



SMSC “Matters”

Autumn 2017

SMSC General

The Mayor of London visits JRCS



On Thursday 2nd November, we were delighted to welcome Sadiq Khan, The Mayor of London to JRCS. He was speaking at an event hosted by Castle Green called People’s Question Time. This prestigious event enabled Castle Green to showcase its excellent conference facilities and also enabled our Year 12 A Level Politics students to meet him prior to the event. These students, named below, asked the Mayor several questions relating to his vision for the future for both the Borough itself and the City of London.



Students: Elina Bakolli, Fahima Dualeh, Oreoluwa Majekdunmi, Kian Murphy, Jon Cullen, Daisy Nzengo, Gloria Boateng, Laurent Brandao, Foreman Petrie, Jamie Adekeye, Andrei Scutaru, Lauren Tooze, Maryam Choudhary and Alisha Seth

It was a highly successful event and I would like to particularly thank Leigh-Anne Flegg, the Events Manager at Castle Green for putting the whole thing together.



Mr Smith
Headteacher

Ibukun Silva-Ope 10F



In 2011, The Jack Petchey Foundation launched the Achiever Network project. This programme provides an intense 18 month personal learning and development programme for students who are successful in their application.

Ibukun Silva-Ope in Year 10 applied in June and was one of only 30 students selected from over 12,500. This is an incredible achievement and Ibukun will now begin the programme with a weekend residential, this is where the young people build and develop friendships with their peers and undertake team-building exercises.

In addition to the residential weekend, there are four training days which focus upon subjects such as Self Esteem, Communication, Leadership, Listening and Negotiating Skills, Peer Pressure, Time/Stress Management and Study & Revision techniques. In addition to the training sessions, each young person is provided with a skilled mentor, who provides a minimum of three face to face contacts, as well as long term

support over the span of the programme. Furthermore, Ibukun will make decisions on future programmes, contributing to design and campaigns, being on interview panels, assisting with day to day work and hosting VIP guests at events, all of which form an integral element of the Achiever Network experience.

The programme culminates in a graduation ceremony, where all students are awarded their graduation certificates in front of their families and VIP's.

Ms Boller
Student Communication Manager

Year 7 – 'The Island' day

On Tuesday 5th September, our new Year 7s had their first day at Jo Richardson based on a fictional Island. The students took part in a number of sessions across a range of departments, from building a communications tower in Maths to transporting a secret code across the Island in Dance. The day was focused around three core principles which made up our whole school numeracy programme 'Go Figure'; problem solving, reasoning and decision making. The students were fantastic and their contributions and discussions were really impressive.

The Year 7 form Tutors nominated students that embraced the three core principles well during the day so congratulations goes to:

- 7A – Joel Nzanga and Tommy McCarthy
- 7B – Jasmine Hunter St Louis and Sandeep Singh
- 7C – Ventsislav Trayanov and Monica Pavlova
- 7D – Millie Hindle and Frankie Garland
- 7E – Jessica Kane and Bradley Carrol
- 7F – Jimmy Bradley and Zach Skeels-Jackson
- 7G – Mae Turner and Jack Munday
- 7H – Matthew Stevens-Baker and Dylan Buck
- 7I – Lewis Walsh and Antoinette Nvula Mavumba
- 7J – Isaac Akinyemi and Scarlett Camilleri

Well done Year 7 - a really impressive first day!

Mrs Johnson
Island Day Co-ordinator



Year 7 Lexia

A Big congratulations to Paa Kwesi and Lola Oloyede from 7F who were the first Year 7 students to successfully complete the Lexia programme! This is a fantastic achievement, well done. We have had a really positive start to Lexia this year with over 80 Year 7 students passing levels in the first month.

Well done to the Year 7's on their commitment and progress using Lexia so far- keep up the good work!

Miss Simpson
Lexia Co-ordinator



WE UK



On the 27th September, myself and several other students were invited by WE to partake in an international Skype Call for the opening ceremony of the WE Global Learning Centre building. This launch was taking place in Canada, and had students from schools in Chicago to Kenya taking part and stating how excited they were to be part of the future of WE movements; and we represented the whole of WE UK. Before we actually spoke to the sponsors and charity in Toronto, we had some time to talk to students from Winnipeg, Chicago, Kenya and Ecuador, we did an international dab and showed cross-continental love with hearts; the other students even drew the various flags on paper, showing us all united by the power of WE.

In summary, the experience was an amazing way to communicate with people from across the globe and have the opportunity to represent the UK abroad.

Attendees: Abigail Hall, Niranjana Unni, Sueda Oktay, Sabrina Shaikh, Gabriele Sartauskaite and Aniqqa Sheikh.

Sueda Oktay 13B

Well done Alice!

Alice Campbell 13B, represented England and The Jo Richardson Community School in September at the School Games held at Loughborough University. 1600 Elite athletes competed in their sports.

Alice remained undefeated all weekend and took Gold in the women's Individual Foil and a second Gold in the mixed team event.

In October, Alice was selected to represent Great Britain U20. She will compete in Germany at the end of October. She was also selected alongside three other fencers to fence for Great Britain U20 in the U20 team competition.



Mr Smith
Headteacher

Peace Garden Poppy

This photo was taken by Jordan McCarthy 9G. It is one of the first photos taken as part of his Duke of Edinburgh skills project. It was taken in the JRCS Peace Garden.

Ms Lynch
Second in SDD



Borneo Expedition Training



On the first weekend in November we took 20 students on our expedition training weekend. The trip was designed so that the students can work on teambuilding, communication and experience safety drills in preparation for the full expedition in July. Despite the torrential rain and sub-zero temperatures, spirits were high and the students coped very well with the activities which challenged them physically and mentally. We celebrated a 15th birthday with Sam Deriouch and the birthday cake was a welcome treat after a long day of activities.

Well done team – Here's to a warmer climate!

Ms Boller, Mr Hargreaves, Ms Campbell and Mr Hill

GOALS Project

On Tuesday 31st October and Wednesday 1st November, we took 14 Year 10 girls to participate in a two day GOALS workshop which aimed to inspire and motivate young girls in Barking and Dagenham. The two days saw the girls listen to a number of female guest speakers with inspiring stories as well as participating in a range of teamwork and leadership activities to boost confidence and leadership. Many of the girls were also involved in being the photographers for the day and developed camera and interview techniques. I was extremely proud of the students who had the courage to interview students and teachers from other schools to get their opinion on women's rights and sexual equality. The students designed their own thought provoking questions on gender equality and carried their interviews out with professionalism. All students were an asset to the school over the two days.

Miss Simpson
Teach of Dance

Children in Need

A huge thank you to everyone who supported Children in Need with the non-uniform day. Our incredible fundraising Student Voice team also ran a London to Paris bikeathon with the Year 7 forms which raised £898.

The wonderful Dane Green in Year 7 also had his head shaved for the brilliant charity and raised an incredible £170. In total as a school we raised £2220 on the day.

Well done to everyone who contributed, supported and took part in what was a memorable day.

Ms Boller & The Student Voice Fundraising Team



Fire Cadets

Miss Draisey would like to congratulate the following people for applying to be a Fire cadet in the Borough:

Joshua Sam 8A, Carl Quist-Arcton 8F, Sameer Ali 8H and Ryan Smith 8E,

They will have the opportunity to train as a fire department worker, complete drills to improve fitness and learn life-saving skills. They were given this opportunity, had to complete an application form and attend an interview. So far, two students have been accepted. Well done boys for aspiring to be your best!



Miss Draisey and the Year 8 Team

Sutton Scholars

On Friday 1st December 30 Year 8 students were offered an opportunity to apply online for a university-based programme that runs throughout the school holidays with University College London. They were selected based on both their academic performance at school, their behaviour, mindset and homework scores from October. The application was done online and had to be completed in just two days! A total of 16 applied and we will wait and see whether or not they get a place, but what a great show of students who want to be their absolute best version of themselves! The students who have applied are listed below:

Alexander Adekeye 8A, Arafat Abiola 8C, Adedamola Olatunji Oristade 8A, Sorna Chondhury 8A, Alba Nuhiyallari 8C, Rachel Okine 8C, Goda Valeisaite 8C, Chelsea Akposheri-Oweh 8C, Maddie Mortimer 8D, Gloriane Kabeya 8F, Megan McCabe 8F, Sammi Lai 8G, Filip Zajdler 8H, Enisa Kurta 8H, Jenny Peka 8H and Waleed Rafique 8J.

A huge well done from Miss Draisey and the Year 8 Team!

SMSC Maths

UK Senior Maths Team Challenge

On Wednesday 29th November we sent four students from Years 11, 12 and 13 to compete in the UK Senior Maths Team Challenge. This is an annual event held at the prestigious Queen Mary College in Mile End. The competition draws from schools across London and features some of the best mathematicians the capital has to offer. Tolu Oluwole 13D, Thomas Clarke 13E, Nishat Islam 12D and Aryan Aftab 11E were chosen to represent the school.

Our team came a respectable 25th from 40 schools that entered the competition.

Well done to you all!

Mr Mir
Maths Department

SMSC Sixth Form

Blackland Farm Fun!

On Wednesday 13th September, our new Sixth Formers attended a day of teambuilding activities with members of the Consortium at Blackland Farm, East Grinstead.

Many of the students conquered their fears and participated in activities such as abseiling and climbing, as well as completing problem-solving activities and having to communicate effectively with their team members. The day drew to a dramatic conclusion when all teams had to build a parachute for their egg they had carried about all day. Each egg was dropped from the top of the abseil tower and although some made it safely to the bottom, others were completely scrambled (and that is no yolk!).

Well done to all Year 12 students who took part to make the day such a success!

Mrs Evans
Deputy Director of Sixth Form



Sixth Form get adventurous

Year 13 ran out of the classroom confines on Wednesday 13th September, to take on the challenges of two activity centres.

Year 13 knew that the water awaited them at Stubbers! Firstly, they had to overcome the heights of the climbing walls or high ropes activity. Not only did they manage this impressively but they also managed to pose for photos part way up, and even race around the very top level of the high rope area. Abseiling down the towers seemed to take them seconds, some brave enough to try it bouncing down rather than walking! Their grips were tested as they had to navigate the climbing wall areas, as well as turning in circles without falling off.

Then came the rafting! The care taken to strap in the barrels, make sure buoyancy and balance were top priority of the raft was amusing to see, no-one wanted to fall in! Once all rafts were ready then it was race time; suddenly water was their friend, at least enough to be paddle splashed over the opposing rafts/rafters! The confidence in their raft building skills was sky high as proven by the number of phones taken onto the high seas with



them. "They are water-proof", we were told when we expressed our concern over this action, "Yes, but that doesn't mean they don't sink to the bottom of the lake if you drop them", a few worried faces now! The platform was made by several, which soon became a launch pad for jumping in. Having been so careful not to get wet, virtually every rafter came back dripping but also grinning. (Some had even brought the change of clothes suggested on the letter).

Year 13 were great company, got to know others in Year 13 better. Some of them found they had talents they did not know and strength to conquer things that at first seemed daunting.

Well done to all students who took part, now take that determination into your studies!!

Miss Campbell
Deputy Director of Sixth Form

Year 13 Networked Scholarship @ HSF LLP

Every year we are fortunate to be invited to be part of the Herbert Smith Freehills Networked Scholarship Scheme. Five Year 12 students are selected to attend two workshops at this prestigious law firm's London offices. They have the opportunity to apply for the scholarship and, if successful, embark on a five year support programme whilst they complete their A levels, move onto university and ultimately get help to network to get their first step onto the employment ladder. Students from eight different London based schools compete for five scholarship places during May/June Year 12. The scholarship launch takes place in the September of the students' Year 13.

I was privileged enough to be invited by Joe Chilton-Booth, 13C, to be his guest at the 2017 Cohort Launch at the start of September. Joe was successful in his application and interview and won a scholarship place. We are immensely proud of this achievement as it means he will have a three week internship during Summer 2018, probably have a business trip to Paris with the firm and also get the opportunity to present a pitch, to one of HSF's top clients, quite possibly Goldman Sachs.

Featured picture shows Joe with myself and Honey Sanusi, who is the Citizenship Co-ordinator at HSF, and facilitates the Networked Scholarship Programme.

Joe becomes our 3rd successful Networked Scholar – Congratulations!

Miss Campbell
Deputy Director of Sixth Form

Colin Pond Scholarship

At a ceremony held at the Barking Learning Centre Sabrina Asrafova, Nishat Islam, Megan Marsh, Shannon Still and Jennifer Tabora Da Silva were presented with the Colin Pond Scholarship. This new award is Borough-wide and representatives from the Borough were there to celebrate with students from each Borough Sixth Form. The £500 award is given to the five top GCSE students who then progress to the Sixth Form. This a wonderful award for these hard working students.

Mrs Wren
Vice Principle – Southern Consortium



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Psychology students visit London Zoo

On Monday 13th November, a group of Year 12 Psychology students went to London Zoo. We took part in a workshop with a clinical hypnotherapist who taught us about the Friendly Spider programme that the zoo runs to help treat people with arachnophobia. We were able to consolidate some of the knowledge that we have been learning in our Psychology lessons. We also had some free time to visit some of the other inhabitants of the zoo!

Mrs Quail
Head of Social Studies



Brain Day 2017



Going to Brain Day was by far one of the most insightful and fascinating experiences I have had the opportunity to attend.

We did a few activities with a very enthused Dr Guy Sutton, a man who was so passionate about neuroscience (I have literally never met anyone as enthralled by the brain as he is) that it inspired me instantly. During the day, we listened to two engaging lectures regarding the brain and how different things affect it and therefore us, in different ways. For example, one lecture had us exploring how drugs actually affected neurochemical aspects of our body and how some drugs are much more harmful than one would initially think. In addition to this, we were also asked to participate in some online activities looking at the specifics of drugs with animations of mice, which I admit was amusing to watch.



The dissection and handling of a sheep's brain was easily the best part of the day. Being able to visually examine the different parts of a brain and relate it to how we operate in our everyday lives was surreal. We don't tend to consciously think about the way our brain functions in order for us to live the way we do, but honestly, listening to Dr Sutton and looking at the brain allowed me to appreciate everything that our organ and its complex parts in our skull does for us. The brain dissection was also a learning experience as we witnessed just how fragile our brain is in the physical sense, especially since Dr Sutton seemed to cut through different parts of it as if it were a

small meat chunk.

Holding the brain, well... that sure was interesting. A sheep's brain is notably smaller than our own, but the structure of the brain is nearly identical to our own so identifying the different parts of the brain and where they were really excited me and I didn't expect it to feel the way it did. Its outside and protective layer, known as the meninges, was incredibly tough and tugging on it emphasised that, you genuinely couldn't rip it apart which none of us expected. Though it seems quite weird to hold an actual organ in your hands, I can't emphasise how riveting the experience was. The experience of having life itself in your hands, is something that I'll never forget.

Overall, I felt that the whole point of Brain Day was to recognise that our brain is a wonderfully small yet intricate organ (with so many different parts given seemingly difficult Latin names), that we tend to overlook how influential it is in our everyday lives. I most certainly would attend more brain sessions with Dr Sutton, I cannot thank him enough for the amount he taught me and the others, it's something that will stick with me, even more because I, in particular, wish to work in the field of neuroscience in later life. All of you current and future Psychology students definitely have to go when you get the chance, it'll open your mind.

Banita Chander 13B

SMSC D of E

JRCS Gold success in the Brecon Beacons



In September, eight students from Year 12, one ex-student and a student from Robert Clack travelled to the Brecon Beacons National Park in South Wales to complete their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award qualifying expedition. For some students this had been two years of planning and preparation, for others they had been preparing for at least twelve months. The four day, three night trek took place despite some really wet and windy weather. Despite these conditions, one group even managed to make it to the top of the highest mountain in South Wales, Pen Y Fan. All the students deserve high praise and congratulations for their resilience and commitment to seeing the expedition through to the end. The students involved were: Gabi Sartauskaite, Ibukun Aluko, Ebun Ajala, Tolu Oluwole, Moyin Adetoye, Maryam Heydari, Aiesha Francis, Kelechi Ogbonna (all Year 13), Nathaniel Atuejide (ex-student) and Rachel Branzikova (Robert Clack School).



Big thanks also go to Andi and Juliet Parker-Smith who stepped in at the last minute to help with staffing the trip, and provided invaluable support when the minibus refused to start!

Ms Montague
Duke of Edinburgh Award Manager

Year 10 Bronze D of E group have a perfect weekend!

I spent a perfect weekend with nine students from the Year 10 Bronze D of E group on 29th and 30th September. These students have just started out on their expedition training and went on an overnight training camp at Danbury to practice camp craft skills (putting up tents and using camping stoves) and being introduced to map work and navigation. The group were excellent company and responded really well to their training. They followed all the advice and instructions. I am really looking forward to seeing them progress through to their qualifying expeditions and seeing them gain their Bronze awards.



A big thank you to all the students involved for their excellent behaviour and enthusiasm: Silviu Ionescu 10A, Klaidas Runele and James David 10D, Jack Waiharo and Lewis Golby 10E, Iretomiwa Ajala 10F, Logan Grain 10G, Luke Craigie and Shanise Garner 10H. I would also like to thank the staff who so generously gave up their time to accompany the trip and without whom the trip would not have been possible: Mr Kilminster, Ms Davies and Mr Hill.

Ms Montague
D of E Manager

SMSC Business

Business students cause a big stir!



On Friday 29th September, the Business Department hosted the Big Stir Coffee Morning. Year 12 BTEC Business students delivered hot drinks to staff. Miss Ryzak arranged a bake off encouraging the Year 8 students to get baking and submitted their delicious cakes for judging. The judges were the reigning staff bake off champion, Mr Marks and the wonderful Mr Hargreaves from the Food and Catering Department.

The winning cake was made by Callie Claxton from 8J. The judges said her cake was a wonderfully light sponge, with delicious chocolate cream. The piñata surprise was fun. The decoration, although slightly untidy was a real show stopper.'



Other excellent contributions included a lovely picnic inspired cake from Summer Cox of 8I. The judges said the sponge itself was very nice, very light with a nice flavour. The decoration had clearly taken time and effort. Gloriane Kabeya in 8F made a well balanced chocolate flavour sponge. The decoration was colourful and bold although the sponge was slightly dry. Liberty Baxter-Ashworth 8J, fantastic chocolate flavour in the sponge and although the sponge was a tad on the dry side, the cake was exquisitely decorated. Other wonderful student cakes were made by Filip Zajdler 8H, Enisa Kurta 8H, Chelsea Akposheri-Oweh 8C, Libbi Kelly, Chelsea Boanerges-Kihan, Mihaela Costache and Ciara Fidami Khida all from 8D.



Not only did Arthur Garner from 8I bake a delicious cake, he also helped to sell all of the cakes during the lunch breaks. He is a natural businessperson with real enterprising spirit.



Overall, the students raised £210 for Macmillan Cancer support. The Business Department are very proud of the Year 12 BTEC

Business students' ability to manage a business event, which is part of their assessed course. This event was a practice run for when they organise a winter fair and the lower school disco later on in the year.

Miss Ryzak
Business Department

SMSC PE

London Hockey Festival



Congratulations to the Year 8 girls who represented Barking and Dagenham at this year's London Hockey Festival. The girls were put through their paces in a hockey master class in the morning session. Then in the afternoon they went on to play five games at the Olympic Park and all 13 of the girls played superbly against a variety of age groups.

Miss Pridie
Teacher of PE

Under 13's Girls' Football Team

Congratulations to the under 13's girls' football team who beat Chobham School in the first round of the Essex Cup on Thursday 28th September.

This was the girls first time playing together this season, with some fantastic new additions from Year 7's.

The girls went 1-0 down in the first half, however, in the second half the girls managed to dominate the game. This resulted in Precious Soley-Peters in 8B managing to get three goals past the their goalkeeper within 10 minutes and then in the final minute Ebony Tynan in 7B finished a fantastically well worked move to make the end result 4-1 to JRCS.

Well done to all girls who played, they will now play Brampton Manor in the 2nd round.

Miss Pridie
PE Department



KS3 Girls Rugby Day

The KS3 rugby girls attended a Borough Girl's Rugby Day on Friday 29th September to prepare for the Borough Rugby Festival on 17th October.

23 girls from JRCS took part, ranging from complete beginners to more experienced players and we were coached throughout the day by older students from Robert Clack School. The event took place at Barking Rugby Club who run sessions for girls on Monday evenings from 6.30pm – 7.30pm.

The day involved a skills circuit where the girls had an opportunity to practice passing, tackling and decision making drills. This progressed into small sided games in the afternoon which allowed the students the chance to practice their skills in a competitive situation. Judging by the smiles and muddy faces at the end of the day, the girls all had a fantastic day and we look forward to the competition in a fortnight.

Miss Boulton
Head of PE



Year 9 Football

Congratulations to the Year 9 boys' football team who won 3-1 away to Eastlea Community School in the first round of the Essex Cup. Two goals from Jack Curtis and another from Taylor Skinner completed an all-round fantastic team performance from the boys. Every member of the playing squad contributed towards the first win of the season and we look forward to seeing who we will come up against in round 2.

Team: Bayley Maffia 9H, Nana Annan 9C, Elliot Owen 9B, Jack Curtis 9F, Samuel Ogunyemi 9F, Taylor Skinner 9A, David Elliot 9I, Farid Hassan 9C, Olu Owoseni 9B, Anthony Thomas 9C, Ernest Peka 9C, Fortunate Olaleye 9C and Kevinas Vaiciulionis 9A.

Mr Howard
Second in PE

Year 7 Girls Football Team

Congratulations to the Year 7 girls football team who came 3rd in the Borough in this year's 5-a-side competition. The girls faced a tough competition against the likes of Robert Clack, All Saints and Eastbury. Ebony Tynan 7B managed to get 11 goals within five games and was awarded the golden boot of the competition. The award for girl of the tournament goes to Tersharra Dobbs 7D, for her fantastic performance throughout.

Well done to all girls that took part and training will resume next Wednesday lunchtime.

Miss Pridie
Teacher of PE



Year 10 Football

The Year 10 Boys Football Team got back to winning ways after an outstanding 5-2 victory against Warren School on Thursday 2nd November. After a heavy defeat to Royal Docks in the cup, the boys showed great resilience to bounce back and win three points in their first league game of the season. Next up is All Saints (A) on Thursday 16th November.

Goals: Harley Dean (2); Michael Odei (2); Ridwan Miah (1).

Mr Coupland
PE Department

London Panathlon Champions in Regional Competition



On Monday 13th November four students from Jo Richardson joined other students from across Barking and Dagenham to represent the whole of London at a regional Panathlon competition in Harlow. The three other teams taking part were from Suffolk, Harlow and Thurrock. The competition was very close, especially with the Thurrock team and in the end the borough team drew with them on points, so the result was decided on the team that had won the most competitions overall, and that was Thurrock, so we came a very close and commendable second on this occasion.

Congratulations to the four students who took part for their sportsmanship and excellent behaviour on the day. They were Reece Ward 9F, Victor Oso 8H, Sophie Wood 8B and Tristan Filbert 8A. Thanks also go to Miss Anwar for her help with the trip.

Ms Montague
Teacher in SDD

Borough Cross Country

On Friday 10th November a selection of the school's best cross-country runners represented Jo Richardson at the Borough Cross Country Event in Pages Wood, Upminster. Every student performed fantastically well across the various races, with some very impressive individual performances coming from Morgan Romain 9I and Temi Taiwo 9A who came first and second respectively in the Year 8 and 9 girls race and Victory Ndibe-Onwuka 7A who came 4th in the Year 7 girls race. Massive congratulations to everyone who took part.

Year 7: Lewis Turner 7E, Benson Ejese 7E, Alioune Samake 7I, Aatif Issa 7B, Daniel Morton 7B, Victory Ndibe-Onwuka 7A, Telma Arthur 7E, Jamsine Hunter St. Louis 7B, Destiny Rosier-Welsh 7H, Chloe Sealey 7J.

Year 8 and 9: Donte Auguste 8E, Michael Tittley 9A, Adeoye Jolaosho 9G, George Lawrence 9H, Dylan Ferreira 8G, Morgan Romain 9I, Temi Taiwo 9A, Leticha Cabral 8C, Rebekah Ogunturin 8G, Abiola Yusuf 8H.

Year 10: Ethan Hagger 10A, Franky Vincent 10G, Luke Craigie 10H, Hadley Grant 10G, Emmanuel Oduniyi 10G, Ire Ajala 10F, Leyla Demetriou 10D, Suhaira Amina 10E, Joanna Balla 10E.

Mr Howard
Second in PE

Year 9 Netball

The Year 9 netball team were in action in November with two Borough league fixtures. On Tuesday 21st November, we played Barking Abbey who pulled away with an early lead in the first half. We made some tactical changes at half time and this enabled us to draw in the third quarter, however, Barking Abbey upped the ante in the final quarter and we ended up losing 10-4.



On Thursday 23rd November, we enjoyed success at Riverside on a very windy evening. We started really strongly against a good Riverside team with early goals from Temitayo Roberts 9C and Adunola Olayiwola 9F and all the girls were committed in defence. We were winning 5-1 at half time so we kept our positions the same, however, we changed our style of play to match the weather conditions and this resulted in us winning 8-2.

We have two more fixtures next week against Warren and Eastbury so I hope to report further success then.

We'll played to all the Year 9 girls involved.

Miss Boulton
Head of PE

U16 Boys Basketball Team

The U16 Boys Basketball Team took on Dagenham Park in the Borough Basketball League. With the 1st quarter looking like the game could go either way, JRCS pulled off an emphatic victory, winning 56-20. Huge congratulations to the boys for an amazing start to the season.

Mr Coupland
PE Department



Year 9 Football Result

Congratulations to the Year 9 boys football team who beat Dagenham Park 1-0 to reach the semi-finals of the borough cup in November. The boys put in a battling performance in poor weather conditions to beat a good Dagenham Park team, with the crucial goal coming from Taylor Skinner in the first half. The semi-final is due to be played after Christmas.

Football Team: Elliot Owen 9B, Jack Curtis 9F, Samuel Ogunyemi 9F, Taylor Skinner 9A, David Elliot 9I, Farid Hassan 9C, Olu Owoseni 9B, Anthony Thomas 9C, Ernest Peka 9C, Fortunate Olaleye 9C, Dimeji Olayinka 9J, Renaldo Hurtault 9I and John Eke 9C

Mr Howard
Second in PE

Borough Handball Championships

Congratulations to the Year 10 Girls handball team who represented JRCS at the Borough Handball Championships in November. The girls played extremely well against Barking Abbey and managed to beat them 11-1 in the first round. The girls managed to maintain the quality within their performances and made it through to the final. Unfortunately, in the final they were beaten 5-3 against Eastbrook.

All the girls played extremely well and should be very proud!

Miss Priddle
PE Department

Barking Rugby Club girls visit Twickenham

On Saturday 25th November a number of our girls had the privilege of playing a match at Twickenham Stadium ahead of the England Samoa men's international and the England Roses Ladies against Canada.

They were part of Barking Rugby Clubs Girls team selected by the RFU to reward their efforts since they took up the sport. They were also a guard of honour for the teams and were on the pitch again during the national anthems.

The girls: Destiny Rosier-Welch 7F, Bethanie North 7C, Jamilah Lartey 7F, Ruby Whitton 7G, Summer Cox 8I, Angel Campbell 9C and Brooklyn Muriuki 9A had an unforgettable time and were a real credit to their club and school with their conduct and skill throughout the day.

Mr Kersey
Pastoral Support Assistant



Cheerleading Winter Showcase 2017



The JRCS Wolves competed in the Ascension Eagles Winter Showcase at the Excel Centre on Friday 8th December. The squad has been strengthened by the new Year 7's who joined JRCS in September and we were confident going into the competition after hours of practise on Wednesday afternoons. Unfortunately, we were missing some key performers on the day due to absence however the squad pulled together to alter their routine at the last minute and with the help of Sammie the coach we were able to showcase a fantastic performance.

We were awarded the Gold award alongside Robert Clack and St Angela's Schools, who eventually won the Grand Champions Award. I am really proud of the commitment shown by the cheerleading squad and hope they continue to grow in the new year with new recruits and more experience.

If you are interested in joining cheerleading please see Miss Boulton in PE for more information. I will be awarding LOC's to all the students who regularly participated in practices and who represented the school in the Winter Showcase.

Miss Boulton
Head of PE

Sports Leaders visit Twickenham Stadium

The Year 10 Sports Leaders visited Twickenham Stadium to run a Touch Rugby festival and watch both the Women's and Men's Varsity match between Oxford and Cambridge RUFC. All students led individual groups of Hounslow-based primary schools, acting as their group leader for the day. Following the festival, a select number of students were allowed to stand on Twickenham's pitch to perform the guard of honour as the Men re-entered the pitch for the second half. The Sports leaders did an amazing job leading the primary schools and there has been lots of positive feedback from staff at other schools. Well done everyone!



Mr Coupland
PE Department

SMSC Dance

The Cultural Education Partnership Conference



On Friday 6th December, 10 students from KS3 attended the Cultural Education Partnership Conference. The students had the opportunity to voice their opinions on what they would like available to them in the Borough in terms of the arts/culture. They were able to be part of discussions regarding exciting future opportunities that the Borough has in mind such as applying for the 'London Borough of Culture bid' which would help put Barking and Dagenham on the map for its creativity, culture and art.

Dance News

KS3 Dance

30 KS3 students attended a workshop with artists from East London Youth Dance in October, they worked extremely hard and produced some powerful



choreography. Many of the students have been encouraged to attend the company auditions on Saturday 14th October 10.30am-4pm at the University of East London

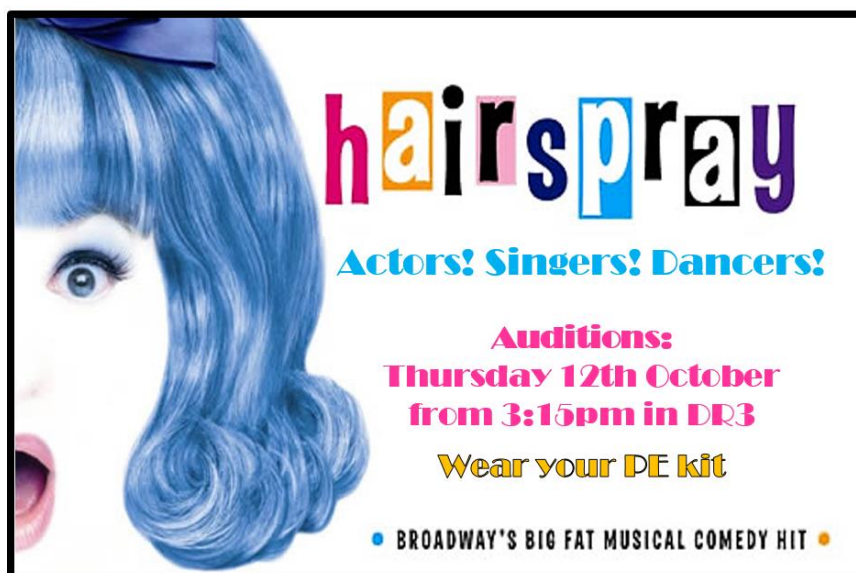
A level Dance

In October, the A level Dance students performed at both Consortium Assemblies showcasing a tap routine inspired from Gene Kelly's 'Singin' in the Rain'. Both students performed excellently with energy and style. Well done girls!

Miss England
Head of Dance



SMSC Drama



SMSC MFL

European Day of Languages

The students thoroughly enjoyed the language speed dating event that took place on Friday 13th October 2017. Many teachers and older students came to help out during lunchtime to celebrate the European Day of Languages. It was great to see so many students learning a vast range of languages (German, Spanish, French creole, Russian, Italian, Serbian, Bengali, Swahili, Yoruba, Arabic, Portuguese, Albanian, Lingala, Mandarin, Turkish and many more) and who were so keen. All the students who took part received stickers with the languages they learnt and were proud to stick them on their blazers. I would like to thank all the teachers and the Year 7- Sixth Form students who took part to make this event so successful.



Merci beaucoup, Danke, Gracias.

The MFL Department

SMSC Music

Winter Concert

Well done to each and every student who took part in our Winter Concert on Tuesday 28th November. All of the performers were fabulous. We saw renditions of songs from musicals by experienced students as well as some debut performances, all of which were fantastic. We also had two students singing along with the Concert Orchestra, something we have been itching to try but had not done until now.

We'd like to give a massive thank you to our tech crew (led by Samuel Clark) for running around, setting up, making sure everything ran smoothly on the night and for the quickest pack-down we've ever seen at the end of the concert!

Also, thank you to the Hospitality Team for your help on the door, Mr Hargreaves and Ms Campbell for interval refreshments and Sid Summers 10H and Shanise Garner 10H for your fantastic efforts in compèring the evening – you were great!

Music Department



SMSC History

Spartacus

Last half term Year 8 students studied Spartacus in History. For homework they had to complete a piece of work on why Spartacus should still be remembered today. Iteli Mulumba Ntambwa (8E) submitted a wonderful poem about Spartacus:

*You know of the organised Oenomaus, The cunning Crixus and the geared Gannicus,
well, now, it's time to put those three behind us, and celebrate the story of the strong Spartacus.*

*Spartacus did have a good reason to fight. He fought strongly for every slave's right,
to know that they can fight with all their might, and help their future shine ever so bright.*

*Spartacus revolted with full force, struggled and fought with no remorse,
fulfilled determination was the source, and that determination would continuously reinforce.*

*I know this revolt was, indeed, disastrous, 60,000 men, no child and no missus,
cruelly crucified by the cruel Crattus, Huh, doesn't that remind you of Jesus?*

*Although he knew his revolt was hazardous, his sacrifice for slaves' freedom was generous,
he believed that, one day, slaves will be free and joyous, that's why we celebrate the story of the strong Spartacus.*

Iteli Mulumba 8E

Iteli has been rewarded with an LOC for her work in History in Year 8.

The Norman Conquest of 1066

In Year 7 History, we have been studying the Norman Conquest of 1066. Hadiyah and Ryan from 7E have completed an optional challenge homework by making their own Motte and Bailey Castles! These are wonderful detailed displays of all the features and show a great understanding of how the castles helped William control England in 1066. Well done Hadiyah and Ryan!

Miss White
History Department



Hadiyah Ashraf 7E



Ryan Lai 7E.

SMSC Food & Catering

Big Thanks to your commitment to Celebration Cake Club 2017

We have had an excellent turn out for Cake Club in 2017 and the students have turned out some really amazing cakes. The students have been very committed to coming over the last four weeks, they have learnt a wide range of new cake skills, from making the cake to covering with marzipan, then icing. They then finished off with some excellent designs.



Well done to all the students who attended and I would like to give a big thanks to Ms Moffatt, Ms Gande and Ms O'Rourke who have been a great support.

Mr Hargreaves
Food and Catering

Celebration Cake Club 2017

What a great finish to our 2017 Celebration Cake Club. The students did really well to finish off their cakes and had a great deal of fun doing it. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students for their commitment to coming each week to the club. The results were great and again a big thank you to Mrs Moffatt, Mrs Gande and Ms O'Rourke .



The following students were involved:

Chelsea Boanerges-Kihan 8D, Tekairah Smith 7A, Mihaela Costache 8D, Devika Atty 9I, Madje Kiakia 9I, Millie Hindle 7D, Khairat Muraina 7B, Megan Prroni 7A, Joseph Varey 7A, Aaliyah Raji 7B, Frankie Garland 7D, Moyosore Aforts 7F, Elizabeth Aforts 9I and Samiha Rahman 9I.

Mr Hargreaves
Food and Catering

SMSC Student Voice

Student Voice - Unilever Bid



On Wednesday 6th December Sueda Oktay, Gabi Sarauskaite, Sabrina Shaikah, Shanise Garner, Ibukun Silva Ope, Ms Boller, Ms Ryzak descended upon City Hall. Picture this: Top Floor of the Mayoral Office, Incredible views over the river Thames and a top table of officials from the transnational company Unilever, eyes bearing up at us from behind desks. These important people were waiting to watch our pitch asking for money. We had spent the last three weeks preparing to bid for money to set up a Youth

Summit on Mental Health and now was the time to bring all of the presentation skills and confidence we had built up.

We were called in, took a sharp intake of breath and stepped out onto the podium, 10 minutes later we had absolutely nailed it in every aspect! The pitch could not have gone any better and the intense questioning afterwards showed how interested the panel were in our idea. They praised us for our plan to highlight mental health issues in schools and for our presentation skills. We all were so uplifted by our performance and the reaction we got. All in all, a great afternoon which hopefully will bring up top £1500 to allow us to set up the Youth summit.

Sueda Oktay, Gabi Sarauskaite, Sabrina Shaikah, Shanise Garner, Ibukun Silva Ope.

SMSC Science

Physics trip to Cambridge University

On Wednesday 20th September, a group of Year 11 students went on a trip up to Cambridge University for a Physics at Work exhibition. In the morning, students visited Gonville and Caius College, which is one of the oldest Colleges at the University, founded in 1348. During a tour, the students visited an elegant library, lecture halls and Stephen Hawking's office as well as learning about daily life at university.



After a fine lunch served in the traditional dining hall, students visited the Cavendish Laboratory for an afternoon of exploring. In groups, they visited various events and discussions about fossil fuels with BP. They were involved in dismantling and reassembling a model jet engine with Rolls Royce, innovative research on radio astronomy and some liquid nitrogen demonstrations. Overall students enjoyed the day and were inspired by the current research in the field of physics.

Mrs Brook
Science Department

Well done Banita!



Banita Chander in Year 13 took part in the British Biology Olympiad 2017, which challenges and stimulates students with an interest in Biology to expand and extend their talents. The competition consisted of two, one-hour multiple-choice papers taken online under staff supervised exam conditions. Top scoring students are rewarded with publicly recognised certificates and medals.

Banita competed with other students around the world and even though she did not reach the final stage, she was still presented with a certificate for her exceptional performance and we would like to congratulate for her hard work and effort. Well Done!

Mrs Shahin
KS5 Biology Lead Teacher

