



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



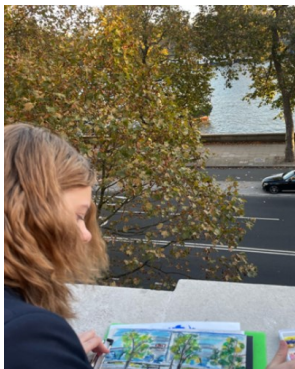
This week I have been reflecting on the fantastic extra curricular opportunities our pupils have at this school. In the past 2 weeks alone we have had; 2 year 11 careers trips, one to the National Apprenticeship Fair and one to Istock Place, a year 7 rewards trip to the cinema, the year 10 Debate Mate launch followed by their first debating session, a year 11 art trip, year 10 advertising agency trip, a year 7 girls rugby tournament and to end the week, we waved year 9 pupils off on their adventures to explore the battlefields in France and Belgium. It has always been our goal to not only achieve the very best grades for our pupils, but to also develop citizens of the world. In order to achieve this goal, I believe it is so important that pupils get every opportunity to learn outside the classroom. I would like to thank all members of staff who have taken the time to organise extra-curricular activities for our pupils, and congratulate all pupils who have taken every opportunity offered to them.

Also this week, pupils in Year 11 began their first set of formal mocks. These assessments are cumulative, testing their knowledge on all topics they have learnt since the start of KS4, and give pupils a real idea of what the GCSE season will feel like. Pupils have revision materials from their teachers, and they should use these to ensure they feel confident and prepared for every assessment. The manifests, revision materials and additional material are available on the school website and Show My Homework. I encourage all pupils to make best use of all your resources and I would like to remind you all about the importance of checking their exam timetable to best plan out their revision. All pupils need to come back on Monday, ready to demonstrate their knowledge and skills in their assessments for the rest of the week.

Year 11 Art Trip

On Monday our year 11 artists went on a trip to the Courtauld Institute of Art. Students viewed the works on Claude Monet and learnt about his 'En Plein Air' drawing whilst he stayed in London in the late 1800's, and studied the industrial view of the Thames.

Students carried out some en plein air drawing themselves which I think truly prepared them for their mocks!



KS3 Knowledge Organiser Homework

It is vital that students learn key facts and definitions for every subject. These can be found in our knowledge organisers, which are given to students in a booklet every term, and can also be found on our website, [here](#). Each week, students will be given a small number of definitions to learn as part of their homework. They practise learning definitions in weekly Study Skills sessions, and should also work on this at home using the 'read, cover, write, check' technique - see the video [here](#). To check students have completed this homework, they are tested in lessons. Teachers log when students do not pass their knowledge tests, and students who fail **three tests in a fortnight** will receive a detention, where they will be given further support with the 'look, cover, write, check' technique.



Year 7 Food Technology



Year 7 have made a fantastic start to food technology. To ensure they are able to take any food they have cooked home, pupils are required to bring in a container. On weeks when they will need a container, this will be set as a homework by their food technology teacher. Consequently any pupils who fail to bring a container will receive a homework

detention. You are able to check the dates a container will be required on show my homework.

Year 7 Rugby Festival

On Tuesday 13th November a group of talented year 7 girls participated in their very first rugby festival at Holland Park school where they played against students from host school as well as Ernest Bevin and Elms academies. This was a great opportunity for the group to showcase the rugby skills on which they worked on in PE lessons during first half-term. Girls showed great performance, sportsmanship and kindness to students of other school .



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Subject in the spotlight



This week's subject in the spotlight is.... Art and Textiles with the head of department, Ms Sullivan.

Year 7 Art - Students have been exploring the form elements and mark making, looking at a range of traditional and modern artists including the likes of David Hockney, Mary Ann Carol and Henri Matisse. Next, students will put into practice the skills they have developed using colour theory and marking making. Students will look at their own cultural journey and develop a final artistic piece inspired by the landscape they group up around.

Year 7 Textiles - Students have had an introduction to hand embroidery, looking at basic hand sewing techniques alongside colour theory. Students have explored Mexican culture, traditions and have designed their own Mexican Alebrije animal. Students have made a felt template and will next create a 3D, hand sewn appliqué animal - using recycled felt, straight stitch and whip stitch.

Year 8 Art - Students have been exploring the art form of illustration, whilst looking at the future world and endangered animals. Students have studied the works of British illustrator Olivia Lomenech Gill, and the cardboard structures of Hew Locke and Josh Gluckstein. Students have learnt a range of paper and cardboard manipulation techniques and are working towards creating their own 3D mythical creature sculpture out of cardboard.

Year 8 Textiles - Students have been developing an understanding of basic sewing machine skills. Students have begun making their own reusable tote bag. Next, students will study the pattern work of many designers including Althea McNish and William Morris, to be able to design, carve and print their own designs onto their tote bag.

Year 9 Art - Students have had an introduction to identity through the theme of portraiture. Exploring the works of M.C. Escher, Kehinde Wiley and recently street artist Shepard Fairey, through portrait drawing, digital editing and acrylic painting. Students have learnt how to scale up their own drawing, make a digital edit of their self portrait and are now developing a deeper knowledge of acrylic paint mixing. Next, students will work in the computer room to develop digital skills inspired by the works of Michael Craig Martin, Andy Warhol and other Pop and Modern/Contemporary portrait artists.

Year 10 Art - Students have had an Introduction to ceramics, learning basic clay preparation techniques...wedging, rolling, manipulating by hand. Students made a pinch pot, coil pot and square slab tile. Students have begun making their own final clay piece influenced by the theme, 'Our World the Climate Around Us'.

Next, students will be moving onto painting and will be visiting and working with The Bomb Factory Art Foundation artists from their Chelsea studios.

Year 11 Art - Year 11 have been developing personal ideas that support the final stages of their, 'Our World - The Climate Around Us Project'. Students visited the Courtauld Institute of art to view the work of Claude Monet and look at his 1800-1900 series of London works that show the polluted city from the factory revolution. Students adopted Monet's style creating an 'En Plein Air' drawing where they studied and used pastels to sketch the Thames outside the Courtauld gallery space. Next, students will be developing their personal ideas ready to create a final project piece in December.



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Mr Wilson's Commendations

Congratulations this week go to the following pupils, who made it to the top of our Seneca and Sparx leaderboards.

Top pupils for Seneca are:

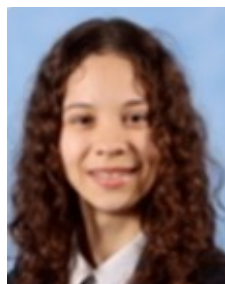
Year 7: Firdaws

Year 8: Steven

Year 9: Yong-Zheng

Year 10: Siana

Year 11: James



Top pupils for Sparx maths are:

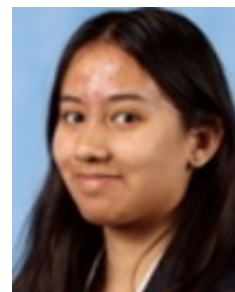
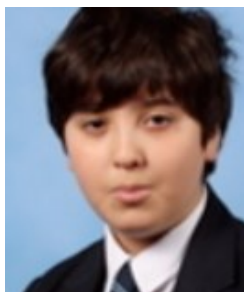
Year 7: Mourad

Year 8: Zubayr

Year 9: Kaleen

Year 10: Louisa

Year 11: Alisha-Rose

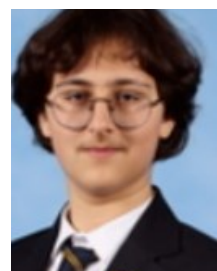
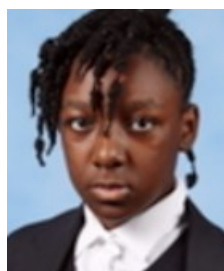
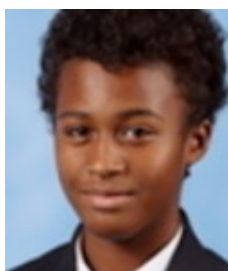


Top pupils for Sparx reader are:

Year 7: Yazid and Jaeon

Year 8: Ikhlās and Chaunique

Year 9: Isabella and Timur



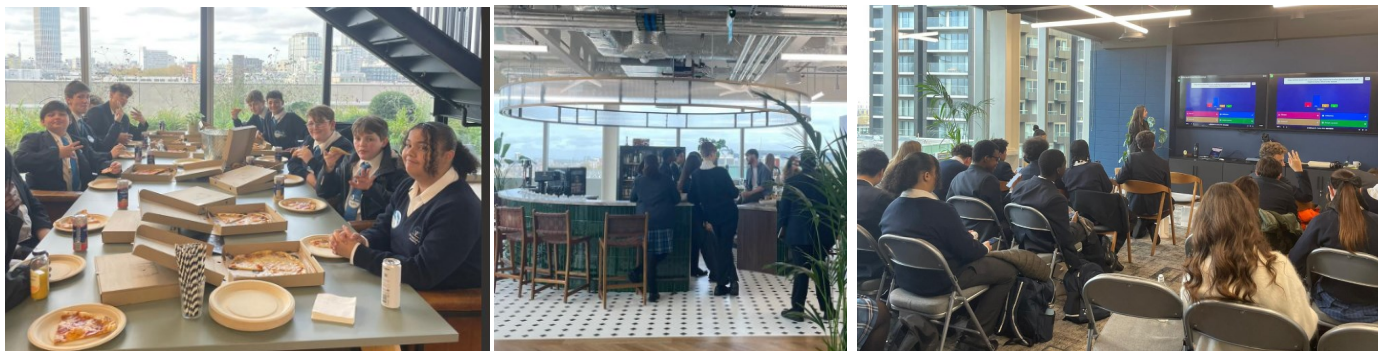
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Year 10 Advertising Agency Trip

On Thursday year 10 BTEC and GCSE media pupils visited Crowd advertising agency. Pupils had a fantastic day, with one even describing it as "the best trip ever". It really gave them an opportunity to experience what a career in advertising might look like, and all came away feeling inspired and excited about their future.



Parent Survey

Our parent survey is open now and we would love to hear from you. Let us know what we do well and where you think we can improve here: <https://edurio.com/poll/OpM3Ty>



Key dates for weeks beginning 18th and 25th November

Description	Date	Time
Whole school assembly	Monday 18th November	8:30-9:00
Year 11 mocks	Monday 18th—Friday 22nd November	All day
Year 10 maths mock	Monday 18th November	9:00– 10:30
Year 8 Mosque Trip	Tuesday 26th November	10:00-15:30
Drop Down Day	Wednesday 27th November	9:00-15:30
Further Maths Mock	Wednesday 27th November	9:00-10:30
Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening	Thursday 28th November	16:30-17:30
Year 9 Orange Tree Theatre Production	Thursday 28th November	13:30-16:00



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