



Swakeleys wins national awards for performance at GCSE
Year 8 netball team double Borough Champions
Year 7 Sportshall Athletics - 6th in the whole of London
Term 2 House points as of 25th March: Y8-13/Y7 Term 2 results
announced in House Assemblies after Easter

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, the Heathrow Coding challenge, Interfaith day, Inter house sport and widening participation events. Most fantastic of all, was our production of 'Bring It On' 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.

Once again, we have won two national awards for performance at GCSE. "Swakeleys School for Girls was found to be among the best performing secondary schools in the country receiving two awards for being in the top 10% of schools nationally for attainment and progress". Well done to all pupils and staff who helped to achieve this! On Tuesday 5th March we had a staff celebration event to recognise our amazing GCSE results of 2018 and our Progress 8 score of +1.04. We also congratulated Mr Tottman who won the Jack Petchey/Evening Standard support staff member of the year award. He had received so many nominations from our pupils that he came out as the overall winner! He was presented with this award by the Education Secretary Damian Hinds at the Head Offices of the Evening Standard.

There has been a lot of success in relation to extra-curricular activities. Inside this newsletter you will read about our netball teams the sports hall athletics success and trips to the Voice in a Million concert at Wembley Arena and the BT Skills Boot Camp. There have been so many opportunities for our girls to participate in careers opportunities culminating in the whole of Year 7 going on visits to Kidzania this week.

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.

We will be raising money for Water Aid 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 12.25pm as we no longer need an afternoon tutor session. Many thanks for your support over the Spring term. I hope that you all have a peaceful Easter break.

Sue Pryor (Headteacher)



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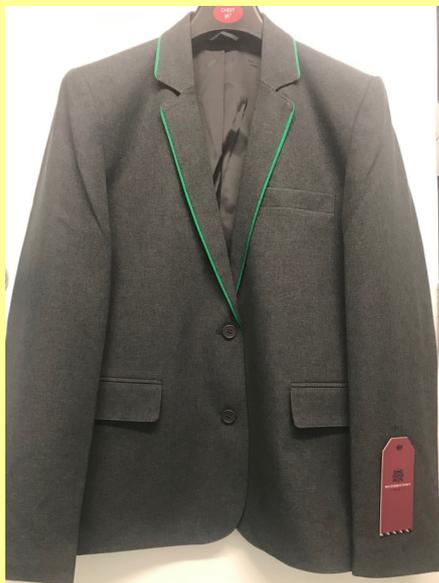
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Years 8 and 9

Please remember to order your new blazer over Easter if you have not yet done so. If you do not do this, you may not have one in time for the new term as the blazers are made in China!

Order via ParentPay



SPORT AT SWAKELEYS!

Sportshall Athletics

Year 7 and 8 were both crowned Borough champions earlier in the term and went on to compete in the West London finals at Harrow. Both teams were amazing, our Year 8's finished 3rd and our Year 7's achieved our best result ever and claimed 1st place.

Year 7 qualified to represent Hillingdon at the London Youth Games where they performed brilliantly against the top schools in London finishing 6th in the whole of London, and Asmaa winning the 6 Lap event.

Interhouse winners

Year 7 – Football – 7FN
Netball – 7RP

Year 8 – Football – 8MC
Netball – 8JA

Year 9 – Football – 9RP
Netball – 9MC



Netball

It has been a very busy term for our netball teams - In their borough tournaments Year 8 finished

1st, year 9 finished 2nd and year 10 finished third. All three teams also reached the League Finals this week after winning their semi-finals and guaranteeing themselves at least a silver medal. In the finals, Years 9 and 10 gained silver medals after close finals against Northwood College. Year 8 completed a fantastic double double, winning both the league and tournament for the second year running – an amazing achievement.

A fantastic year for everyone involved in sport!
Mrs Croker



Would you like to have a say about your school vaccinations?

As part of NHS Quality Governance we would like to include service users in our decision making.

We would be extremely grateful if young people/parents could contact the Immunisation Team to provide their views on the service.

This may involve meeting with a member of staff or being invited to one of our team meetings.

If you would like to take part please contact us on 01895 485740 or cnw-tr.immunisationteam@nhs.net

BT Skills Boot Camp

On Thursday 21st March 32 Year 10 were invited to BT Sports Production Hub in Stratford. They were invited to attend an employability skills workshop which was absolutely fantastic! Below is an account from two of the students who attended the event and a comment from the leader who presented on the day.

"I had a great day with the students from Swakeleys School. Such a fun and interactive day with the students who were focused, professional and attentive all day. I am so proud of all that attended for presenting and speaking in front of a room full of people, and I encourage them to carry on doing so as this will help them in future employment. A really great day all round." **Colin**



"Ms Mej and Ms Wilcox drove us to Stratford and accompanied us on this fabulous trip. We enjoyed learning about the world of work including; how social media can effect your employability, the skills and qualities required for different jobs, interview skills and how to shake hands properly! We were also given a tour of the centre and participated in a Q & A session with different members of BT. It was a fabulous day enjoyed by everyone who took part. Thank you to all staff who made this event possible. **Lily Thompson 10 JA**

British Science Week

This year's theme for British Science Week was Journeys and Travel.

Pupils across years 7 to 9 took part by completing various challenges linked to this theme.

Year 7 pupils took part in our first ever balloon car challenge where they made cars powered by balloons! They then raced these to see which was the fastest.

Year 8 pupils took part in the Channel Tunnel challenge where they had to design and build a miniature version of the Channel Tunnel. They then had to make a train out of card to transport cars through the tunnel.

Year 9 took part by building a spaghetti bridge using spaghetti and marshmallows – weights were placed on the bridge to see which bridge could hold the most weight. Prizes were given out to winners from each group.

Finally, there was the House Rocket competition led by Mr Willis where pupils designed rockets at lunch and after school. Pupils then got to launch their rockets down in the new sports hall. House points were awarded for both the winning rockets and the best designed rocket.

All pupils had an immense amount of fun! Look out for our Science Week Notice Board to see more action from the events!

Miss Bhambra

Job opportunity

Do you know anyone who may be interested in being an exam invigilator?

We pay £8 an hour for this works which starts on 13th May 2019.

If you are interested, please see the details of this post on our web site.

Teachers of the month

January Mrs Marfatia and Mrs Allen

February Ms Wadhwa and Miss Currell

Support Staff Members of the month

January Mrs Grant and Mr Ryan

February Mrs Palmer and Mrs Settembrini



**British Science week
Rockets ready to launch**

A number of celebrities and personalities have shown their support for the VIAM project over the last ten years. This year these included Road Trip and New Hope Club. It was inspiring to see up and coming bands perform on the stage especially as they waved right at us!

It was amazing to see the lights go down on Wembley Arena and the cheers begin. Over 200 schools took part in the concert singing and moving to a range of songs from "Diamonds", "All of Me", "Stronger" and "What About Us". It really was an incredible experience for all that took part!

Voice in a Million was an inspiring and enjoyable experience. We are already looking forward to next year's concert!



On Thursday 21st March members of the Swakeleys Vocal group attended the Voice in a Million (VIAM) Concert at Wembley Arena. The concert aims to make the world aware of the millions of orphaned or abandoned children that need a loving and secure family for life. VIAM showcases some of the finest young singing talent around whilst enabling school children to participate in a once-in-a-lifetime celebration of singing together in front of thousands.

Heathrow Coding Challenge

On Wednesday 20th March and Thursday 21st March, all pupils in Year 8 participated in a Coding Challenge day sponsored by Heathrow. The challenge focussed on coding and the task was to build some driverless 'pods' that could then be programmed to transport passengers from business car parks to Terminal 5. Students worked in teams and were given the task of building their own 'pods' out of Lego. They had to learn basic coding skills that would allow the pod to travel a set route. The challenge finished with a pod 'race off' between the different teams at the end.




It is the fourth year we have been running this event and once again the pupils got fully involved and thoroughly enjoyed this STEM event. It really is a fantastic day with so many Year 8 pupils able to learn new skills in areas such as engineering and technology. They were also able to talk to representatives from Heathrow about their careers and start thinking about a possible future career of their own using the skills they acquired during this event. Mrs Laguillo.

Attendance

As a school we have attendance of 95.9% 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 website 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 Pryor

Year Group	% Attendance	
7	96.8	Excellent
8	96.6	Excellent
9	94.4	Satisfactory
10	96.2	Excellent
11	94.9	Good

Wednesday 24th April 2019	Summer Term begins for all pupils
Monday 6th May 2019	Bank Holiday
Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May 2019	Half Term