



Message from Associate Assistant Headteacher

As we enter the festive season, it's a wonderful reminder that compassion has the power to bring us closer together. During this season, no matter what traditions you follow, compassion transcends all beliefs and brings out the best in us all. It's about looking beyond ourselves and thinking about how we can make a positive impact on others – whether they are family, friends or even strangers. Each small act of kindness makes the world a little brighter.

As we enter the last month of 2024, it's important to take a moment to celebrate all that you've achieved, and we will have the opportunity to do this through the upcoming Celebration Assemblies next week. This is your time to recognise how far you've come, and to be proud of yourself for pushing through obstacles and making progress. Remember even if you do not receive a certificate in celebration assembly, take pride in everything you've done this term and know that you are capable of even more in the future. So, celebrate your progress, and let it motivate you to continue reaching your goals. You've accomplished so much already – imagine what's possible next!

Ms Selva

This Week

Key Dates:

Monday: U16 Football

Tuesday:

Wednesday: PSHCEe p.3

Year 8 Parent's Evening-
EARLY CLOSE 2.20pm

Thursday:

Friday: Day in the Life - Year 11
students

No Yr 12 or Yr 13 onsite



Celebrating the Festive Season

A selection of our Yr 12 and Yr 9 students had the privilege of decorating our Christmas tree this week, which stands proudly outside Mrs O'Dwyer's office. The Christmas season is a time to celebrate traditional values and to truly embody our character virtues.

The festive season is a time of joy, love, and togetherness, and the spirit of Christmas is all about spreading kindness, sharing happiness, and cherishing the bonds we have with one another. Decorating Christmas trees is a beautiful tradition that symbolises hope and celebration. Each ornament, light, and ribbon we place on the tree reflects the joy of the season and reminds us to bring light into the lives of those around us.

As you enjoy this festive time, remember that the true magic of Christmas comes from the love and compassion we give and receive.

Students Innovate on BIMA Digital Day!

On Wednesday 13 November, the Year 10 Computer Science students took part in an exciting and creative challenge as we celebrated BIMA Digital Day, a national initiative to inspire young minds about careers in the digital and technology industries.

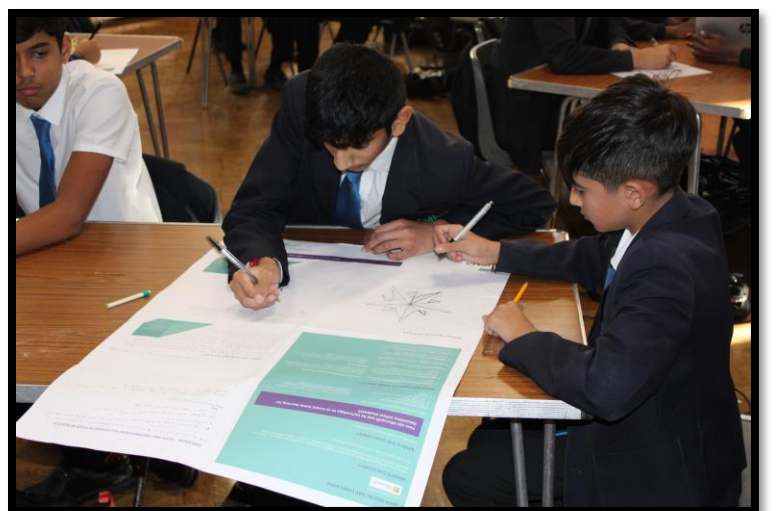
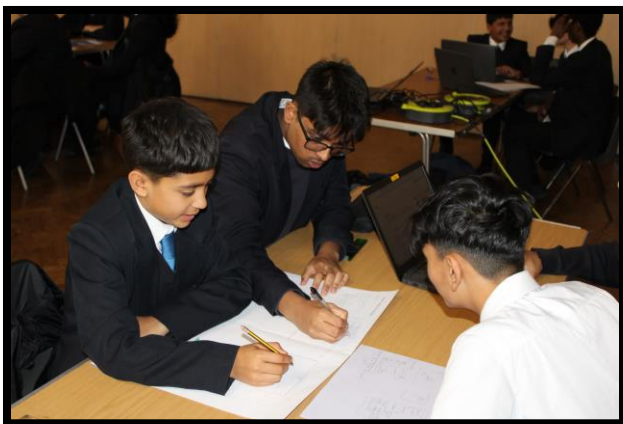
The students formed teams and were tasked with developing an innovative product for one of three major organizations: Burberry, Microsoft, or the RSPCA. The brief required them to utilise technology creatively while also planning marketing strategies, designing their product, and preparing a compelling pitch.

The highlight of the day was the final presentations, where each team pitched their ideas to their classmates and a panel of judges. The students demonstrated exceptional creativity, teamwork, and presentation skills, with ideas ranging from digital fashion innovations to apps for animal welfare and cutting-edge productivity tools.

The panel was blown away by the originality and thoughtfulness of the ideas, as well as the professionalism of the pitches. Congratulations to all the participants for their hard work and enthusiasm! Special commendations to the winning teams for their outstanding pitches that combined technology and sustainability in a way that truly impressed everyone.

A big thank you to all the students who participated and made the day a memorable one. Keep an eye out for the next exciting event in the world of Computer Science!

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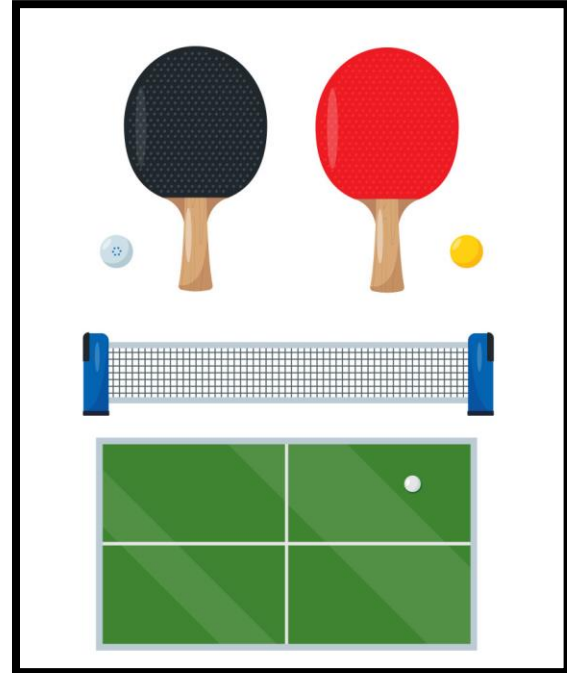


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U16's Girls Table Tennis

On Tuesday 26 of November, I, and some other year 9's got the opportunity to verse the borough schools including Bentley Wood and Nower Hill in the U16 Girls table tennis tournament. We had 4 teams to play. In the first round we lost every match against an incredibly strong Bentley Wood A team and were ranked last, but we kept going and showed resilience and didn't give up, leading us to win the majority of games in the 2nd and 3rd round. We put in teamwork and sportsmanship, and it paid off. This was the first U16 Girls Table Tennis tournament with so many teams entered. We were thrilled to be playing and showing everyone that it isn't just the boys who can play. At the end of the evening, we ended up in 2nd place with our A team and our B team ended up with 4th. The result was extremely pleasing considering the other teams had had some professional coaching. We learnt not to give up (resilience) when it gets hard and supported each other throughout every win and loss (compassion) and made friends with the other people in Nower hill and Bentley wood. I look forward to more opportunities like this in the future.

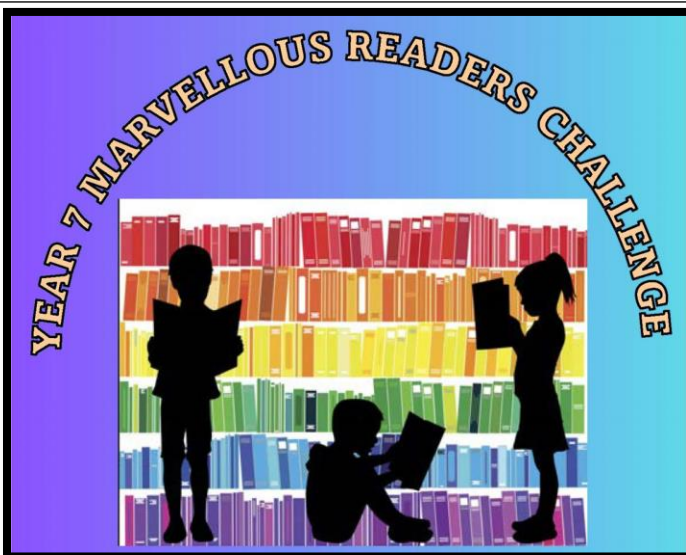
--- Jia Pankhania 10AK



Marvellous Readers Update

Congratulations to: 1. Beatrice Halip 7JR 2. Ali Nori 7YK 3. Giulia Rusu 7KL 4. Dhiya Patel 7KL

For completing their Marvellous Readers bingo card. Each student will receive a prize and certificate. Remember each Year 7 form group is competing against each other, so 7KL is in the lead. Excellent work. There will be a special experience for the winning form group. Any questions, see Mrs Bhutta.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2024
11th DECEMBER
ROAST TURKEY
WITH & STUFFING
OR
VEGETABLE WELLINGTON

ALL MAIN MEALS SERVED
WITH CRISPY ROASTIES
SEASONAL VEGETABLES & GRAVY

CHOCOLATE FROSTED
CHRISTMAS LOG

caterlink
feeding the imagination
25th anniversary 1998-2023

A festive Christmas lunch poster. At the top is a decorative garland with pine branches, red and white ornaments, and a red bow. Below the garland is the text 'CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2024' in orange, '11th DECEMBER' in green, 'ROAST TURKEY WITH & STUFFING' in green, 'OR' in red, and 'VEGETABLE WELLINGTON' in red. A yellow star is to the right of the first line. Below this is 'ALL MAIN MEALS SERVED WITH CRISPY ROASTIES SEASONAL VEGETABLES & GRAVY' in green, with another yellow star to the left. Then 'CHOCOLATE FROSTED CHRISTMAS LOG' in red. At the bottom is the 'caterlink' logo with the tagline 'feeding the imagination' and '25th anniversary 1998-2023'. To the right of the logo is a yellow star. At the very bottom is an illustration of Santa Claus in a red sleigh pulled by a team of reindeer.

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Rockin Yr Teens 2024- Teen Boys Conference

On Thursday 21st November, a group of our Year 8 students attended a conference celebrating International Men's Day in Barbican hosted by Linklaters law firm.

Along with schools across London, our students engaged in sessions with their aim of equipping *"young people with the skills that leaders of the future need"*.

It was a wonderful opportunity to listen to speakers who have created an impact in the world of sport, social media, music, dance, technology, science and law.

We listened to 4 x Paralympic GB Wheelchair Fencer talk about his struggles that he overcame through strength and determination.

We engaged in sessions led by Wilfred Webster, a motivational speaker and actor – he spoke about the challenges he faced as he was growing up and how he overcame them.

Ryan J Matthews, also known as Ragz-CV, who is a spoken word artist and founder and CEO of Brixton Charity Poetic Unity. He did an impromptu performance highlighting some of the worries our young men face.

Our speaker for the day was Cameron Parker, an international coach and speaker. Our students listened well and asked questions around the stigma surrounding men's anxiety and mental health. They showed compassion when listening to the stories relayed to them about individual life adversities and were empathetic in their responses.



"We had a really nice day out to the conference; it was fun and engaging and it was good to learn about other people's careers"

"We learnt that it's OK not to be OK"

"We learnt about the stigma surrounding men's mental health and what we can do to tackle it"

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Free things to do for students and their families:

Winter Light at The Southbank Centre- Until January 2nd 2025.

Over the dark winter nights, the Southbank Centre site is illuminated by outdoor artworks that play with light and colour – explore to discover them all. The display is free to admire and consists of a series of outdoor artworks by a dozen artists, colourfully illuminated at night. You could combine it with a visit to the Southbank Centre Winter Market. The best time to visit, it goes without saying, is after dark, but you can see them whenever we're open. The exhibition features work by Sophia Al-Maria, David Batchelor, Mat Collishaw, Aoife Dunne, Jakob Kvist, Nathaniel Rackowe, Marinella Senatore, Erlend Tait, Fred Tschida, Squire & Partners with Oasis Academy Johanna and Denman+Gould with Maeve Polkinhorn.



Job of the week



This week's video focuses on the job role of a Kennel Worker who supports the wellbeing of dogs and cats. Explore more by using [Unifrog](#). Click on the link below to discover the day-to-day tasks, skills required and routes into the profession (labour market information.)

<https://www.unifrog.org/student/careers/keywords/kennel-worker>

Springpod

CAREER EVENTS

Year 11 Day in the Life of' Event

6th December 2024

National Apprenticeship Week

10th – 16th February 2025

National Careers Week

3rd – 7th March 2025

Year 12 Mock Interview Event

5th March 2025

Interested in working with animals?

Complete a Springpod virtual work experience. Open to students aged 13+. Use this link to create an account. <https://www.springpod.com/virtual-work-experience/veterinary-with-vets-for-pets/WEXP-00252?queryID=58746f715978140ba46bbcfab1796de1&pos=2&fromUrl=%2Fv>

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Last Week's Round Up

Best Attendance

11BG

Most Achievement Points

8AY

Best Punctuality

7KA

ACE Lottery Winners

Travelle McLeod-Denny 9BA
Sneha Patel 9BA
Yousuf Asghar 9WN

Year 7

Wellbeing Day was a chance for Year 7 students to relax, recharge, and have fun while learning how to take care of their mental and physical health. It's a day designed to help you feel your best, connect with others, and try something new! I hope you used it wisely! Taking care of your wellbeing helps you feel happy and ready to learn. Simple steps like staying active, eating well, and getting enough sleep make a big difference.

We have some interform competitions coming up please look out and be ready to compete for your form! Your form captains will be able to fill you in with the details at some point this week.

As a year group we are doing so well with the achievement points we have 10,957 achievement points all together this year which really shows the good work that you have been putting in around the school. Keep it up.

Weekly Achievement Points

7JR/d 144

7KL/f 121

7YK/i 103

Why you need to be organised and presentable!

Being organised and presentable boosts academic success, confidence, and professionalism. It helps manage time, reduces stress, and fosters positive impressions with teachers and peers. These habits improve focus, build better relationships, and prepare you for future challenges in education and work, setting a foundation for lifelong success and personal growth.

Let's make sure Year 8 is your chance to shine.



Year 8

Year 8 Parent Teacher Consultation- Thursday 5th December

Top tips:

1. Bring a notebook for feedback
2. Engage in the conversation
3. Accept feedback and focus on improvements
4. Reflect on the advice and set personal goals

Year 9

What were the 5 kind things you said last Wednesday? Who did you say them to? How did you feel as you said these kind things? Words are incredibly powerful. They inspire, heal and help how people perceive themselves positively (For you as well!). Continue that good feeling by continuing to share positive words with those around you.

Tutor group highlights:
Most character points: 9BA
Best punctuality: 9BA
Least B-logs: 9GS/9AL



A special thank you to Sneha Patel 9BA, Travelle McLeod-Denny 9BA and Yousuf Asghar 9WN for helping decorate the school Christmas tree – it looks beautiful!


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Last Week's Round Up

INTER-FORM
**VOLLEYBALL
COMPETITION**

Tuesday 3rd December
Sports Hall

Court 1	Court 2	Court 3
10AG	10SW	10MK
10AD	10JE	10AK
10NK	10LY	10LP



INTER-FORM ARTICULATE
COMPETITION
WINNERS

A big congratulations to 10AG
winners of the Articulate
competition

Dani, Lina, Aanya, Ana, Masud, Dhruv,
Nikhil, Lucy, Malak, Avi, Diya, Yusuf



Year 10

A big congratulations to 10AG who won the inter-form Articulate competition. 10MK put up a good fight for 2nd place – well done! But there's a chance to test your skill again – Tuesday 3rd December from 3.15-4.30pm is our first volleyball competition (bring trainers).

Work Experience placement deadline is almost upon us. You must agree a placement with the employer and fill in the details on your Unifrog page by 18th December. There will be prizes for the first 3 tutor groups that have all their tutees signed up to a placement. If you need support with this, go to the Careers office next to P6.

Celebration Assembly is on Tuesday 10th December – keep being your best – we are picking winners this week.

Year 11

A huge well done is in order for completing your mocks over the past two weeks. You have demonstrated each of our character virtues consistently and I expect to see this continue. Hopefully you are feeling recharged after a long weekend and have taken the time to practice some self care.

The last weeks of term have a lot in store for our year group, starting with A Day in The Life this Friday where you will either be taking part in sixth form lessons at Park High or visiting and partaking in lessons at a college! This is a fantastic opportunity to keep you all motivated. You will also be receiving your mock results. I would like you to remember that we are still working towards meeting target grades and that we still have time to do so. Be proud of what you have accomplished and establish what needs to be learnt so you continue to progress up until your real GCSE's next year. The Year Team are incredibly proud of you all!



Sixth Form

Why should you eat the frog?

Our assembly this week was on 'procrastination', and tips for dealing with it. The popular "Eat the frog" analogy was highlighted to you, from a famous Mark Twain quote. Your 'frog' refers to the most difficult and important thing you have to do that day. Do it first thing in the morning, do not give yourself a chance to delay it for later in the day. Repeat this on a daily basis – this small change and make a huge different to your life.

This tip, along with other procrastination advice, can be found here:

<https://canvas-story.bbcrewind.co.uk/kickstartgoals/>

34 UCAS applications now sent off!

Congratulations to those of you that have received offers!

We also have 3 students that have interviews confirmed for Oxford or Cambridge university! Well done to those 3, and good luck to those that will find out next week!



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Autumn Term 2 Clubs

Monday

Activity	Time	Location
Basketball*	Before school	Sports Hall
Basketball*	Breaktime	Sports Hall
Y7 Girls Netball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall
Y7-9 Dance club	Lunchtime	Dance Studio
Y7-9 Global Citizen club	Lunchtime	G2
Choir*	Lunchtime	P1
BAFTA Game Designer	Lunchtime	T3
Y10-11 Basketball Coaching	After school	Sports Hall

Tuesday

Activity	Time	Location
Badminton Coaching**	Before school	Sports Hall
Basketball*	Breaktime	Sports Hall
Y7-9 Girls Netball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall
Debate Club*	Lunchtime	R3
Y7-10 Environmental Awareness	Lunchtime	S2
Y7-11 The Literary Lounge	Lunchtime	B4
Keyboard club*	Lunchtime	P1
Badminton*	After school	Sports Hall
Inspire Programme**	After school	Sixth Form
DofE**	After school	G2

Wednesday

Activity	Time	Location
Volleyball Coaching**	Before school	Sports Hall
Basketball*	Breaktime	Sports Hall
Y10-11 Girls Netball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall
Y7-8 Board games cafe	Lunchtime	G2
Careers club*	Lunchtime	T2
Y7-10 Robotics club	Lunchtime	T12
Y7-8 Computing club	Lunchtime	T3
Band*	Lunchtime	P1
Y7 Home learning club	After school	T2
Y8 Home learning club	After school	T1
Y9 Home learning club	After school	T4
Y10 Home learning club	After school	T3
Y7-9 Basketball Coaching*	After school 3.30-5.30pm	Sports Hall
Grease**	After school	D1



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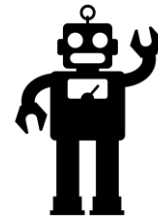
Autumn Term 2 Clubs

Thursday

Activity	Time	Location
Basketball*	Before school	Sports Hall
Basketball*	Breaktime	Sports Hall
Girls Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall
Xianxia club*	Lunchtime	R3
Y7-9 Spoken Word Power	Lunchtime	P2
Y7-9 Product Design	Lunchtime	T11
Y7-9 Science Club	Lunchtime	S4
Girls Netball	After school	Playground
Y7 Table Tennis	After school	Main Hall
Grease**	After school	D1

Friday

Activity	Time	Location
Badminton Squad**	Before school	Sports Hall
Basketball*	Breaktime	Sports Hall
Girls Volleyball	Lunchtime 1-1.25pm	Sports Hall
MFL Library*	Lunchtime	L3
Y7-8 Girls Science club	Lunchtime	S4
Volleyball*	After school	Sports Hall
Table Tennis*	After school	Main Hall
Table Tennis Coaching**	After school 4.30-5.30pm	Main Hall



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