

Headlines

- GCSE results give us a 'Progress 8' score of +1.01
- 240 year 7 girls join us in our new build
- Swakeleys features in the Parliamentary review

From the Headteacher's Desk

Following another summer of excellent examination results we have had a very good start to the new term. Year 7 have settled in well with two extra forms DS and MY. They look very smart in their new blazers which have been much admired.

This is the second year of the new school performance measure called Progress 8. This measure looks at progress made by each pupils across their best 8 subjects. Last year our score was +0.58 which we believed to be outstanding. This year it has risen to +1.01 which is truly amazing! In 2018, almost all subjects were graded using the new 9-1 system, with grade 9 being higher than the old A*. In total our girls secured 121 grade 9s across a range of subjects.

79% of our year 11 cohort achieved grade 4 or above in both English and maths and for the sixth year running, more than 25% of the girls achieved more than 9-7/5A*A grades. 45% secured the prestigious English Baccalaureate qualification which requires them to achieve passes in English, Maths, Science/Computer Science, a Modern Foreign Language and History or Geography. Some individual successes at the highest grades include:

Yasmine Amirouch	10 grade 9s and A* in further maths
Leah Wynn	8 grade 9s and A* in further maths and psychology
Vaishnavie Sureshkumar	6 grade 9s, 2 grade 8s and A* in further maths & psychology
Sneha Jayakumar	6 grade 9s, 2 grade 8s and 2A grades
Smriti Pahari	5 grade 9s, 2 grade 8s and 3A* grades in further maths, media & sociology

Six more girls also achieved 5 of the prestigious grade 9s. They are:
Aakshi Dhoopnarain, Jana Itani, Nandita Joshi, Sehr Shahid, Krupa Grewal and Ayesha Hassan.

For the seventh year running we had 100% at A Level with 61% A*/B and 88% A*C grades. We look forward to congratulating students on these achievements at our celebration afternoon on Tuesday 15th January 2019.

We are delighted to have been featured as an outstanding school in the Parliamentary Review of 2017/2018. Please do follow the link in the letter and read the article about our school. Last year at this time, we were packing crates ready for our school move. I am delighted to say that we are now well and truly settled and enjoying our fabulous facilities.

Sue Pryor
Headteacher





Swakeleys School Netball team in their brand new Netball kit at Open Evening.

Many congratulations to
Tia Basterfield
and
Moonsun Bharj
who have been appointed as
Head Prefects
Yusra Abdulahi and Chantelle Law
have been appointed as
Deputy Head Prefects.

GSK

Last week was amazing! I had so much fun and learnt so much about GSK and what they do. We had many presentations throughout the week which took us through the process of a drug's development, showing us what the various sectors of GSK do and how they links back to the company's purpose. We were also shown some of the more specific areas of GSK do such as HIV research, the labelling of a product and even how virtual reality is used to decide the best layout of their products. On the last day we also did a dragons' den activity where we had to come up with a new drug and present it to a panel of dragons, sadly my team didn't win but I had lots of fun in the process. One thing I didn't expect was the lack of actual work; especially after the Stock Exchange: the week was mainly presentations, (which is more interesting in my opinion anyway).

Thank you so much for the opportunity, I am so grateful for it.
Yasmine Amirouch

Teacher of the Month

September

Miss Edwards and Miss Shah

Support Staff Member of the Month

September

Mr Deng and Mrs Thompson



Widening Participation News Year 12 trip To Brunel University

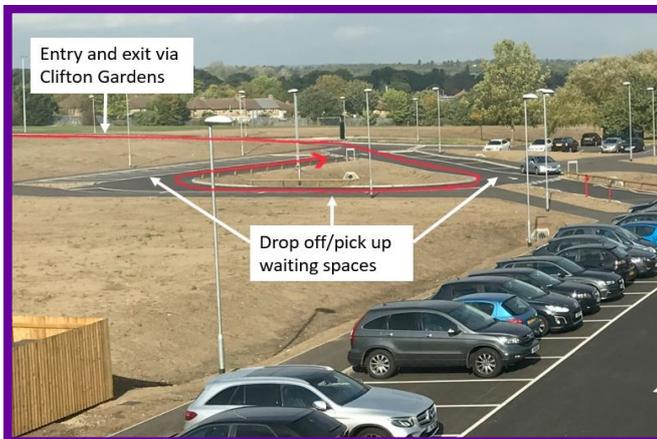
Twelve students attended an HE Awareness trip at Brunel University where they had the opportunity to speak to current undergraduates and to take part in a guided tour of the campus. They also were given essential information regarding post 16 options, making HE choices, finance and UCAS applications. This is what they thought:

"A perfect trip!" Lima M. Zaheer
"I loved it!" Raveena Bhachu
"Amazing trip!" Zubia Abbasi
"A really useful and informative trip.
I definitely recommend it!" Emily Lazell-Taylor
"Very, very useful." Ealaf Abdalla
Miss Charbonnier

Upcoming Year 10 Geography field trips

All Year 10 Geography students are required to complete compulsory field work as part of their GCSE on a physical landscape. Our focus is on the coast's geomorphology and coastal management and to conduct this field work we have organised trips to Eastbourne. As there are five Year 10 classes, these will be conducted over two days. Your daughter will attend ONE of these field trips over the two days of Friday 5th of April 2019 and Tuesday 23rd of April 2019. These dates are important to note as the Friday 5th of April the girls will not be back to school by approximately 4pm, while the Tuesday 23rd of April is a scheduled Inset Day. These days have been selected to minimise the impact of missing their GCSE classes. Further details will be sent to you in the spring term. Please contact Ms. Martin with any concerns.

URGENT notice for all parents!
 If you are driving your daughter to school, please use the Clifton Gardens entrance. You can now drive on to the site and drop your daughter at the turning circle before driving round and back out. Under no circumstances should cars be driving into Pole Hill Road.
 Thank you for your help with this.



Headline: Swakeleys School for Girls features in The Parliamentary Review

The Rt Hon David Curry, as chief editor of The Parliamentary Review, will be showcasing the best practice and innovative ideas of first-class business leaders, educators and healthcare professionals in this year's September release. With forewords from the prime minister, cabinet ministers and industry bodies, the publication of The Parliamentary Review is eagerly anticipated as a learning tool.

Based in the London Borough of Hillingdon, Swakeleys School for Girls is a girls-only comprehensive school with a mixed sixth form and approximately 1,100 pupils from ethnically diverse backgrounds. The headteacher Sue Pryor, gives an account in The Review of the school's journey towards excellence.

This year's Review aptly displays the collaborative approach that is necessary if the education sector is to continue to flourish. With a diverse range of secondary schools included in the 2017/18 edition, it offers pertinent insight into the issues that head teachers and educational bodies face.

Now a key fixture in the political calendar, The Review's chief editor, David Curry, says he looks forward to having the hard work of all the representatives involved being shown to their audience: "With such an extraordinary range of organisations involved, this year's Parliamentary Review will undoubtedly be some of the most insightful reading that could be recommended for politicians and businesses alike."

Writing in The Review, the prime minister says that "Our modern Industrial Strategy means government stepping up to secure the foundations of our productivity: providing an education system that delivers the skills our economy needs, improving school standards, and transforming technical education."

Swakeleys School for Girls's article can be viewed here:

<http://www.theparliamentaryreview.co.uk/organisations/swakeleys-school-for-girls>

Frankie Taylor competed in her first year in the MSA Junior Dragster UK National Drag Racing Championship. Frankie completed in five Championship rounds and two non points rounds at Santa pod raceway Northampton finishing eighteen out of 30 junior dragsters and one points round in Clasters Dragway France in her first season. Some of these events are five days at the track Main event & Euro finals where cars from all over Europe attend and compete. This was shown live on You Tube and Facebook. Frankie has had a great experience and a good first season and we are now looking forward to the 2019 Season which starts in April 2019



Senators Years 8-11 2018-19

Year 8
 Aleha Inayat 8JA
 Ahlan Gaiambi 8FN

Year 9
 Emma Watson 9RP
 Nadjela Feudjeu 9JA

Year 10
 Melissa Davis 10AF
 Laylan Al-Bazzaz 10FN

Year 11
 Amal Abdulahi 11FN
 Zahra Ali 11JA



Winter Showcase

The Performing Arts department will be holding their annual "Winter Showcase" performance on Thursday 13th December at 6pm in the main school hall. All students and parents are warmly invited to attend!



Performing Arts Ambassadors

In September dance, drama and music students were invited to apply for the role of an ambassador within the department. This is a prestigious role which involves leadership qualities in running extra-curricular clubs, supervising practice rooms and being role models for their subject areas. All girls had to write a letter of application of why they would be a suitable candidate. I am delighted to reveal that the following were successful in their applications.

Dance Ambassadors

Year 13

Elena Jerome

Year 11

Ella Van Schalkwyk Blake
Rachel Adewale

Year 10

Leah Crewe-Day
Gemma Hughes

Music Ambassadors

Year 12

Amelia Mercer
Emily Lazall-Taylor

Year 9

Lewisha Larravide
Katie Keen

Year 8

Sarah Doggrell
Lori Butcher

Drama Ambassadors

Year 8

Aleha Inayat

Year 9

Brianna Sagomba
Nadejela Feudjeu
Sumer Al-Kharella

Year 10

Ellie Wright
Hannah Alchihimi

Year 13 English students visit to the British Library.

On Friday 5th October, the English department took 30 year 13 English students to the British Library. The purpose of the visit was to participate in a workshop called Literature in Context, and then to visit the Treasures Gallery. Here, students were lucky enough to see Shakespeare's first folio dating back to the 17th Century, along with many other literary treasures. An excellent day was had by all!

Ms Jones
(English)



School Production 2018 – 2019

This year the SPA (Swakleleys Performing Arts) Team will be putting on the production of "Bring It on". This is a musical that is biting relevant, sprinkled with sass, and inspired by the hit film, *Bring It On. The Musical* takes audiences on a high-flying journey filled with the complexities of friendship, jealousy, betrayal, and forgiveness.

Over 120 students turned up for auditions! It was great to see that girls from Y7 – Y13 were keen and eager to get involved. The Performing Arts team were impressed with the high standard of dance drama and singing. A lot of talent within the school! Production rehearsals start after half term.

Half Term	22 nd —26 th October 2018
6 th Form Open Evening	21 st November 2018
Winter Bazaar	30 th November 2018
Winter Showcase	13 th December 2018