



MALALA  
YOUSAFZAI

512



MARIE  
CURIE

613/248



ELIZABETH  
BLACKWELL

558/468



FLORENCE  
NIGHTINGALE

306/571



JANE  
AUSTEN

546/376



ANNE  
FRANK

466/211



ROSA  
PARKS

556/346



DIANA  
SPENCER

614

**Congratulations to our newly appointed 6th form prefects  
Y8 come 2nd and Y7 3rd in Virtual Borough sports hall athletics  
competition  
Well done to all our graduates from the Brilliant Club scholars  
programme  
House points: KS3 first then KS4 & 5**

## From the Headteacher's Desk

I am pleased to be able to say that we have now completed six full weeks of teaching following 'lockdown 3'. It is so good to see pupils back in classrooms learning and to see teachers delivering 'live' lessons. There is no doubt in my mind that there is no substitute for the classroom experience. Having said this, I have been pleased to award over 200 Headteacher Distinctions in March and 286 in April. Many of these were for outstanding work completed during the period of remote learning. I have included another example of a poem written during lockdown in this edition of the newsletter.

Staff and students have been working extremely hard on the extremely difficult process of awarding centre assessed grades for Y11, 12 and 13. Y11 have been working on assessments in lessons as they had a full period of mock exams last November. After Easter, Y12 and Y13 have both had a week of assessments in the hall under controlled conditions, as they had to sit their mocks remotely due to lockdown. I am confident that we have a rigorous and robust process for awarding grades and have been impressed by the way our students have responded to the cancellation of exams. Just a reminder that the last day of teaching for Y11 and Y13 is Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May. Those returning to the 6<sup>th</sup> form will need to attend induction days on 21<sup>st</sup> June and 22<sup>nd</sup> June (this day is for STEM subjects only). We wish them all well in whatever they choose to do in the future.

One of the things that has impressed me is the way many things have continued so well during lockdown. Many of our pupils have engaged in virtual work experience, we carried out our sixth form interviews and we conducted parents' evenings via Zoom. Since returning, Mr Bremner and I had the pleasure of interviewing our 6<sup>th</sup> form prefect applicants. They were so impressive – smart, professional, well prepared and extremely articulate. The names of our new prefects are included in this newsletter. Many congratulations to all of them.

As we move forward, hopefully lockdown will continue to ease and we will get back to even more normality. Y10 should be preparing for their exams, we are getting ready for Y6 to Y7 transition and starting to make plans for next year. We have moved our sports day to July 2<sup>nd</sup> and are looking forward to being able to put on some of the special events that we have done in the past.

As always, I would like to thank you for your continued support. Please do continue to do all that you can to ensure that your daughter/son has excellent attendance, is in full uniform, behaving well and doing her/his very best.

Sue Pryor  
Headteacher

# SPORT AT SWAKELEYS!

## Virtual Borough Competitions

Congratulations to the students who represented Swakeleys School in the Hillingdon Borough Virtual Sports Hall Athletics Competition. The year 7 team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall and the year 8 team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> overall.

Year 7 team: Mya (7DS), Vivien (7DS), Lili (7MY), Malak (7FN), Amelia (7RP) and Harmony (7MC)

Year 8 team: Christiana (8EB), Ibukun (8JA), Natalia (8FN), Yusra (8MC) and Honour (8MC)

## Lockdown Challenges

Throughout lockdown students have been participating in various fitness challenges to win house points.

The results are as follows:

<p>Year 7 Overall Multi Sport:</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>1<sup>ST</sup></td><td>AF</td></tr> <tr><td>2<sup>ND</sup></td><td>RP</td></tr> <tr><td>3<sup>RD</sup></td><td>JA</td></tr> </table>	1 <sup>ST</sup>	AF	2 <sup>ND</sup>	RP	3 <sup>RD</sup>	JA	<p>Year 7 Mount Peak Challenge:</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>1<sup>ST</sup></td><td>AF</td></tr> <tr><td>2<sup>ND</sup></td><td>MY</td></tr> <tr><td>3<sup>RD</sup></td><td>FN</td></tr> </table> <p>Individual Results:</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Nabiah (7DS) 2<sup>nd</sup> Husaina (FN) 3<sup>rd</sup> Simran (7AF)</p>	1 <sup>ST</sup>	AF	2 <sup>ND</sup>	MY	3 <sup>RD</sup>	FN	<p>Year 7 Plank Challenge:</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>1<sup>ST</sup></td><td>DS</td></tr> <tr><td>2<sup>ND</sup></td><td>RP</td></tr> <tr><td>3<sup>RD</sup></td><td>MC</td></tr> </table> <p>Individual Results:</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Sirine (7RP) 2<sup>nd</sup> Tharniyaa (7MC) 3<sup>rd</sup> Nabiah (7DS)</p>	1 <sup>ST</sup>	DS	2 <sup>ND</sup>	RP	3 <sup>RD</sup>	MC
1 <sup>ST</sup>	AF																			
2 <sup>ND</sup>	RP																			
3 <sup>RD</sup>	JA																			
1 <sup>ST</sup>	AF																			
2 <sup>ND</sup>	MY																			
3 <sup>RD</sup>	FN																			
1 <sup>ST</sup>	DS																			
2 <sup>ND</sup>	RP																			
3 <sup>RD</sup>	MC																			
<p>Year 8 Overall Multi Sport:</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>1<sup>ST</sup></td><td>AF</td></tr> <tr><td>2<sup>ND</sup></td><td>RP</td></tr> <tr><td>3<sup>RD</sup></td><td>JA</td></tr> </table>	1 <sup>ST</sup>	AF	2 <sup>ND</sup>	RP	3 <sup>RD</sup>	JA	<p>Year 8 Mount Peak Challenge:</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>1<sup>ST</sup></td><td>JA</td></tr> <tr><td>2<sup>ND</sup></td><td>RP</td></tr> <tr><td>3<sup>RD</sup></td><td>FN</td></tr> </table> <p>Individual Results:</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Lekshmi (8JA) 2<sup>nd</sup> Izzy (8RP) 3<sup>rd</sup> Fatmina (7FN)</p>	1 <sup>ST</sup>	JA	2 <sup>ND</sup>	RP	3 <sup>RD</sup>	FN	<p>Year 8 Plank Challenge:</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>1<sup>ST</sup></td><td>AF</td></tr> <tr><td>2<sup>ND</sup></td><td>RP</td></tr> <tr><td>3<sup>RD</sup></td><td>JA</td></tr> </table> <p>Individual Results:</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Sirine (7RP) 2<sup>nd</sup> Tharniyaa (7MC) 3<sup>rd</sup> Nabiah (7DS)</p>	1 <sup>ST</sup>	AF	2 <sup>ND</sup>	RP	3 <sup>RD</sup>	JA
1 <sup>ST</sup>	AF																			
2 <sup>ND</sup>	RP																			
3 <sup>RD</sup>	JA																			
1 <sup>ST</sup>	JA																			
2 <sup>ND</sup>	RP																			
3 <sup>RD</sup>	FN																			
1 <sup>ST</sup>	AF																			
2 <sup>ND</sup>	RP																			
3 <sup>RD</sup>	JA																			
<p>Year 9 Running Challenge:</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>1<sup>ST</sup></td><td>DS</td></tr> <tr><td>2<sup>ND</sup></td><td>MC</td></tr> <tr><td>3<sup>RD</sup></td><td>JA</td></tr> </table> <p>Individual Results:</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Tyia (9JA) 2<sup>nd</sup> Sophia (9DS) 3<sup>rd</sup> Andreina (9AF)</p>	1 <sup>ST</sup>	DS	2 <sup>ND</sup>	MC	3 <sup>RD</sup>	JA	<p>Year 9 Mount Peak Challenge:</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>1<sup>ST</sup></td><td>EB</td></tr> <tr><td>2<sup>ND</sup></td><td>DS</td></tr> <tr><td>3<sup>RD</sup></td><td>MY</td></tr> </table> <p>Individual Results:</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Aamnah (9EB) 2<sup>nd</sup> Khushleen (9MY) 3<sup>rd</sup> Sophia (9DS)</p>	1 <sup>ST</sup>	EB	2 <sup>ND</sup>	DS	3 <sup>RD</sup>	MY	<p>Year 9 Plank Challenge:</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>1<sup>ST</sup></td><td>DS</td></tr> <tr><td>2<sup>ND</sup></td><td>AF</td></tr> <tr><td>3<sup>RD</sup></td><td>MC</td></tr> </table> <p>Individual Results:</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Sirine (7RP) 2<sup>nd</sup> Tharniyaa (7MC) 3<sup>rd</sup> Nabiah (7DS)</p>	1 <sup>ST</sup>	DS	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AF	3 <sup>RD</sup>	MC
1 <sup>ST</sup>	DS																			
2 <sup>ND</sup>	MC																			
3 <sup>RD</sup>	JA																			
1 <sup>ST</sup>	EB																			
2 <sup>ND</sup>	DS																			
3 <sup>RD</sup>	MY																			
1 <sup>ST</sup>	DS																			
2 <sup>ND</sup>	AF																			
3 <sup>RD</sup>	MC																			
<p>Year 10 Running Challenge:</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>1<sup>ST</sup></td><td>JA</td></tr> <tr><td>2<sup>ND</sup></td><td>RP</td></tr> <tr><td>3<sup>RD</sup></td><td>AF</td></tr> </table> <p>Individual Results:</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Sarah (10JA) 2<sup>nd</sup> Soha (10AF) 3<sup>rd</sup> Anushka (10JA)</p>			1 <sup>ST</sup>	JA	2 <sup>ND</sup>	RP	3 <sup>RD</sup>	AF												
1 <sup>ST</sup>	JA																			
2 <sup>ND</sup>	RP																			
3 <sup>RD</sup>	AF																			

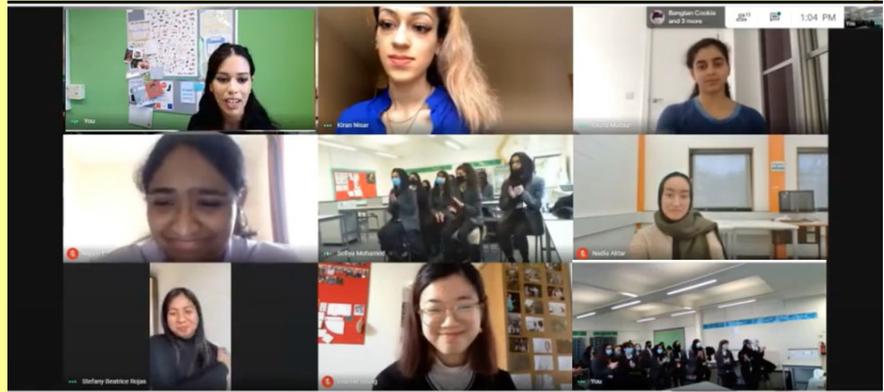
## Lateral Flow testing

Please remember that all students should be completing two lateral flow tests for COVID-19 each week and reporting the results to NHS. All instructions are in the packs. Many thanks for your help and support with this. It is an important aspect of keeping our school safe.



# British Science Week by Miss G Gowrikanthan and Miss N Mann

From the 8th March to the 15th March, the students at Swakeleys celebrated British Science Week. The theme of this year's BSW was innovating for the future; KS4 students had the task of designing and presenting an app for a good social cause. In addition, some students in Years 9,10 and 11, took part in a virtual STEM conference which focused on women in STEM careers. The panel consisted of Miss Gowrikanthan, two medical students, a Biological Science student, a physician's



associate and an engineer. The students thoroughly enjoyed this event and asked some insightful questions. Furthermore, they addressed many social matters such as; being a woman in STEM, mental health, work life balance and study techniques. Here is some feedback from students about their experience:

Amatullaah Gonzales - "It was very fun and gave me much insight into possible careers. It was especially useful since lots of people are still unsure as to what they would like to do in the future and this experience really gave valuable advice to take away". The photo above shows pupils participating in their STEM conferences.

Soha Jamal - "It helped me very much to find out more about the STEM career and what to look for the future that could help me. It was also very interesting to find out about other people's experiences".

In KS3, students also embraced the BSW's theme of innovating for the future. They helped NASA and SpaceX with their rocket designs for future missions to Mars! With the help of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, students created straw rockets and tested the distance travelled by their rocket. Embracing the idea of innovation, students then modified their rockets to try and improve propulsion.

Abigail Reid in 7EB discovered her first design travelled a total distance of 1.2 metres. She then modified the 'fin' design and found her rocket travelled a greater distance of 1.5 metres! She concluded that NASA and SpaceX should focus on their 'fin' designs for maximum propulsion! The picture is of her straw rocket! British Science Week was a powerful reminder of the significance of science in our world and the possibilities that science, along with other STEM subjects has to change our future. This was an inspiring week for students and teachers as it helped reignite a love for learning and a passion for science in the classroom.



**in London**

Local Minds working in partnership

Our last day of term raised over £1,000.00 for the mental health charity Mind. Well done!

## Teachers of the month

March Mr Tatla  
Ms Huang

## Support Staff Members of the month

March Miss Caldwell  
Mrs Sheldon

**If you are in Y11 or Y13 and have a Chromebook, please return it to the school office before May 28th.**

Lockdown poem by  
Millie Badham 9JA

Our Warriors

Together we stand  
Shoulder to shoulder  
Powerful and gracious  
Friends

The people that gave us life  
Are power and grace  
They are strong, smart, brave  
They love us no matter what  
Mothers

Beautiful and kind  
The bond that lasts forever  
Daughters

The light in the darkness  
The sun in the winter  
Our warriors  
Women

## EAL News

Here at Swakeleys, we are starting up a new buddy system for students joining us from other countries. We are currently in the application process! So why is it important? One of our new trainee buddy explains her thoughts:

"I think that we need EAL buddies in school to be able to make new students feel included and to break language barriers. It enables new students to settle in faster and feel more comfortable when adjusting to school life. It will also encourage kindness as everyone is different but that doesn't mean that anyone should feel excluded."

Ruby Cargill 10EB

*Congratulations to our newly appointed 6th form prefects!*

Farewar Ahmadi  
Laylan Al-Bazzaz  
Hannah Alchihimi  
Georgia Atkinson Watts  
Asra Bibi  
Katie Haynes  
Nehmat Hundal  
Lavanya Manral  
Lema Mirzada  
Chloe Patrick  
Stephanie Pelosi  
Dawn Pickwick  
Aliza Rehman  
Lily Thompson  
Mariya Zahid



shutterstock.com · 1783508

## Brilliant Club

"Huge congratulations to our 12 students in Year 9 & Year 10 who graduated from the KS4 Scholars Programme today! Thank you to The Brilliant Club for

organising a  
really  
engaging and  
enjoyable  
afternoon to  
celebrate  
their success."

Mrs Laguillo



Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June

Wednesday 16th June

Friday 2nd July

Friday 23rd July

Half Term

Y9 Parents' Evening

Sports Day (Y7-9) at Uxbridge Stadium

Last day of term (lunchtime finish)