



**Y7 and 8 win Hillingdon Sportshall Athletics  
Asmaa Mohamed is Middlesex cross country  
champion  
Hugely successful Celebration Afternoon  
Term 2 House points: Y8-13/Y7**

## From the Headteacher's Desk

We started this term with our Celebration Afternoon which was the second one in our new Hall. It really was a fantastic evening with the hall packed, some amazing performances of music, dance and drama and an excellent speech from our guest Nupur Patel. Nupur is a former Swakeleys student who is currently studying for her PhD at Oxford University. Over 120 prizes were awarded to pupils for their attainment, effort and progress.

Our teams of Year 7 and Year 8 girls did extremely well in the Hillingdon Sportshall Athletics with year both teams winning against tough competition. This really is a fantastic achievement so once again, well done to all involved. Now both teams go on to compete against other London Boroughs in the next stage of the competition. Year 8 are also choosing their GCSE subjects following a very successful Options Evening. We have also implemented a system of electronic booking for Parents' evenings which seems to have gone very well.

Pupils in Years 7 to 10 have also signed up for their humanities week trips. Please make sure that payments are made by midnight of Sunday 3rd March 2019.

We are about to start interviews for admission to our 6th Form in September and are delighted that so many students have applied. Our current 6th form students have submitted their University applications and have been receiving their offers. We are delighted that so many of our students have already got their offers from universities and that many of them are unconditional.

Finally from me, please can I ask you once again, not to drive on to the school site at Pole Hill or drop off at the school gate at the start and end of the school day. This causes chaos on the roads around the school. It is much better for girls to be dropped further away and to get some exercise by walking the last part of the journey. Many thanks for your help with this. I hope that you all have a good half term break.

Sue Pryor (Headteacher)

Please can all medical appointments please be taken after school or on our early finish day Tuesdays where possible.  
Thank you  
Mrs Hare

Congratulations to the following students who have joined the library team as Student Librarians:

Denisiya Selvakumar	9EB
Sorina Hadaf	9FN
Deniz Yurtseven	9FN
Farah Assi	8MC
Priyanka Kaur	8RP





# Celebration Afternoon 2019



Tuesday 15th January was another exciting day for Swakeleys as pupils, staff, families and friends enjoyed our annual Celebration Afternoon. More than 120 pupils were awarded prizes for attainment, effort and progress to celebrate yet another year of high achievement across the school. The guest of honour, Nupur Patel presented the students with their awards. With stunning dance, drama and musical performances from pupils it really was an occasion to remember!



Parents and guests gave generously to the collection and raised £95 which is being donated to Save the Children Fund



A few of our  
Celebration  
Afternoon prize  
winners



## Swakeleys Youth Travel Ambassadors

This year, a team of Swakeleys School girls have taken part in the YTA Scheme run by Transport for London and Hillingdon Council. The team of Year 8 and 9 pupils have done a fantastic job at identifying key issues surrounding transport to and from school and suggesting possible solutions to these issues.

On Thursday 31st of January they took part in a "Dragon's Den" style pitch, to bid for money to help launch their campaign. They did such a great job at pitching their campaign to the Dragon's they were awarded £1300.  
Well done girls you were absolutely amazing!  
Miss Hanlon



On Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th February the Performing Arts Department will be performing "Bring it on". Students from Y7 to 13 have been working hard over the last few months to produce the show. The performance features singing, dancing and acting. We invite you to come along and see the show in our new build! Tickets are available to purchase on parentpay. Students need to have the available funds on their account. They can then purchase the tickets from the school canteen before school or at break. Tickets are priced at £7.00 for adults and £5.00 for children. We encourage you to come and support the school and witness the talent of the girls in the Performing Arts Production!



## Uniform

# REMINDERS TO PUPILS AND PARENTS

We are very proud of the excellent uniform of the vast majority of our pupils. Thank you for your support with this.

From September 2019 Years 7-10 will be required to wear the new compulsory blazer. This will be optional for Year 11. From September 2020 the blazer will be compulsory for all year groups 7-11. If a student is wearing the blazer the jumper will become the optional item for that student. Blazers are available for purchase on the W and S Sport website at [www.wssports.co.uk](http://www.wssports.co.uk). Please make sure that they are purchased in good time for the new school year. You should aim to place your order by April.

On February 12th 2.30-6.00pm W and S Sports will be available in school to offer fittings for those who would like to come along and try on the blazer. No appointment is required.

### A few uniform reminders:

Pupils are allowed one earring in the ear-in the lobe only.  
Coats must be navy blue or black and without large logos.  
Trousers must be full length and sit above the ankle.

Boots are not permitted for school.  
Uniform regulations apply on travel to & from school.  
Eyebrow enhancing make-up is not allowed.

Please continue to discuss the "**Only Post Positivity**" contract with your child and ensure that they are being responsible and age appropriate in their use of social media and the internet.  
Please reinforce the importance of safe and polite travel to and from school. This includes the safe crossing of roads.  
Please remind pupils that they must check roads carefully, should not wear headphones when crossing the road and must give way to traffic.  
Pupils must bring a water bottle to school. This should be full as they are not allowed to leave lessons to fill water bottles.

#PassOnPlastic



### Sportshall Athletics

Both the Year 7 and 8 Sportshall Athletic teams were crowned Borough Champions last week, they now qualify for the West London Finals at Harrow Sports Centre on February 14th..

Mrs Croker

Head of PE  
Swakeleys School

**Asmaa Mohamed**  
Middlesex County  
Cross Country  
Champion 2019!



### **Brilliant Club**

On 6th February, 12 of our amazing Y9 & 10 pupils visited Royal Holloway University for their Brilliant Club Graduation Trip. The girls have been working hard for the last 10 weeks in tutorials led by our fantastic PHD Mentor Jackie Teale. The topic of study was; 'After Auschwitz; What Happened to "Never Again"?' Jackie made the tutorial sessions engaging and interesting for the girls and they were able to learn so much about this topic as well as valuable transferable skills. The results for this group have been the strongest ever! All students achieved at least a 2:1 grade and two girls even reached a First Class. Massive congratulations to each of these girls for completing this challenging course and achieving such success!

Well done to: Salama Hassan, Kamila Rowe, Eloise Beaumont, Lema Mirzada, Deepanshi Songra, Tegan Lee, Lavanya Budhan, Chloe Fermor, Salihah Haq, Vesa kurshumlija, Avista Yusuf & Vinoja Rajendran.



### **An interview about digital music club Caitlin Taylor 9MC**

Tell me how you heard about digital music club?

*I heard about it through the excellent poster displayed in our form room.*

What have you enjoyed most?

*I've enjoyed meeting new people and listening to what they can create as well as making up my own songs.*

What skills have you learnt so far?

*I have learnt how to play keyboard on Garage Band software or musical typing as Mr Tottman calls it.*

What would you say to someone who is not sure about coming to digital music club?

*I would just say come, join in, give it a go, you don't need experience.*

## Pastoral Matters

### Attendance

As a school we have attendance of 95.9% in Years 7-11. We are proud of this. 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. Please encourage pupils to attend school with minor coughs and colds. They will be sent home if they are very unwell but generally feel better once the day begins.

We speak to all pupils who are absent from school to ascertain the reason. Please ensure that notes are handed in to explain any absence as well as phoning to notify us of absence on the day.

95% is the minimum attendance that we expect from all pupils.

Year Group	% Attendance
7	96.9 Good
8	96 Good
9	94.9 Requires improvement
10	95.1 Satisfactory
11	96.2 Good
12	96.9 Good
13	94.8 Requires improvement

## *Humanities week trip payments*

Please make sure that you pay for your humanities week trip by midnight on **Sunday 3rd March 2019**. You must use your ParentPay account to do this.

## **Netball update**

All teams have been performing well this season and have continued with their excellent form this term .

Yr 7 beat Oakwood 6 - 1

Yr 9 beat Bishopshalt 9 - 1

Yr 10 beat Bishopshalt 12 - 3

Yr 7 drew with Haydon 3 - 3

Yr 8 beat Haydon 9 - 7

Yr 10 beat Haydon 22 - 4

Mrs Croker (Head of PE)

## Year 8 IET Faraday STEM Challenge Day

*On the 11th January 2019, a group of 18 talented girls were chosen to participate in an engineering competition hosted at Vyners High School. We were divided into 3 groups and let our inner imagination free as we planned and manufactured various maintenance devices for James Webb's Space telescope. It was a liberating experience creating something without any limits. We all produced phenomenal projects however, Vyners won the competition with a one point difference between the winning team and one of our teams! Even though we didn't win, we accomplished and learned so much from this trip. We just want to say a big thank you to Mrs Laguillo for arranging such an exhilarating day of engineering and fun!*

*By Aleha Imayat 8JA*



**Half Term**

**Wednesday 6th March 2019**

**Tuesday 26th March 2019**

**Easter Holidays**

**18th February to 22nd February**

**Year 10 Parents Consultation Evening 4.30-7.30pm**

**Year 7 Parents Consultation Evening 3.30-7.30pm**

**8th April-22nd April 2019**