



**Two Y12 students win the prestigious Ambassador's Debate
Swakeleys wins the Hillingdon Dance Festival
Year 10 perform Hamlet at the Shakespeare Schools' Festival**

From the Headteacher's Desk

This has been another busy half term with trips and events going on including visiting Globe players performing Shakespeare, a day based on the theme 'Your Life, You Choose' for Y8, Interfaith day, Inter-house sport and widening participation events. We also had a wonderful evening of dance which gave our GCSE pupils the opportunity to perform in front of a live audience. We had to postpone our production of The Adams Family but this will now go ahead in the summer term.



There has been a lot of success in relation to extra-curricular activities. Inside this newsletter you will read about our netball teams the inter-house sports, the success of our pupils winning the Hillingdon Dance Festival, and events which took place to mark World Book Day. This week our Y10 students performed Hamlet at the Shakespeare Schools' festival and received some excellent feedback. 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.

Debating continues to be a real strength of the school. Two of our Year 12 students were invited to take part in the 'Ambassador's Debate' competition. This involved competing with some of the top schools in the country. We are incredibly proud of the fact that they got to the final which was held at the American Embassy in London and they won! The two students are Sebha Basra and Batool Malik pictured below.

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.

We will be raising money for Action Aid supporting the Ukraine humanitarian Appeal on our last day of term which is a non-uniform day. On this day, we will finish at 12.25pm.

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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YOUSAFZAI
2475**



**MARIE
CURIE
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**ELIZABETH
BLACKWELL
2571**



**FLORENCE
NIGHTINGALE
2461**



**JANE
AUSTEN
2584**



**ANNE
FRANK
1969**



**ROSA
PARKS
2416**



**DIANA
SPENCER
1865**

London Youth Games



Swakeleys Squad have won the **Hillingdon Dance Festival** and will now be representing the borough in the London Youth Games. This is a fabulous achievement for all involved. Special thanks to Naomi Golden in Year 12 for her leadership skills with the group! Good luck for the London Youth Games!



World Book Day

Recently, in celebration of World Book Day, the English department held a range of activities that allowed students to compete in a bid to gain knowledge and some fun prizes! This included a Match the Teacher to the Book competition, which led students around the school from poster to poster, that all had 3 facts about a member of staff and their favourite book. Along with this, there was an accessible online list of the participating staff members and the books they loved. This inclusive and thrilling activity ended up with many eager students participating, which resulted in them gaining a whole new list of books to try reading, based on the staff's recommendations. The students who triumphed were Ruby Castle-Mason in 10JA and Adeela-Bushra Zahid in 8FN who took home a £10 WHSmith voucher!

As if that wasn't enough, the school also left 5 envelopes for each year group containing quotes that students were tasked with matching to books. These were cleverly hidden around the school, ensuring students were innovative with where they searched, specifically as the prize was a new, popular and diverse book to keep as their own. To top that all off, all students were provided with World Book Day vouchers, ensuring that everyone could obtain a brand-new book to celebrate this joyous day! All in all, it was an extremely successful and interactive occasion for everyone to join in with.



Netball update

This term saw the end of the 2021-2022 Netball season with various semi-finals and borough tournaments taking place to decide which team will take home the trophy. Y7 have shown great determination throughout this season, which came to an end with the Year 7 Borough Tournament. The girls played incredibly finishing second in their pool out of 5 teams - a fantastic way to close the season. Yr 8 and Yr 9 finished the season having made it to through to the league semi final's, unfortunately, both teams were unsuccessful in reaching the final. However, we look forward to what they can achieve next season.

Players of the season:

Yr 7 - Corrine Thomas Yr9 Grace Godbold
Yr 8 - Tia Goddard Yr 10 Katie Card



"Frankly Speaking 2022 Ambassador's Debate"



This was the Annual Extended Mace debating competition hosted by the US Embassy. Heats took place at Benjamin Franklin House and the finalists were then invited to the US Embassy for the final. The morning was taken up by debating 2 heats. Sebha Bhasra and Batool Malik from Y12 started off debating about whether the emergency services should have the right to strike, then debating, **'This House believes that the global tourism industry does more harm than good.'**

They then took on the Southbank International School in the semi finals debating, **'This house believes that economic sanctions do not defend against threats to international peace and security'.**

Unbelievably, they won all four debates!

They then made tracks to the US Embassy where they went head to head with Camden School for Girls. They performed brilliantly and won the final which is an amazing achievement. Sebha won runner up best speaker in the competition and Batool the overall winner.

Batool will now head to the US in June where she will spend 4 weeks in Indiana. The individual prize for the Year 12 & 13 category is a place at the prestigious Benjamin Franklin Transatlantic Fellows Summer Institute. This is a 4 week programme from late June to late July at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. Awesome!

Inter-house sports

This term, we saw students compete in inter-house sports, with year 8 students competing in either handball or bench ball, and year 9 and 10 students competing in volleyball. The students performed very well, with some tight competition between houses.

We saw some amazing results from many different forms, including 9JA who managed to be undefeated in their volleyball tournament. Overall, it was a great week of sport, with all students supporting each other and showing great teamwork and spirit. Although the year 7 competitions were postponed due to wet weather, the excitement is building up for the rescheduled date of Wednesday the 24th of March, where we will see the year 7 students battle it out for bench ball and tag rugby. Well done to all the competitors for their effort, as well as our helpers from years 9 and 10, and all the supporting staff. Without their help, the competitions could not have run as smoothly as they did.

Teacher of the month for February

Ms Jones
Mr Gray

Support staff member of the month for February

Mr Tottman
Mrs Darlington



These are our Sixth Form CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young) Volunteers.

The students set up the group having been inspired by a talk from our guest speaker and school liaison Jeff Markham (pictured).

Their aim is to raise awareness in school of how the charity is preventing young sudden cardiac deaths through screening and research, and supporting affected families. The group have been hosting regular planning meetings after school on how to better inform their school community of the issues as well as raise funds for the charity.

Yesterday the group met with the CEO of CRY Steve Cox and he remarked how impressed he was by their level of maturity and commitment. He took on board the points they raised, and will be sharing the organizations research findings and information regarding the roles of: Coroner, Pathologist, Cardiologist & Geneticists within the work they do.

He is going to think about a possible webinar with one of their cardiologists, and a possible link with The My Heart counselling group that provide support for bereaved families.

Updates from the Performing Arts Department



Shakespeare Schools Festival - Hamlet

Our talented Year 10 Drama class will be performing "Hamlet" at the Beck Theatre on Tuesday 22nd March. All have been working hard to learn lines and perfect a polished performance of this well-known Shakespeare tragedy. This promises to be an outstanding piece of Shakespeare. Good luck to all those involved.

Addams Family

The Performing Arts team are pleased to confirm that we have rescheduled the school production and The Addams Family is back!! Performances will now be taking place on **Wednesday 29th** and **Thursday 30th June**. It will be great to have the full cast back in rehearsals! All information for the cast can be located on google classroom.

Evening of Dance 2022

The Performing Arts Department hosted our "Evening of Dance" on Wednesday 9th March. It was truly wonderful to see our students from Y7 - 12 participate in such a wide range of dances and styles. A diverse programme that allowed the dancers to really shine in such a positive light. It was great to see so many dancers having their moment to demonstrate their talent and love of dance. A big thank you to Miss Coking and the dancers for such an enjoyable evening.

Music Exam Achievements

Congratulations to the following for their excellent result in their private piano exam:

Claire Goodall Grade 3 Piano Merit

If you would like to learn an instrument please see Mrs Dennis for more information.

Hillingdon Emerging Talent

Congratulations to Anvitaa Pathak who has won a place in the Hillingdon Emerging Talent Competition. The competition has selected 14 young singers from across the borough to develop their performance skills and knowledge of the industry. Anvitaa will be taking part in a masterclass development workshop with professional vocalists from a range of sectors. She will be meeting with a Musical Director to arrange her chosen song with a live band and then perform at the Global Academy! A fantastic achievement. Well done, Anvitaa!!

UNIFORM SHOP

To support families who may find buying uniform expensive, we are setting up a second hand uniform shop. If you have items that are no longer needed and you can donate them, we would be very grateful. Please wash the items and send in to school in a plastic carrier bag for the attention of Mrs Manwaring. Please bring to the visitors entrance.

When Year 11 leave, we will be asking them to donate their blazers as this initiative was really successful last year and helped a lot of our families. When laundered they look brand new!

Thank you for your help with this.
Mrs Pryor

Music Courses

A great experience to learn the guitar or drums... Or to improve your guitar and drum skills!

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for Hillingdon residents aged 11 to 18
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Global Academy, 1 Record Walk, Hayes, UB9 1DH

Beginners 10am to 12pm
Ever wanted to pick up guitar or drumsticks?
Suitable for students who haven't played before or are new to their instrument.

Improvers 1pm to 3pm
Can you play a few chords or riffs and read tab, or do you already know how to play a drum beat?
Suitable for students who have been playing for a few months and know open chords/ how to play simple 4/4 beats (or Grades 1-2)

Advanced 3.30pm to 5.30pm
Feel confident in your playing but looking for the chance to rock out in a group?
Suitable for students who know a range of riffs, chords and scales/a few different drum beats and fills (or GS and above)

All instruments and equipment provided
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or contact: musicevents@hillingdon.gov.uk

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A number of students signed up to this in the October half term and had a great time. Even better it's free! Please follow the link in the poster if you are interested or speak to Mrs Dennis

Wednesday 20 April 2022

Monday 2 May 2022

Monday 30 May - Friday 3 June 2022

Summer Term begins for all pupils

Bank Holiday

Half Term