

Year 9 Newsletter

The Second Half Term



We hope this newsletter finds you well. Year 9 have enjoyed several exciting opportunities this half term and it has been lovely to see you learn and grow from your experiences both in and out of school.

This term you have had a taste of some of the subjects you might choose to study for GCSE next year. Over the next few weeks, you will hear from Mrs Foster about the options process and both you and your parents will receive lots of information from teachers and tutors to help you to make the best possible decisions for your GCSE subjects next year.

We have had a term to get used to new timetables and ways of working around the school. Our focus for next half term will be to recognize and reward good behaviour, effort, and achievement. Your fabulous tutors will nominate students and we will celebrate successes in our weekly assemblies.

We wish you and your family a happy and safe festive period and a prosperous new year.

Ben Kinsella Trust



30 students from Year 9 attended an exhibition in Finsbury Library London to learn about the prevention of knife crime and gang culture. They were great ambassadors for the school and are now able to share their knowledge and experience of the fantastic exhibition across the year group.

Hamilton

A group of Year 9 students went to Victoria Palace Theatre to see the musical story of Alexander Hamilton, one of the founding fathers of America. They were lucky enough to attend a live Q and A with the cast to learn about production, costumes, lighting and stage management, which everyone agreed was inspiring and informative.

Whole school message

Food bank appeal: Thank you to all students and their families for the generous contributions to the recent foodbank appeal. We have donated over 30 large boxes of provisions to local food banks that will be distributed for the community. Thank you to everyone that donated.

Dates for January 2022

Tuesday 4th January - Staff Inset

Wednesday 5th January – Student LFT testing and nasal flu vaccinations. Please see the full details [here](#). Students should wear full school uniform and must wear a face covering.

Year 7 - 9 am Year 8- 9.45am Year 9 - 10.30am

Year 10 - 11.15am Year 11 - 1pm Year 12 & 13 -1.45pm

Thursday 6th January- Full school return from 8:30am.

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Dance and Drama-Pippin

We are delighted that some of our Year 9 students have roles in the school musical production. Pippin is “a razzle, dazzle, magical theatrical experience.” We can’t wait to see it!



Sporting Achievements

Harshit Joshi was part of the U14 Badminton squad who tied for 2nd place overall in the borough. Congratulations!

The Year 9 boys football team has played 3 games- won one, drew one and lost one. They have shown great determination in all games- Well done!

Ms Collen has been very impressed with the commitment from Year 9 girls netball and can’t wait for matches to start after Christmas. Well done to Amber and Ruby who were selected to play up with Year 10 and both played exceptionally well!

Anti-Bullying Week.

Can you recognise these feet?



As part of Anti Bullying Week, we supported Odd Socks Day.

9GO shared some of their kindness pledges with me.

“I will say thank you to a teacher after a lesson today.”

“I will talk include other people in my conversations with friends if I see them on their own.”

Design Museum

Some of our Year 9 students visited the Design Museum in Kensington to attend the Design Ventura workshop led by design and industry professionals. Students found the whole experience very interesting and educational. The trip consisted of a workshop in the morning followed by a tour in the afternoon and finally a visit to the innovative design museum shop for some primary research.

The workshop has helped the students to prepare for the Design Challenge which they will be competing with other secondary schools across the county.



GCSE subjects - A student view

Sport science is a really enjoyable and interesting subject. We learn about all the challenges in sport aswell as looking at the medical side of sport e.g benefits of physical activities and effects of performance enhancing drugs in the body. As well as the theory side, we also get to participate in sports during all of this. This is why I really enjoy sport science as it works on both practical and theory side of sports.

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