



HOUSE  
POINTS

Trudy Roper, Molly Berry and Lily Wigmore win gold!

ALPs puts our sixth form in top 10%

Two more awards for 2017 GCSE results



### From the Headteacher's Desk

This has been another busy half term with lots of trips and events going on including visiting Globe players performing Shakespeare, a Year 10 Skills for Life day, Interfaith day, Inter house sport and widening participation events. Most fantastic of all, was our production of Grease which involved so many girls of all ages. The standard of the music, dance and drama was superb. All of the individual performances were excellent but there were also stunning group numbers. It really was so professional. Thank you to all of the girls and the members of staff involved.

We have also just heard that we have won two awards for attainment and progress at GCSE last year. ALPS (A Level Performance System) places our 6<sup>th</sup> form in the top 10% of those in the country for the progress made at A Level in 2017. Well done to all pupils and staff who helped to achieve this!

There has been a lot of success in relation to extra-curricular activities. Our Year 10 girls Trudy Roper, Mollie Berry and Lily Wigmore have just won gold medals at an international gymnastics competition in Portugal. Trudy and Molly are also British champions and will represent team GB at the world championships in April. Our Year 7 netball team won the Borough tournament and the league and Year 9 came second in both. Year 7 are Borough Champions for sportshall athletics and came 3<sup>rd</sup> in West London while Year 8 won the Borough and the West London sportshall athletics championships.

Our team of Year 7 and 8 debaters have just come runners up in the PiXL 'up for debate' competition. This was held at Harrow School and involved 50 schools. Holly Hall was awarded the Jack Evans award for services to the community and congratulations to Mr Tottman who was awarded a Jack Petchey school leader award. We also raised £129 for Great Ormond Street Hospital from our hot chocolate sale and will be raising money for sport relief on our last day of term which is a non-uniform day. This term and from now on at the end of term, we will finish at 12.35pm as we no longer need an afternoon tutor session.

Practical exams have already started and students across the school are preparing for both external and internal examinations. As usual we are holding an Easter revision school involving many pupils and staff. I hope that all of our pupils make the most of the time left to prepare for their exams.

One final plea – please can parents not drive into Pole Hill Road to drop off their daughters as this is causing severe congestion and disruption to residents at the start and the end of the day. Girls should be dropped a little further away and be able to walk the short distance to the school itself. Many thanks for your support with this. I hope that you all have a peaceful Easter break.

Sue Pryor  
Headteacher



**We are delighted to announce that Holly Hall, 11RP was presented with the Jack Evans Award for special service to Swakeleys School and the Community through her sport. Holly was presented with the Award by The Mayor of Hillingdon. Congratulations Holly!!!**

At the end of the winter term students and staff wore Christmas jumpers to school and raised a fantastic £885.13 which was donated to Save the Children!

Year 11 Students organised a collection in memory of Harry Louis Rice, George Wilkinson and Josh McGuinness, who were tragically killed in Hayes. The students raised £332.87 which was donated to the just giving page set up by the families.

## SPORT AT SWAKELEYS!

All 3 of our netball teams went unbeaten in their leagues this year with year 7, 8 and 9 all reaching the league finals this week after successfully winning their semi-finals last week. Each team also competed in the Borough Tournament this term and again they represented Swakeleys extremely well with all 3 teams coming away with medals. Year 8 came 3<sup>rd</sup> in their borough tournament, Year 9 (with only 6 players) came away with the silver medals after taking St Helens to extra time in the final and Year 7 won theirs to become Borough Champions and qualify to represent Hillingdon at the London Youth Games. Our Yr 7s won their final tonight completing the Borough Double of winning both League and Tournament. The year 8s and 9s fought hard in their finals and came away with well earned silver medals. This completes our netball season with us picking up medals in all leagues and tournaments across the 3 year groups.



In sportshall athletics, both the year 7 and 8 teams won the final to become Borough Champions and went on to represent Hillingdon in the West London Finals. Year 8 came 2<sup>nd</sup>, and qualified for London Youth Games next week with Year 7 narrowly missing out by finishing 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Outside of school Lily, Trudie and Molly in 10JA recently competed in the International Acro Cup in Portugal and all won Gold. Earlier this season Molly and Trudie became British Champions and have qualified to represent Great Britain in the World Championships in April. An amazing achievement, and we wish you the best of luck.



A fantastic year for everyone involved in sport, both in and out of school. Mrs Croker

### "Bright Sparks" Royal Festival Hall Trip

On Monday 5th March twenty students traveled to the Royal Festival Hall to see a concert performed by the LPO (London Philharmonic Orchestra). The concert featured music from screen and stage, including Wagner's "Ride of the Valkyries" and Hermann's iconic "Psycho" score. One of the student's favourites was the opening music for "Star Wars".



This is one of the GCSE music set works and it was inspiring to see it performed by a live orchestra! Mrs Dennis



# BRILLIANT CLUB

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February, I and other Brilliant Club graduates from Year 9, 10 and Sixth Form journeyed to Jesus College in Oxford University for a graduation ceremony. Prior to this, we had had a six week course in which we were educated about the problem of modern slavery by a PhD tutor; on the completion of this course we had to write a 2000 word essay that was graded, university-style. At the ceremony, we were taken on a tour of the Oxford University campus. Did you know the university is made up of 38 colleges?! Or that they have a library with more than 9 MILLION BOOKS? After a delicious hot lunch in a hall looking as if it came straight out of Harry Potter, we finally received our certificates and attended the fabulous graduation ceremony. It was an amazing ceremony and we would like to thank Mrs Charbonnier, Mrs Mancharova, Mrs Basra, Mr Riches and Mrs Laguillo for organising such a stunning trip.

By: Krita Shah 10RP



Our sixth form students who took part in The Brilliant Club have achieved outstanding results in their university style assignments. They received the tuition of PhD researchers from leading universities who delivered a programme of university-style tutorials to assist our students towards producing a final assignment marked at an undergraduate level.

Students who carried out their Humanities assignment received the following results. Their university tutor pointed out that she hasn't had such a high scoring group before. Everyone did extremely well:

Yusra Abdulahi:	79	1st
Yasmin Alchihimi:	72	1st
Sant Bhogal:	69	2:1
Samina Rahman:	74	1st
Mya Bajwa:	72	1st
Emma Liddiard:	76	1st
Ferdaus Abdul:	60	2:1
Abithra Shanmugalingam:	69	2:1

Students who carried out their Science (STEM) assignment received the following results. Their University tutor was impressed by the overall quality of our students work and remarked that their final assignments results were really good

Blossom Nweke	2.1 (high)	- 69
Leena Walid	2.1	(63)
Olivia Philo	1st	(72)
Sruthi Vandakar	2.1	(63)
Supun Herath	2.1/1st	(70)

Teachers of the month

January Mrs Allen and Miss Martin  
 February Mrs Coking and Mrs Laguillo  
 Support Staff Members of the month  
 January Mrs Maylor and Mr Ryan  
 February Mrs Murray and Mrs Pooley



**Sixth Form students organised a Dress Up Day as Disney Characters and raised an amazing £150 which was donated to Children With Cancer UK. Well done to everyone who took part!**



**Maryam Rhaddaoui – Y10**

In November 2017, I auditioned for a role in the school's production of "Grease." From the moment I heard I had been cast as Rizzo to the very last performance – every second of our "Grease" journey has been magical. I'm very grateful for the opportunity to be able to perform alongside many other talented actresses and knowledgeable staff. I hope that I will be able to perform in another school production during my time here at Swakeleys.

**Hannah Alchihimi Y9– "Marty"**

Performing in "Grease" was a great opportunity and I was so lucky to get a part! I enjoyed trying out my American accent and having fun changing into different costumes, I think what I really found tricky was singing a note in my solo song but with the support of Mrs Dennis and Mrs Smith I got there in the end, I had such a fabulous time in "Grease" – making new friends and getting the role of Marty. I would DEFINITELY do it again!

**Nadjela Feudjeu Y8 – Jan**

"Grease" was absolutely amazing! A great experience. I loved it! Performing with the older years boosted my self-esteem a huge amount. I am definitely auditioning for the next musical!



**Olivia-Grace O'Sullivan Y8 – Dancer**

I really enjoyed being a dancer in my first school production at Swakeleys. It was great that I could experience learning different dances with different people. When I told my family that I had got into "Grease" they were thrilled. They instantly booked tickets and on the night they got second row seats. My mum said she loved it. My sister said that the jokes and comedy elements were really funny. My Grandad said that it was the best show that he had seen in years and smiled the whole way through. My favourite dance was the Finale as everyone was having a fun time and that rubbed off onto the audience and they started to join in. I loved every single part of "Grease"!

**VIAM Concert at Wembley Arena**

From the moment I set foot into the Wembley Arena, I knew with absolute certainty that this was going to be a night to remember and my greatest dreams merged into one. As the lights came on and the show began. I had the privilege of going on the main stage with my two friends, Lori and Sarah, holding the Swakeleys banner that I had proudly made. The show was packed with special guests like Lil'T, HRVY, Road Trip and so much more!! It truly was a memorable event for a great cause. We hear heart-warming stories of parents who had adopted children or become foster parents this all made us realise how blessed we are to have something that not everyone has... a family! Aleha Inayat Year 7



**Attendance**

As a school we have attendance of 96% and we are proud of this fact. All pupils must aim to attend school unless they are very unwell. Please be aware that appointments should not be made during the school day and that holidays in term time will not be authorised. If pupils require any type of medication to be held in school, including paracetamol, please complete the medication form and hand this in to Student Services.

**Uniform**

Please ensure that pupils are wearing uniform coats on the journey to and from school. No hoodies please. As the summer term approaches please check that any skirts are the appropriate length as pupils tend to grow over the school year. They must not be shorter than 8cm above the knee. Please check the uniform rules in the link book or on web site carefully when purchasing skirts and trousers as we only allow certain styles. Please remember that we do not allow tight, stretchy, lycra skirts and trousers. Mrs Hare



**GSK apprenticeship themed event**

The students thought the trip was 'awesome' and extremely valuable in terms of giving them a greater insight and understanding of the various career routes that they can access. The speed networking event was probably the most valuable, as this allowed the students to ask questions first hand to current apprentices. The apprentices had been carefully selected to demonstrate the range of options available in terms of entry to GSK as an organisation. The speakers were friendly, approachable and extremely informative. The students loved the day from start to finish, they were blown away by the sheer size and scale of the GSK office building and were totally inspired to work hard to work in an organisation like GSK. Mrs Laguillo

Year Group	% Attendance	
7	96.5	Excellent
8	95.8	Excellent
9	95	Excellent
10	94.7	Satisfactory
11	95.9	Excellent

**Tuesday 17th April 2018**

**Monday 7th May 2018**

**Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June 2018**

**Summer Term begins**

**Bank Holiday**

**Half Term**