I Want For Christmas" by Year 9 students Nathan May, Anushri Ghosh, Karina Klimkowska, Samuel Fraser and Harvey Fraser. It was great to see all years involved and we were very pleased to welcome Year 7 students to their first concert. We were especially pleased that two Year 7 pupils, Grace Wang and Matthew Halliwell, performed piano solos.

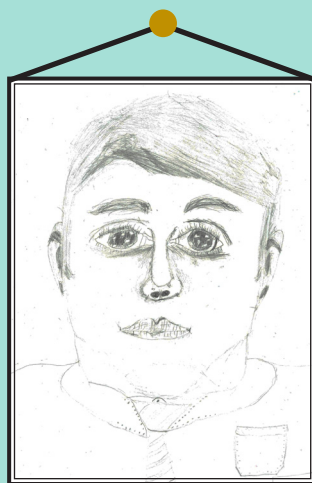
Over 200 people came to watch the concert and all proceeds will be used to update resources in the faculty. Well done to all those who were involved in the performance. We now look forward to the Performing Arts Showcase on Wednesday 28 March.

Artists of the Month

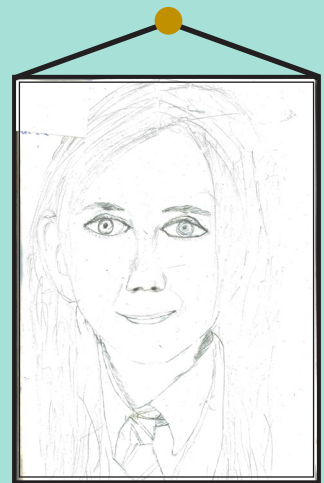
Congratulations to Joseph Brady Yr7, Antonio Cavaciuti Yr7, Emily Grey Yr11, Rebecca Halford Yr11, William Terry Yr11, Danis Thapa Yr12 and Chloe Robertson Yr12 for being awarded 'Artist of the Month' for December.



Joseph Brady



Antonio Cavaciuti



Emily Grey



Chloe Robertson



Danis Thapa



William Terry



Rebecca Halford

National Art Competition Finalists

Mrs Nottage and some Year 7 and Year 8 students in the KS3 Art Club along with the assistance of Miss Prime created a group mosaic piece of work made out of colourful, textured clay pieces, put together in a full size body shape.

We entered it into a National Art Competition "The Education Art Prize" and it has been selected as one of the 10 Finalists that might win the competition overall. This is fantastic news as the competition receives well over 600 entries nationwide on an annual basis.

Miss Nottage and a lucky student have been invited to attend the workshop with Cleo Mussi a practising mosaic artist!! Venue and date to be announced soon! We look forward to updating you with the latest news on this exciting event in the near future.



Inclusion

Many thanks to our ASDAN students from Year 10 and Year 11 who assisted with Maiden Erlegh Pre-School Christmas party on the morning of 15 December at The Silverdale Centre as part of their Vocational Preparation and Community & Citizenship Modules. Lauren Duncan, Alina Mahmood and Jessica Pereira worked alongside the pre-school staff, setting up equipment and supervising children during the party games and story time.

Our ASDAN students from Year 11 and Year 9 also assisted the Pre-school Committee with their Christmas fayre. This included tidying up from the Christmas party, clearing away equipment and then setting up areas ready for the stalls to be organised. Students help set up and run stalls including guess the names of the bear, hook a duck, decorating gingerbread biscuits and doing arts & crafts. This was supervised by pre-school staff and Ms A Graham, ASDAN teacher. Well done to Lauren Duncan, Zack Paulus, Louise Allum, Nadia Frost and Omari Norville.



Geographer of the Half Term

The following students have been awarded Geographer of the Half Term for their respective year groups for last half term. This award recognises the quality of their effort and commitment to work both in lessons and at home.

- Year 7 Esme Fisher, Michael Hlousek and Christian Wardle
- Year 8 Gemma Cleeton, Oscar Manning and Hunain Wasim
- Year 9 Jasmin Bains, Adedeji Balogun and Gabriel Tailleux
- Year 10 Alice Eller, Zainab Malik, Myyar Saadah and Paras Shrestha
- Year 11 Gavin Aren, Bethan Minns, Wesley Moon and Tatiana Ulisova
- Year 12 Ben Cook, Marina Fraioli and Thomas Turner
- Year 13 Sam Cox and Nanika Pun

Extra-Curricular Timetables

Please click on the timetable below to view full size.

Physical Education Spring Term Extra-Curricular Timetable 2017

	Before School	Boys After School	Girls After School	Mixed After School
Mon		Yr8 Football (Mr Bryant) on Field	All years girls Rugby (Mr Flynn/Mr Crockford)	Multi-skills Club (Invite only)
Tue	Yr10/11 GCSE Handball (Mr Pringle) – 7.50am	Yr9 Football (Mr Mackie) on Field Senior Kabaddi - Gym	All years Football (Mr Pringle/Miss Chapman) On Astro All years Basketball (Mr Bishop)	All years Hockey (Miss Chapman & Miss Grindey)
Wed	Yr9/10/11 Trampoline Club (Mr Mackie) – 7.45am	Yr10/11 Football (Mr Crockford/Mr Flynn) – On Astro All years Basketball (Mr Bryant /Mr Mackie)	Yr8 Netball (Miss Chapman) Yr10 Netball (Miss Grindey)	
Thu		Yr7 Football (Mr Pringle) On Astro	Yr7 Netball (Mrs Whiteman) Yr9/11/Senior Netball (Miss Grindey/Miss Young)	
Fri	Basketball (Mr Bishop) – Invite only – Week 1 only 8.00am			All years American Football (Mr Hedges) – Astro Badminton Club – Sports Hall

PE Department

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