



# SMSC “Matters”

## Summer 2016

### SMSC General

#### Jack Petchey Awards



**Jack Petchey 2015 Award Winners: Ellie Lynch, Laveda-Dione Ogbemor, Ellie-Mae Marshall, Miss Campbell, Sophie Wright, Georgina Hart, Paige Cooney and Niranjana Unni**

On Wednesday evening, 20<sup>th</sup> April, I had the pleasure of attending the annual Jack Petchey Awards which were held at the Broadway Theatre, Barking. These prestigious awards celebrate the achievements of young people who live in the Borough of Barking & Dagenham. A group of our own students received their medals from Dr Helen Jenner, Director of Children’s Services. As a school, we are very proud of all our young people’s achievements, but it was a privilege to be there on Wednesday night at such a fantastic award ceremony. I was also delighted to witness Miss Campbell receive her Leadership Award which she so thoroughly deserves.

Mr Smith  
Headteacher

#### Some of our April Gold Seagull winners!

Our first Gold Seagull winners of the Summer term: Rhiannon Lees 7B, Shanice Garner 8H, Mehnaz Musthafa 7E (Double Gold), Mary-Love Ayogu 7D, Obianuju Ihezuo-Nnadi 8A, Jasmin Green 8B, Rebecca Portbury 7D and Michael Idahosa7D.



## JRCS on the news

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April, a group of our Year 7 students appeared on a news item on Good Morning Britain: Mkiyah Page-Gordon 7E, Shanique Goodwin 7E, Jessica Soars-Paim 7E and Lydia Wren 7C.



They were filmed in school the day before and made a very impressive first appearance on television!

Mr Smith  
Headteacher

## Lewis South 9D – LIFE Programme

Lewis South attended the LIFE (Local Intervention Fire Education) programme from the 14<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> March. He enjoyed the course and his trainers were very impressed with the skills he showed, commenting that he may have been the smallest student in the group but he had the biggest heart. Lewis learnt all the skills needed to be part of the Fire Service and attempted all activities with enthusiasm and was an asset to the group.



Mrs Steadman  
Level 3 Behaviour Support Co-educator

## Katie Bryan 9F

Katie has been involved in an outside of school production and played the part of supporting cast and dancer in Oliver the musical by Lionel Bart at the Thameside Theatre on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2016. I would like to say how proud we are of you as a school for getting involved in such fantastic show. It shows that you have great talent, motivation and resilience.



## Well done Naomi!

Naomi Timothy 10B, took part in the British Gymnastic Finals in Stoke in May. She came 5<sup>th</sup> in her age group for Acrobatic Gymnastics.



## George Moughton

I am delighted to announce that George Moughton who is in Year 7 has been selected to play as a Goalkeeper in the Team GB Ice Hockey Junior Dream Team in Sweden during the Summer. He is the youngest student to be selected for the team and everybody at JRCS is very proud of his achievement. Good luck George!



Mr Smith  
Headteacher

## JRCS Debate Team Represents Borough

The JRCS Debate Team went to Dartmouth House in Mayfair on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May, as the school chosen to represent Barking and Dagenham in a competition run by the English Speaking Union. Our team excelled in both their debates arguing against a sugar tax being imposed on drinks and for a lifetime ban on drug cheats. They showed great maturity and poise under pressure and are definitely in the running to win it (we are still awaiting the results). Well done to Anmona Siddaqua, Filip Fois, Nathan Rehmat (all Year 9), Denis Alia (Year 8) and Bridget Aryee-Brown (Year 7).



Ms Moody  
Maths Cohort Manager

## Peace Garden News

The Peace Garden is a unique multi-purpose space within the school where students can practise gardening skills, appreciate nature and grow plants and vegetables. During this term the Peace Garden students have been working hard digging, painting, weeding and planting. They are currently growing a range of fruit, vegetables and herbs, and preparing areas for growing wild flowers, creating a small pond and planting seeds from space! The skills and efforts of the students have been recognised by the RHS Campaign for School Gardening. JRCS has achieved Level 1 in the RHS School Gardening Awards. The award was presented by Paul Hogan, Barking and Dagenham's Director of Culture and Recreation, on a recent visit.



**Seeds from Space:** Miss Ochwat's Smarties Science Club are part of 'Rocket Science', a project launched by the Royal Horticultural Society's (RHS) Campaign for School Gardening and UK Space Agency. In September 2015, 2kg of rocket seeds were flown to the International Space Station (ISS) on Soyuz 44S where they spent several months in microgravity before returning to Earth in March 2016. These are now growing in the Peace Garden alongside seeds that haven't been to space to measure the differences.

**Grow Wild - Royal Botanic Gardens:** The Peace Garden is also part of a project led by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew to transform local spaces by growing native wild flowers. An area has been set aside for this and the flowers will come into full bloom just as we return from the summer break.

**Thank you to the Peace Garden Team:** Jay Kent, Lewis Golby, Shanise Garner, Kai Brace, Lauren Young, Sam Clark, Vasilena Pencheva, Curtis Dobson, Harry Ely, Seidu Salifu, Semi Adeyeni, Arnit Gashi, Sid Summers, Aaron Nye, Sean Ward. Also special thanks to Mrs Ellis, our Gardening Adviser.

Mr Kilminster - Co-educator

## New Intake Evening

On the evening of Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, I had the pleasure of meeting all our Year 6 parents and their sons and daughters who will be joining us as the class of 2016 in September. It was also the first time that our new film had been given a public viewing.



I was also able to introduce our new parents to Reggie Ryan and Jennifer Taborda Da Silva, who were recently appointed to the post of Head Boy and Head Girl for the forthcoming academic year. They both spoke with great confidence and I am looking forward to working closely with both of them this coming year.

Mr Smith - Headteacher

## Work the World

Every year JRCS selects at least two Year 10 students to carry out their work experience abroad. This happens through an interview and selection process. This year we have sent three students abroad. Sabrina Asrafova (pictured below) is currently in Toronto, Canada working in a film company for the week. Sade Akinyemi is in Calgary, Canada working for "Calgary Reads", a school whose main goal is to improve student literacy and reading skills, and Wiktoria Zachcial is in Poznan, Poland working in IT. This is an excellent opportunity for our students to get a feel for what it is like to work in a different culture and environment. Well done to these students for managing to make this happen for themselves.



Mr Custodero  
ISA Co-ordinator

# SMSC Student Voice

## Abigail Hall 11F awarded Outstanding Young Woman of the Year 2016

The second annual Women's Empowerment Month Awards took place at a glittering ceremony at Castle Green's Boothroyd Hall on 30<sup>th</sup> March. Building on the Borough's rich heritage of strong and determined women who stood for women's rights, the awards celebrated the Borough's inspirational women and marked their diverse achievements across nine different categories.



The ceremony recognized the outstanding achievement of young women in the Borough and our very own Abigail Hall was awarded Outstanding Young Woman of the Year for her work with Flipside and for being a real advocate for social action for change within her own school.

Ms Boller  
Student Communication Manager

## Free the Children

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April, a few of the 'Free the Children' Action Team went to a English Martyr Catholic Primary School in Aldgate East to do a series of workshops: Emily Chrysanthou 9H, Shelize Boochoon 9H, Dylan Napier 9H, Kira Marsden 9H, Sukhdeep Kailey 8E, Abibat Popoola 7B and Beatriz Menezes Pataca 7C.



We had to deliver a two hour session, which includes an assembly about the WE ARE SILENT march, which they will be participating in later this year. We then moved to classrooms where we led sessions which included children from Year 3 to Year 6. We asked them to create a social campaign on a topic they were very interested in. They did very well to understand the concept of the WE ARE SILENT march and how it started and we wish them luck in their own Silent March next week. We were all proud of what we had done and we were praised for our hard work by the Headteacher and We Day UK.

Sukhdeep Kailey 8E

## Fundraising for Epilepsy and Adult –Onset Still's Disease (AOSD)

A huge thank you to everyone at JRCS who helped us during April, raising awareness and money for two incredible charities. We made and sold cakes and brownies plus ran games and raised over £100 which was split between our chosen charities. We had a lot of good feedback about the food! We organised 'guess the Teddy name' and 'number of sweets in a jar'. The winners of which were announced on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May.



We chose to support (AOSD) which is a horrible rare type of arthritis one of our mums suffers with, also we chose Young Epilepsy as one of our sisters suffers with this condition along with 600,000 young people in the UK. That's 1 in 103 in our population!

We appreciate everyone who has supported us. You really have helped in some way to change people's lives who are suffering with these illnesses/diseases. A big thank you to everyone who has bought from us.

Chloe, Charlie & Yasmine Year 8

## Student Voice Community Team

Recently, in community team session we had a meeting with Mark Blundell, a speaker from Onside. We discussed the plans for London Onside in Parsloes Park and talked about how the team could get involved. We also talked about how it reduces crime and their new logo which people voted for. We also discussed about involving the wider school community in the process. We look forward to working with Onside in the future.



This is news from community team members: Molly McCarthy, Morgan Smith and Alice Solomon.

On Monday the Free the Children student action team visited Broadford Primary school in Harold Hill to talk about the foodbank collection and our 'We are Silent' March.



We had to do an assembly in front of the whole school and teachers which was nerve racking. We told them how successful our Student Voice is and how great the Silent March was and showed them our film which they all enjoyed. After the assembly we split up and went into classrooms to do a two hour workshop, getting the students to think about issues they feel strongly about. We played warm up games and the students got to ask us questions. We each had a Year 5 or Year 6 class and it was fun to work with their teachers too. The event was really successful and they have asked if they could join us this year for our march. We gained so much from this experience such as confidence in public speaking and organising 32 KS2 students so they had a good experience themselves.

Shelize Boochoon 9H

## We Are Silent March

On 30<sup>th</sup> June Jo Richardson Community School students took part in a Silent March in central London. The school prides itself on being committed to social action for change and has a very strong Student Voice. 157 students created banners, posters and t-shirts emblazoned with causes they wanted to raise awareness for: Slavery, Racism, Islamophobia, Anti bullying, Gender equality, Homophobia and FGM were among the issues the students felt strongly about. Kerri Edwards 11F said "This is our opportunity to show the world that young people do care and we have a voice. We felt empowered today and I hope the city of London was watching."



This is the second march the students at Jo Richardson Community School have organised and they were joined by 20 students and staff from Broadford Primary School. Devika Ahtty 7I said, "I have had such an amazing time today, it has made me feel part of something amazing, in our silence WE speak volumes was a banner and this is so true."



I am so proud that our young people feel compelled to speak out on issues that they feel strongly about; it is truly inspirational to stand shoulder to shoulder with students who are socially active and care about their world and the people in it.

Ms Boller  
Student Communication Manager

# SMSC OSHL

## Year 7 and 8 students experience a live birth whilst at Trewern!

Ms Lynch, Mr Hill, Mr Kilminster and I had the pleasure of accompanying 29 Year 7 and 8 students on a trip to Trewern Outdoor Education Centre from 6<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> March. The aim of the trip was for the students to develop their self-confidence, self-esteem and organisational skills. There was also an opportunity for those who had been along on the trip last year to develop their leadership skills. The group worked very hard all week, and took part in some amazing activities, including caving, going down an old coal mine, canoeing, mountain walking, climbing, BMX biking, and shelter building. In a team challenge day based at Trewern everyone also had the chance to make their own pizza in a wood fired outdoor clay oven. One of the highlights of the week for everyone was a visit to a lambing shed, where each of the three groups on three separate days were lucky enough to experience a live birth.

All three activity groups took part in an X Factor style presentation on the Wednesday night, where the students recounted the story of their week so far in drama, song, dance and poetry. This event is to be recreated for the Trewern Celebration Evening which takes place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 6pm in Boothroyd Hall, all family and friends of those who attended Trewern this year are very welcome to attend. The students will all be receiving their Trewern certificates on this evening and a copy of the DVD of all the photographs from the trip.

Congratulations to all the students involved in the trip who will all receive an LOC, they were: Louie Filbert, Jimmy Hunt, Jonny Sheldrick, Elizabeth Trendell, Olu Ukonu, Reece Ward, Megan Davenport, Nicola Hicks, Amber Lucas, Kemi Green-Adebo, Elizabeth Aforts, Jack T Davis, Vanesa Uzkuraityte, Bayley Cooper and Alfie Butler (all Year 7), Jake Pengelly, Sam Deriouch, James David, Lewis Golby, Taylor Jefferson, Shanise Garner, Lauren Young, Rubie Smith, Victoria Bertrand, Aaron Nye, Amelia Sammy, Rebecca Brown, Dagmara Onoszko and Jeidan Smith (all Year 8).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff at Trewern who worked with us, Juliet, Vicky, Dave, Stephen, Emerald and Jess, as well as Ben and Sally the cooks who made us some very delicious food, also June and Hillary who kept the rooms so clean, and were kind enough to tell us how tidy they were! Finally, a huge thank you to Mr Kilminster, Mr Hill, and Ms Lynch who worked tirelessly all week to ensure that everyone had a safe, happy and enjoyable experience of the great outdoors!

Ms Montague  
Year 7/8 Trewern Trip Leader



# SMSC PE

## Round 2 Panathlon Success

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March Mr Kilminster, Ms O'Keefe and I accompanied ten students from Jo Richardson who were representing the Borough as part of the Barking and Dagenham 2016 Panathlon team. The Panathlon consists of a number of inclusive sports including boccia, table cricket, new age kurling, precision bean bag and indoor athletics. This event took place between four Boroughs: Barking and Dagenham, Newham, Redbridge and Haringey, and the stakes were high as only the winning team would go through to take part in the London wide finals at the Copper Box in the Olympic Park in June.



The first event was the wheelchair slalom, in which Abigail and Reece took part, showing great consistency in performance, with Panathlon newcomer Reece, again putting in a personal best performance, and securing a silver medal for the team in this event. The next team to go was the precision bean bag, where Georgina Hart put in an amazing performance, alongside Reagan from Trinity to win a well-deserved gold medal. Jake Pengelly, in his first year competing in the new age kurling competition also achieved gold, and played some fantastic tactical shots to help the team win. The table cricket team, Louie Filbert, Arnit Gashi, Khai Sesay and Sam Deriouch played very well, achieving a bronze medal. The team also achieved bronze in the running races where Harry Ely and Nathan Batt took part. It was a really closely fought event and right up until the running races we were unsure who would win, however, in the end Barking and Dagenham beat their nearest rivals in the running races and won their place at the Copper Box!

Well done to all the students who participate with an excellent spirit of fair play. Thanks also to Mr Kilminster and Ms O'Keefe for their support on the day and to Ms Hall for also coming along and giving the team her support. Can't wait till June – Copper Box here we come again!

Ms Montague  
School Games Co-ordinator

## Year 8 Inter-form Football Tournament

The first week in May saw the Year 8s participate in an exciting lunchtime inter-form competition. The event was organised by Jay Kent 8E and supported by Joana Balla 8E and Silvia Martin 8E from the Sports and Dance council. All but two forms entered the 5 a side football competition which required at least one girl to play in all matches. The knock out stages were mainly decided by penalties and this resulted in two exciting semi-finals where 8B beat 8E and 8D beat 8F. The final was played on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May and the tournament was decided yet again on penalties with 8B winning overall.



Congratulations to all players who took part and a big thank you to the Year 8 spectators who helped to raise more funds for the Nicaragua trip.

Miss Boulton  
Head of PE

## La Fosca, Watersports Trip: Fun in the Sun!

During the last week of May, just before half-term, the PE Department took a group of 42 students to North Eastern Spain for a fun, action-packed week in the sun for watersports activities. Travelling by coach from school, through France and into Spain, students were tired but excited about the week's activities and were soon introduced to the trip by getting into the pool for a buoyancy aid assessment. That evening students had their first taste of the disco and their first evening in their tents.



Over the next 5 days students were introduced and participated in a number of watersports activities along the Spanish coastline including kayaking, canoeing, pico boating, fun boating and toppers boats (nothing to do with topping over, just the manufacture's name). All students put 100% into every activity and some even overcame fears to ensure that they made the most of each activity. In addition, students went snorkelling, played beach and pool games, and participated in a number of evening activities, which incorporated group and team building skills.

Throughout the stay in La Fosca, students were split in four house groups with a member of staff as team leader. These teams competed against one another in order to gain points towards a grand total with the eventual winners earning a prize. Points were awarded for mindset in activities, going above and beyond, and general good behaviour. On the flip side, points could also be deducted for poor behaviour and lateness. Four teams were created: Team Gryffindor, Team Lionesses, Team Heart 2 Heart and Team Up Hill/Down Hill. It was a very close contest throughout the week and Team Up Hill/Down Hill came out the eventual winners.



The week from a staff point of view was very enjoyable. Students' behaviour was amazing and hopefully they enjoyed the trip just as much. Pictures can be found on the school website in the news and events or in the ACHIEVE categories.

The PE Department will be looking to run the same trip in 2018, so if you are interested, please look out for the information from September 2016.

Mr Newport  
PE Department



## Year 7 and 8 Girls Tag Rugby Festival

An enthusiastic bunch of Year 7 and 8 girls attended a 6 a side Tag Rugby Festival at Barking RFC on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2016. We managed to field three teams who competed in a tournament against All Saints, Sydney Russell, Dagenham Park, West Hatch, Hall Mead, Warren, Eastlea and Greensward Schools. There were some fantastic individual performances and some great tries were scored on the day. We are still awaiting the final results. However, Mr Kersey informs me that we won more than we lost! The tournament was organised by the RFU to promote the core rugby values of teamwork, respect, enjoyment, discipline & sportsmanship and I am proud to announce that we were awarded the 'Sportsmanship' trophy on the day.



Well done to all the girls who took part and hopefully this will encourage more girls to try out rugby on Mondays after school or at Barking RFC on Monday evenings from 7pm-8pm.



Thanks again to Mr Kersey and Keith (Rugby Coach) for supporting this event.

Miss Boulton  
Head of PE

## Panathlon Winners

Jo Richardson students were part of the victorious Barking and Dagenham team that won the London Panathlon Final at the Copper Box Arena at the Olympic Park last Thursday. The Panathlon is a multi-sports competition for children with disabilities and additional needs, and Jo Richardson students made up the largest contingent of the team along with students from Trinity, Eastbury and Robert Clack.



The final was the culmination of a number of qualifying rounds that took place over the year and involved over 100 schools from 32 London Boroughs. Every student played their part in the victory and there were some outstanding individual gold medal performances.



Students involved are listed below:

Arnit Gashi 10D, Harry Ely 9A, Sam Deriouch 8D, Khai Sesay 8D, Louie Filbert 7H, Reece Ward 7F  
Jake Pengelly 8C, Georgina Hart 10A and Nathan Batt 10D.

Mr Kilminster  
Co-educator

## Year 9 aspirant Sports Leaders lead the way at Borough athletics

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June I had the pleasure of accompanying 19 Year 9 students who were selected to help with the Borough primary athletics event for Years 3 and 4 at the Jim Peter's Stadium. All the leaders from JRCS who took part received high praise from the competition organisers Claire Clarke and Elaine Burgess. They said: "Thank you for providing another group of excellent young leaders to help with the running of the Primary Borough Athletics Competition last Tuesday. This is our biggest event of the year involving 450 Year 3 and 4 competitors. Your students were a credit to their school and impressed with their attitude and diligent way they carried out their roles."



Congratulations to the Year 9 students who took part, they were:

Blayne Baker 9G, Sophie Sprought 9G,

Lily-Rae Stacey 9E, Nancy Edgeler-Ash 9H, Luke O'Neill 9E, Nathan Rehmat 9H, Billy Smith 9H, Shalom Akintujoye 9F, Emily Chrysanthou 9H, Ebony Knight 9H, Maisie McGuire 9E, Denise Muyumba 9F, Anmona Siddaqua 9H, Holly Simpson 9H, Razia Tasnim 9H, Francesca Thompson 9G, Nasim Ahmed 9E, Jay Connolly 9G and Mohammed Hassan 9H.

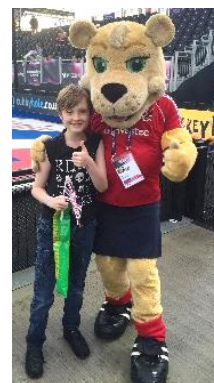
Ms Montague

School Games Co-ordinator

## Key Stage 3 PE Rewards Trip

In June, 20 Key Stage 3 students were rewarded for their positive mindset and behaviour in PE with a trip to the Olympic Park. The students were lucky enough to see England play the USA and Holland play Australia at the Lee Valley Hockey Centre on Tuesday and

Thursday. They also had an opportunity to meet the England hockey mascot and play some hockey themselves in the Hockey Hub. Despite the miserable weather, the students had a great time and thanks to Miss Campbell and Miss Davies for supporting this trip.



## Year 9 & 10 Borough Athletics

The Year 9 and 10 athletics teams took part in the Borough Athletics Tournament on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June at Cricklefields Athletics Stadium, Ilford. There were some fantastic performances on the day and all students put 100% effort into their events. The following students won medals:

Year 9: Lewis Jones – Bronze Long Jump

Year 10:

Margaret Adesunloro: Silver 200m

David Adebayo: Silver Shot Putt, Silver 4x100 relay

David Owiredu: Bronze High Jump, Bronze 200m

Hayden Monk: Bronze 100m, Silver 4x100 relay

Alfie Patching: Bronze Discus

Lillie Fox: Bronze long Jump, Bronze 800m

Aaron White: Silver 4x100 relay

Emmanuel Nnadi: Silver 4x100m relay



The Year 10 boys' team came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the Borough also.

Well done to all students who took part in the events and congratulations to all medal winners.

### **Year 7 & 8 rounder's rally**

The Year 7 and 8 rounders teams took part in the Borough Rounders Rally at Robert Clack on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June. Both teams came 4<sup>th</sup> in their respective pools so did not qualify for the finals; however, there was some good batting and fielding and the girls enjoyed the competition.

Year 7 team: Abibat Popoola, Belica Cofie, Ana Lopes Rebelo, Mkiyah Page-Gordon, Rebecca Mikeli, Shanique Goodwin, Jessica Soares-Paim, Lucy Burgum, Judith Onisuru, Sophie Sams and Alicia Percival-Jack.

Year 8 team: Zoe Cooper, Shantel Jjumba, Silvia Martin-Omergie, Joana Balla, Amriya Issa, Iretomiwa Ajala, Daniella Ihezuo-Nnadi, Joy Osayiwu, Joanna Charles and Samira Begum.

Well done!

Miss Boulton  
PE Department

### **Year 7 & 8 Borough Athletics**

The Year 7 and 8 athletics teams took part in the Borough Athletics tournament on 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Students put 100% effort in and there were some great performances on the day including the following medal winners:

Year 7: Temi Taiwo 1st 1500m     Dimeji Olayinka 2nd 100m  
         Michael Tittley 3rd 1500m     Bayley Maffia 3rd Javelin  
         Alicia Percival Jack 3rd Shot Putt  
         Emmanuella Adomo 3rd Long Jump

Temi Taiwo 7A and Dimeji Olayinka 7J, have been selected to represent Barking and Dagenham at the Essex Athletics Championships. They both won medals at Borough Athletics last week and were selected as a result of this.

Temi will be running girls 1500m and Dimeji will be running boys 100m.

Year 8:             David Agoha 1st Shot Putt                     Silvia Martin-Omergie 2nd Javelin

Well done to all students who took part in the event and congratulations to all medal winners.

Miss Wright  
PE Teacher

### **Summer cheerleading Showcase**

Our cheerleading squad, the JRCS Wolves competed in the Talent Central Summer Showcase at the Excel Centre, London on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July. The squad performed a complex routine and have worked hard all term to perfect it. We were awarded the Gold award for our performance but sadly missed out to St Angela's who won the Grand Champions Trophy. I know the squad would like to thank Sammie from Ascension Eagles for all her hard work this year and next year we will be looking for more cheerleaders to strengthen our squad.

Well done.

Miss Boulton  
Head of PE



## Sports Day 2016

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all students who attended sports day and made it such a success. We were extremely lucky with the weather and it was a great day of Athletics competition on the JRCS sports field. Competition is always fierce on sports day and this year was no exception.

This year winners were: 7A, 8G and 9E.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to all staff and students that helped out on the day and to the students for their behaviour, effort and attitude on the day.

Miss Boulton  
Head of PE



# SMSC D of E

## Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh in sunshine and showers in the South Downs

Over the Easter break (1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> April), 15 students from Years 11 and 12 took part in a training expedition for the Duke of Edinburgh Award. We set out on the evening of 1<sup>st</sup> April, and stayed in the village of Alfriston. Fortunately, those taking part had carefully checked their tents on the last day of term and so had no trouble putting them up and getting settled in. The day dawned bright and sunny on Saturday and the group were dropped off for their first days walk. With heavy bags, this was a challenge and most people were pretty tired at the end of the first day, but despite this they kept a reasonable pace with both groups completing the day more or less in the predicated time. The weather was not kind that evening and the students had to huddle under dripping tarpaulins to cook their evening meal, before retiring to their tents. The following day was dry with some welcome early sunshine to dry the tents a little. The groups were well organised especially considering that they had to pack their tents for the first time. Sundays route wound its way across the South Downs, with the additional challenge of navigating safely through a forest. The groups did well to reach the amusingly named Foxhole Bottom Campsite in time to get their tents pitched before yet another shower! The final day was chilly and a little grey but thankfully dry, and despite a rather late start the groups made it to the finish.



Congratulations to all who took part: Tolu Oluwole, Moyin Adetoye, Anisha Makwana, Teresa Tu, Aiesha Francis, Kelechi Ogbonna, Maryam Hedari, Ibukun Aluko, Olivia Husak, Ruxandra Ilie, Ebun Ajala and Adaeze Ogbonna (all Year 11), and Jessica and Jennifer Ochonma and Clara Dikongue (all Year 12), well deserved LOCs all round. Despite the often wet and cold conditions not one of the students complained, and all managed to complete the practice expedition.

All the very best to all those going on to complete their qualifying expedition at the end of the Summer term.

Finally, a huge thank you to Miss Davies and Bill Lockton for their help and support as well as Chris of 'Outspark' who helped to instruct the groups.

Ms Montague  
D of E Manager

## Twenty nine reasons for celebration

"O, wonder!  
How many goodly creatures are there here!  
How beauteous mankind is! O brave new  
world,  
That has such people in't!"



Cllr Carpenter who presented the Duke of Edinburgh Awards to Jo Richardson students at Barking Town Hall on the evening of Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April chose this quote from Shakespeare's "The Tempest" to congratulate the students receiving their awards on their considerable achievements. She also said that she felt proud and privileged to be invited to present the awards, and that she was inspired by the efforts of all the recipients. Three Borough officers were

also present at the ceremony, Erik Stein, Head of the Youth Service, Jane Hargreaves, Divisional Director of Education, and Director of Children's Services, Helen Jenner. Derry Thompson and Hayley Shenholds were also present from the London Region Office. 24 students and ex-students were present to receive their awards and a further five will be presented with their badges and certificates at other celebration events later this term.

The students who have completed their bronze award are, Jessica Idahosa, Tolu Oluwole, Ogechi Ibeh, Britney-Lea Ogbemor, Adaeze Ogbonna, Charlotte Nicholls, Ebun Ajala, Aida Marku, Sueda Oktay, Ruxandra Ilie, Anisha Makwana, Ore Olayinka, Aydin Phillips, Kelechi Ogbonna, Morgan O'Connell, Oritsetimeyin Jacdonmi, Aiesha Francis, Moyin Adetoye and Charlotte Dutton (all Year 11). Those completing their silver award are: Billy Simson, Billy Cresswell, Gabriele Sartauskaite, Sabrina Shaikh, Muhammed (Salvi) Islam (all Year 12), Yinka Egbedeyi (Year 13), and Anjolaade Ogunwolu, Elizabeth Olabode, Paula Stuomaite, and Emily Vincent (all ex-students).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those at Jo Richardson who support the delivery of the Duke of Edinburgh Award in any way, from those who mentor students choosing their award activities, to those who act as activity mentors and assessors, and not forgetting the many staff who help at weekends and after school with delivering the expedition programme. Many thanks to Mr Dignam and Mr Hargreaves who were present at the Town Hall and who do such a lot to support the delivery of the bronze and silver awards. I am also grateful to Mrs Wren for her support at this event.

This was a record year for Jo Richardson for silver awards. Inspired by the success of these students, I look forward to even more awards, bronze, silver and even gold next year!

Ms Montague  
D of E Manager

### **By Royal invitation....**

As part of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Duke of Edinburgh Award, Mr Smith and I were invited to a garden party at Buckingham Palace on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May. This event was a Gold Award Presentation for over 1,000 gold award holders. It was a real honour for both of us, it was a beautiful day and the grounds of the palace which were looking beautiful.

We had the ex Royal Correspondent, Jennie Bond in our group, and she gave a fantastic motivational speech to the award recipients. We also spotted a number of other celebrities including Dr Christian Jessen, Phillip Schofield, Sally Gunnell, Steve Backshall, David Seaman and Ainsley Harriot, who were presenting the awards to other groups. HRH the Duke of Edinburgh spoke to both myself and Mr Smith about our students who had completed their gold expedition by canoe. Also to my delight I discovered towards the end of the afternoon an ex-student from Jo Richardson Kayla Fenn (who completed bronze and silver award at Jo Richardson), who was receiving her gold award having completed it with The Vibe Youth Centre.



Congratulations to Kayla!

Ms Montague  
D of E Manager

## Duke of Edinburgh Award News

Congratulations to the students who completed their bronze practice expedition in May, in the Lea Valley and Enfield area. They completed their walks on both days within route card time, (even though some people forgot to bring a watch – an essential navigation tool). They planned the rest of their packing really well and most people had everything that they needed for the journey. The students involved were: Georgina Hart 10A, Abigail Jacobs 10B, Paris Tankard, Nathan Batt and Jyotika Ahtty 10D, Emilia Vanagaite 10E, Faith Barovbe, Yasmine Raji, Karolina Derlukiewicz and Hanan Abdulhamid 10H.



A big thank you to all the staff involved for their time, effort and enthusiasm throughout the trip: Mr Dignam, Mr Kilminster, Ms Davies and Mr Hill, thank you also to Bill Lockton for supplying our dinner.

## D of E Bronze Practice Weekend Enfield and Lea-Valley



In May, the students listed below went out on the practice weekend to Lea-Valley. It was a great start with the navigation, the students moved through the check points with ease, one group had to be put right on the direction of travel. On arriving at camp, I was impressed with the way the students set up camp and got on with the evening meal. The next day was an early start at 6:00am; this is an area which the students need to work on! We were supposed to have

moved out at 8:00am but did not depart until 8:30am.

The staff were on the ground ensuring students were heading off in the correct direction and ensuring they had gone through most of the locations. The groups finished at checkpoint 9 at 3:00pm on a nice sunny day. Well done to you all for completing your Bronze practice run. I would like to thank Miss Draisey, Mr Dignam, Mr Kirkbride and Miss Smith for giving up their weekend to support the students and bring them home safely.

Jennifer Taborda Da Silva, Shanice Makili, Megha Islam, Jake Sanchez, Teri Keenan, Jodie Chesney, Billy Tyler, Lucy Whyte, Faye Barker, Jamie Adekeye, Emma Davison and Jake Sanchez

Mr Hargreaves  
D of E Leader

## Success for All once again on Bronze Award qualifying expedition

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June, a group of ten students set out on their Bronze qualifying expedition in Epping Forest. They started (and finished) at the Queen Elizabeth's Hunting Lodge at the edge of the forest near Loughton. The students' aim of their expedition was to work out a series of games and activities to keep themselves entertained whilst on their walk. One group even turned a sleeping mat into a board game, based around their experiences of completing the award.



The second day was particularly challenging with quite a few hills to climb as they navigated their way through the forest. Also, the skies looked pretty threatening and group 2 were caught in a torrential downpour as they finished the last leg of their walk, arriving back at the minibus soaked through!

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the expedition on getting to the finish: Georgina Hart, Matthew Norris (both 10A), Abigail Jacobs 10B, Paris Tankard, Nathan Batt, Jyotika Ahtty (all 10D), Hanan Abdulhamid, Faith Barovbe, Yasmine Raji, and Karoline Derlukiewicz (all 10H).

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff who supported this expedition and without whom the trip would not have been possible: Mr Dignam (who assessed the group), Mr Kilminster, Mr Hill and Bill Lockton (D of E volunteer). Thanks to all for giving up your time and for your dedication and enthusiasm for the award.



Ms Montague  
D of E Manager

### **“Success for all” once again the D of E Bronze Award Qualifying Weekend Expedition**

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016, the Bronze D of E group embarked on their qualifying expedition in the Epping Forest area. They started off near Hollow Ponds near Whipps Cross.

The students started the first part of the seven mile expedition towards Fairmead Scout Camp. Their aim was to take a series of photographs along the way to create a display at a later date. The terrain was rather challenging due to the copious amounts of rain we have been experiencing, but the students were determined!

I was delighted to see how well the students set up camp and prepared their evening meal when they were actually very tired. They were sensible though and tucked up for an early night.

The second day was particularly challenging for our movement between Debden Camp and Fairmead Camp. The navigation at the start was difficult for both groups but I was really impressed with the progress made throughout the day. We had a mixture of weather from full sun to a torrential downpour. They all completed the walk and checked in at the final check point 11.

Congratulations to everyone who took part and completed the expedition:

Lucy Whyte, Jodie Chesney, Teri Keenan, Jake Sanchez, Jamie Adekeye, Emma Davison, Megha Islam, Jennifer Taborda Da Silva and Shanice Makili

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff who supported this expedition and without whom the trip would not have been possible: Miss Duncan, Mr Vincent, and Mr Marks - thank you for giving up your time to such a wonderful bunch of students. I sincerely appreciate your commitment to the D of E team. You're great!



Mr Hargreaves  
Duke of Edinburgh Leader



# SMSC Sixth Form

## UCAS Fair



Year 12s visited the UCAS Fair this week. It was a chance to talk to representatives from universities and collect information. They left with bags full of prospectuses. Students are beginning to think about their options for after Sixth Form.

Mrs Wren  
Head of Sixth Form

## Women of the Year Lecture

Jo Richardson Community School Sixth Form students were invited to attend the 2016 Women of the Year Lecture, sponsored by The Royal Institution of Great Britain, London on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April. The event was hosted by award winning BBC broadcaster, Sue MacGregor, and the students met Sandi Toksvig and Baroness Lawrence amongst others.

From escaping Germany in the Kindertransport to becoming a successful businesswoman, from being the mother of an autistic child to becoming one of Britain's greatest philanthropists: guest speaker Dame Stephanie Shirley shared her incredible life story with a packed audience of Women of the Year friends and alumnae including former Women of the Year Susie Hart and Baroness Doreen Lawrence. The conversation began with Sue and Dame Stephanie talking about her childhood as a refugee in England living with foster parents, after escaping from Nazi Germany in the Kindertransport. Dame Stephanie described how her parents' decision to send her in the Kindertransport ultimately saved her life.

After the event the girls spoke at length to Dame Stephanie about her career, her IT business, originally known as Xansa and now part of the Sopra Steria Group, describing the organisation as a social business, focused not on making profit but to provide suitable and flexible careers for working women.

"It was an incredible experience to meet a strong business woman who embodies everything we as young women want to aspire to" said Bethany Knight 17.

Ms Boller  
Student Communication Manager



## Mark Evison Project

Congratulations to Jennifer Ochonma, Year 12, who successfully completed her Mark Evison Project during last term.

Jennifer produced a bid to take a project into a local primary school to work with Year 3 students. The bid had to be presented to a trustee, Margaret Evison, and pass financial scrutiny as well as other criteria.

Jennifer was helped on the actual project day by another three students: Muntaqua Choudhury; Jessica Ochonma and Asiyya Tahsin. They are pictured here wearing the Mark Evison Foundation T-Shirts.



Miss Campbell  
Deputy Director of Sixth Form

## Year 13 “Wave” Goodbye on the Thames

Year 13 celebrated the end of their school journey, (apart from their exams!) with a boat party on the Thames. Meeting at school, they boarded a traditional routemaster bus which took them to Temple Pier where the Golden Sunrise awaited them.

Once on the boat we cast off on our evening of dancing, photos and London sightseeing. Great fun was had by all; the photo-booth was in constant use and the DJ had the requests stacking up. As the light faded, glorious London came alive with its major attractions, bathed in lights, setting an excellent backdrop for the rest of the evening. The boat travelled between Fulham and Greenwich, going under Tower Bridge, past the London Eye, Houses of Parliament and the O2. After an evening of partying, weary feet walked back to Temple Pier, to let the tube take the strain back to Becontree.



A very special thanks to the Boat Party committee who put in hours to raise the extra money needed to make the whole thing possible – Girls – you are full of “banter” but have extraordinary big hearts!

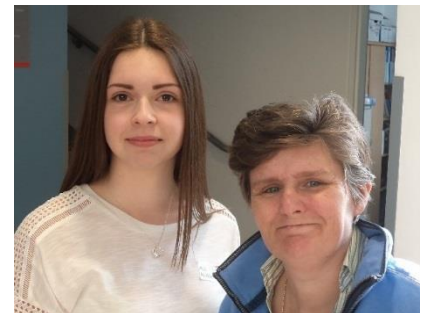
It has been a real pleasure working with such a great Year 13 this year. I wish them lots of life filling experiences and a dream reaching future.

Miss Campbell  
Deputy Director of Sixth Form

## Sixth Form Alumni Event

In June we welcomed ex-students to our annual alumni event. It was good to see them. Many, like Chelsea Gritton (pictured here with Miss Campbell,) are studying at university. We also have students working locally and in the City of London. We enjoyed hearing of their successes and catching up on their news. They had a look round the school and talked to their old teachers.

Mrs Wren  
Director of Sixth Form



## Sixth Form Gold Seagulls



It is with great pride and immense satisfaction that the Sixth Form is able to celebrate the unprecedented achievements of its students this year. As featured in The Seagull throughout this academic year, many Year 12 students have accepted the challenge of obtaining the Golden Seagull Award. This has previously proven to be illusive within Key Stage Five. Yet, during last Monday’s celebration assembly, Mr Smith

presented 11 certificates to the following, well deserving students: Jack Fawsitt, Brandon Finlay, Billy Cresswell, Sabrina Shaikh Gabriele Sartauskaite, Daisy Peaty, Rosie Dunn, Demi Whitnell, Bethany Knight Jay Batchelor and Kelsey Auger.

The bar has been set high for future KS5 aspiring students.

Mr Cole  
Transition Coordinator

## Sixth Form



Year 12 HE/Post 18 week has been very successful this year. The week ended with a trip to central London. We visited two colleges in the University of London, King's College and SOAS. We also stopped along the way in Covent Garden and The British Museum. The students and staff enjoyed finding out about living and studying in

London. Earlier in the week we visited a campus university, the University of Essex and experienced life there.

Mrs Wren  
Head of Sixth Form

## SMSC English

### Year 8 Political Campaign Rally

After finishing reading George Orwell's 'Animal Farm' in English, a Year 8 class worked in groups to set about the task of creating a new political party that could see them be elected to run the country. After weeks of thoughtful planning and preparation, the students worked together to set up stalls and invited their fellow students in to listen to their ideas on how we could make the country a better place to live. The political campaign rally was a big success and the passion they showed in their speeches could certainly teach Mr Cameron a thing or two!



Congratulations to all of you on such an outstanding effort!

Miss Osborn  
English Department

## SMSC Food & Catering

### Food and Catering Cooking Club

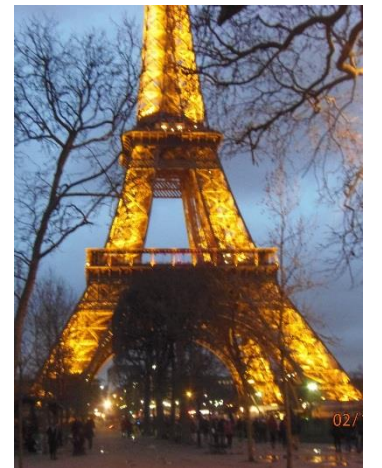
Food and Catering Cooking Club started this term with some really exciting cooking tasks and I would like to thank all the students for their dedication and great support to the club. It shows that they have both great commitment and resilience towards their education. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Debono for helping me throughout the year.

Mr Hargreaves  
Food and Catering



# SMSC MFL

## MFL Visit to Paris



## Year 7 ACHIEVE Day – France



# SMSC History

## Visit from Holocaust Survivor

“On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May, my year group and I were lucky enough to receive a visit from Holocaust survivor Edgar Guest. He sat and told us history and we were all touched. We’ve been learning about WWII in history so to have Edgar come in was an amazing experience for us all and we are extremely privileged. He and his wife are living proof of how important it is to remember WWII and the impact it had on everyone involved. After he told us his story, we had the opportunity to ask him questions which he gave very informative answers to”.

Thank you Edgar!”

Ebony Knight 9H



# SMSC Business

## The EU Referendum

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June, Year 12 Business students participated in a mock EU referendum. The class was divided into three:

Brexit – Remain - Those who are undecided

The undecided students listened to both sides of the debate provided by their fellow classmates. At the end of the debate, all students went through the voting process. The outcome was very interesting!



Miss Howe was especially impressed with the contributions from:

Tumi Adewunmi, Klevi Bejti, Benjamin Haynes, Victon Iheanacho, Dylan Jordon, Rahian Mojid, George Phillips and Georgie Rogers.

Mr Marks

Teacher of Business

# SMSC Dance

## Professional Male Dance Workshop



A massive well done to all of the KS3 boys who participated in the professional male dance workshop on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April. The three hour workshop explored the theme of World War I and the Dance Department were extremely proud of all of the students who conducted themselves in a professional manner throughout. The students' creativity, focus and drive was a pleasure to observe and was commented on by the workshop leaders who were impressed with the level of

creativity in the room. The boys now plan to meet weekly to turn their work into a full dance performance. A fantastic effort made by all- well done!

The Dance Department

## Dance News

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May, the Dance Department took Year 10 GCSE Dance students and five Year 9 students to a dance workshop and performance by Avant Garde: a contemporary and Hip Hop dance professional dance company.



The students firstly enjoyed a practical dance workshop based on 'Fagin's Twist' where they explored the story of 'Oliver Twist' but from Fagin's point of view and also learnt repertoire from the show. The students then were able to watch the company perform their London premier of 'Fagin's Twist', an amazing performance which was thoroughly enjoyed all round. To top it all off we were then able to gain an insight into the director's choreographic process through a question and answer session at the end of the show.

Well done to those involved!

The Dance Department

## GCSE Dance

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June the Year 10 GCSE dance group visited The Priory School in Orpington to establish links with their Dance Department. Both JRCS and the Priory dance students shared some of their practical classwork. This was an excellent opportunity for the students as it enabled both schools to perform and appreciate high standard GCSE choreographies. The students then enjoyed a contemporary and street dance workshop which they excelled in and were a fantastic representation of JRCS, and the Dance Department, throughout the day. Well done to the GCSE dance group!



## Epidemik Dance Company

The girls dance company took part in the opening ceremony performance at Jim Peter's Stadium on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June. The performance was based on Rio de Janeiro and included 500 other students from local primary and secondary schools. The students enjoyed decorating their t-shirts in a Rio carnival style ready for the event.

Well done girls!



## Broadway Theatre Showcase

The Year 10 GCSE dance group, Epidemik and the boys dance company have been busy rehearsing and preparing for the borough's annual showcases where schools across Barking and Dagenham showcase their dance performances. This always turns out to be a fantastic event and is a great opportunity for the students to perform in a professional theatre setting. The shows are called 'Fusion 1' and 'Fusion 2' and are on June 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. We would be so grateful for your support at this exciting event, and tickets can be purchased directly on the Broadway Theatre website: <http://www.thebroadwaybarking.com/Sales> .



## Sports Day Opening Ceremony

The Year 7 and 8 dance classes are currently preparing dance performances for the JRCS sports day opening ceremony. Each piece has a different theme chosen by the students and Miss England and Miss Simpson are very impressed by the commitment, enthusiasm and capability of all of the students in these classes. We look forward to the final performance at Sports Day- pictures to follow!

Miss Simpson  
Dance Department

## Dance Rio



A big well done to our girls' dance company, Epidemik, for performing at the Quad Athletics Opening Ceremony on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at Jim Peters Stadium. This was part of a mass

performance with local primary and secondary schools based on Rio De Janerio. The students' effort and commitment to the rehearsal process paid off and they looked excellent on the day. Well done girls!

## Broadway Theatre

The Year 10 GCSE dance group, Epidemik and our JRCS boys' dance company performed at the primary and secondary dance platform on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> June at the Broadway Theatre. We were so proud of the students' final performances and it was a pleasure to see them perform alongside lots of other local schools. Well done to all of the students who worked so hard to perfect and polish their performance pieces.



Miss Simpson  
Dance Department

### Dance days

Year 8 and the Dance Department had two fantastic dance days on Wednesday and Thursday last week. We had eight professional dance teachers working with each form group and their tutors to produce a performance piece in lots of different dance styles including Bollywood, hip hop, lindy hop and break dancing. We were so impressed by the students' enthusiasm, support and commitment to the two days. A massive well done and congratulations to the best boy and best girl from each form who were selected due to their efforts and performance and to 8B who won with their street dance performance!



Well done to the Year 7s, Year 8s and our boys' dance company who performed at the opening ceremony for our sports day this year. Each group worked excellently during their dance lessons and worked collaboratively with the Dance Department to choose a theme and explore how this could be communicated through dance. Well done to all of the students who performed brilliantly on the day!

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Miss Simpson  
Dance Department





# SMSC Drama

## Drama Department

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May, Year 11 GCSE Drama students have their final exams, we wish them all well and urge them to keep rehearsing!!!!

Elsewhere in the Department, we have a few pictures of Year 11 rehearsing, Year 10 warming up to learn about their unit 3 performance exam, a Year 13 working hard on her exam practice and Year 8 students exploring the skills required for using neutral masks!!!



Ms Cook  
Head of Drama

# SMSC DT

## DT Visit to the Olympic Park

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June, the DT Department took 20 students on a trip to The Olympic Park in Stratford. The students were taken on a guided tour around the park and were able to witness the sheer enormity of the construction project which took place in the lead up to the 2012 Olympics and will continue for many years yet. The students learned about many benefits of the construction industry as a whole and this will benefit them as they work through their coursework. Regeneration, sustainability, job creation and affordable housing were just some of the topics mentioned.



We were able to go inside and view both the Velodrome and National Aquatics Centre, both of which were arenas in which Great Britain won several gold medals at the Olympics. The students particularly enjoyed being able to go to the viewing platform of the ArcelorMittal Orbit which is the UK's tallest structure and offers clear views of London's skyline.

Well done to all those involved, named below:

Israel Ayeni, Mitchell Brooks, Bradley Bryant, Charlie Dawkins, Jordan Deeble, Lyon Gash, Shahida Hassan, Paul Simwinga, Alex Thomas, Luke Watson, Megan Card, Connor Craven, Cameron Finlay, Danny Kitchen, Rhys Lees, Maria Oyenuga, Mantas Sartauskas, Krae Silk, Jordan Speller Cross and Adam O'Reilly.

Mr Looby  
DT Teacher

# SMSC Science

## Tomorrow's Engineers – Energiser Event

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April, two classes of Year 7 top set Science students took part in the Tomorrow's Engineers Energiser Event, which has been designed to encourage the next generation of Scientists and Engineers. Our students had a chance to work with an Engineer, Mr Nigel Moore, and learn about his job. The students looked at the following areas:

- Our World, Your Future – the effects of a growing world population;
- Potential Energy – the global energy mix including renewable and non-renewable energy;
- Kinetic Energy – building and testing a Solar Car;
- Engineering Careers – looking at what engineers do and the routes into engineering careers.

We had a lot of fun building wind turbines and cars of the future. Here are a few quotes from the students who participated.

“It was great finding out about all the different types of engineers. I have learnt a lot throughout this experience”

Hannah Tolentino 7G.

“After this experience we now know about many job opportunities in engineering” Matthew Korbuch 7I.

“It was so fun, I forgot we were learning!” Devika Ahtty 7I.

“This experience made me change my view on engineering completely. Now I think that any idea could be a reality with engineering” Joel Walpole 7A.

“I feel like today's engineering project opened up many career paths for me, as they taught me all the requirements of becoming an engineer while being incredibly fun” Jeremiah Ogunturin 7E.

“It was a new experience for me and was very interesting to be able to do something an engineer does. Altogether, it was really fun.” Renee Moundjongui-Bastos 7F.

“My favourite part of the workshop was building the car. I enjoyed the creative part of the building process. I will probably consider engineering as an option for the future” Maya Quagraine 7H.



Miss Ochwat  
Year 7 Science Cohort Manager

# SMSC Music

## Barbican Trip 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016

Our orchestral students plus some invited guests came with us on a reward trip to the Barbican on Tuesday to see the BBC Symphony Orchestra perform the BBC 10 Pieces. This is a collection of classical works that have been arranged for school orchestras to play and includes two pieces from Carmen that we are currently working on for the Summer Music Night.



All students were fantastically well behaved and were great representatives of the school.

Students involved were as follows:

Matthew Norris, Charlie Mould, Georgina Brown, Hafusat Adeyem, Yilmaz Kalay, Jodie Chesney, Teri Keenan, Camilo Mosquera, Lucy Whyte (all Year 10). Daniel Gill, Cheltsea East, Alperen Oktay, Riley Hoskin, Ebony Knight, Melissa Aziz (all Year 9), Connor Charity, Ibukun Silva Ope, Omone Akhabhau, Arsel Aliaj (all Year 8). Ayaan Chida, Belica Cofie, Rebecca Portbury, Mae Williams, Ana Lopes Rebelo, Charlie Brown, Harrison Whyte, Jonjoe Mould and Lilijana Blazeveciute (all Year 7).

Miss Ford  
Music Department

## Lucy Lombard 11D

In May, Lucy Lombard 11D joined some familiar faces on the judging panel of this year's Summer of Sound competition, held in The Mercury Mall, Romford. Other judges included Britain's Got Talent semi-finalist Jasmine Elcock and The Voice contestants Lyrikal and Collier Row girl Lydia Lucy who is rumoured to have joined rapper Will.i.am in the Black Eyed Peas.



Since winning last year's competition Lucy has performed at the Havering Show, Romford's Christmas light switch on and the Royal Albert Hall.

Prizes for the winner of the Summer of Sound include major public appearances, vocal coaching, the chance to record their own music videos and a CD as well as a possible contract. There may also be an opportunity to write and perform the title song for a movie.

Mr Smith  
Headteacher

## Music Recital Evening – 18<sup>th</sup> May

Well done to all students who took part in our Recital Evening. The standard of performance was fantastic and really showed the commitment and hard work that goes into instrumental and vocal lessons. Also, thank you to parents, staff members and fellow students in the audience for your support.

Students involved were as follows:



Victoria Briggs 11C, Sophie Peters 11C, Lucy Lombard 11D, Billy Ebanks 11F, Josephina Muskollari 10B, Diana Kryvvy 9B, Yanique Peterkin 9E, Ife Ogbonna 8G, Arsel Aliaj 8H, Rebecca Portbury 7D, Sergiu Brataon 7G, Candice Amponsah 7E, Shanique Goodwin 7E and Charlie Brown 7E.

## Summer Music Night 2016

Our annual Summer Music Night took place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June. The evening showcased a wealth of talent including various singing groups, Orchestra, Wind Band, Year 7 Drumheads, BTECs and soloists.

The students involved (far too many to list here) have been working really hard this term and put on a fantastic performance as a result of that dedication. It was also the last concert for our BTEC students who have always performed to a high standard and have been a credit to JRCS. Well done to each and every student involved!



## Gamelan Trip 2016

In June, our Year 10 GCSE Music students had the opportunity to take part in a Gamelan workshop at London's Southbank Centre. This was their introduction to the music of Indonesia, which they study as part of their World Music unit. The students worked really well together and enjoyed the experience. They were a credit to the school and a pleasure to accompany. Thank you and well done to all students involved.



Miss Ford  
Music Department

## Year 9 ACHIEVE Days - Music

We had a lot of fun with Year 9 on ACHIEVE Days. Students participated in a series of music workshops throughout the day, giving them a chance to experience beatboxing, African Drumming, Gospel and rock bands. It was great to see students getting involved and trying something new. Thank you to all students who took part, especially those who performed in Boothroyd Hall at the end of the day.

Also, thank you to all staff members who helped out across the two days as well as some of our students: Lucy Lombard and Yinka Egbedeyi for assisting with the Gospel workshop and Hannah Bone who excelled as a group leader in the vocal part of the rock band workshops.



Other highlights included a very energetic performance of Uptown Funk to start the day, Harry Ely and Seidu Salifu's excellent drumming and Ms Keane's singing, which is always a treat!

Music Department