



Bake sale donation to reception on Thursday 21st Sept please

## Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers, Staff & Governors

When the sun was still with us we had our first House Day - a day dedicated to team work and designed to set this year's house competitions off in style. Students spent the day in their houses, working alongside pupils from different year groups for the good of their team. Quizzes, Tug of War and Team Games made the day both competitive and fun. Staff are also allocated Houses so they joined in with gusto too with their own tug of war. May the best House win! This week has seen a return to classroom routines and we have been round the school to see how settled the students are in their learning and with their new teachers. It is great to see them looking so smart and engaging well.

We have also begun our open season so have had many visitors touring the school and speaking with us as Heads. It is a time when we get to speak about our school, what makes it unique and our significant achievements. It is a busy time but it is also a time of great pride for us and reinforces that our school is a great place to be.

Don't forget that students will be dismissed at 12:40pm on Thursday so that staff can prepare for Open Evening.

Best wishes

**Niki Clemenger & Richard Cole**

Co-Headteachers

House excitement last week.



Year 10 in English this week. Ms Kovacs was modelling analytical writing and close analysis. Ms Farthing was setting up good homework practices. Mr Allison was working on close analytical reading of A Christmas Carol with students undertaking annotations and notes.



Ms Bouchaib's class considered how the character of Scrooge heightens the bleakness of the text. Mr Murphy was looking at transactional writing, identifying persuasive techniques. Mr Hamilton focused on building new vocabulary and connotations of words. We were impressed by the focus and thoughtful responses.



Year 10 families check your emails for info about GCSE Classical Civilisation

## Highlights of the Week

Last weekend Ms Robjant walked 25km from Putney Bridge to Tower Bridge, raising money for The Brain Tumour Charity. This was the day AFTER she injured her ankle. Trooper! Well done Miss.

We have a new crop of student guides being trained here by Ms Nicholas. With bookings 'sold out', and 150+ visitors daily, we have been really busy. We have our longest ever waiting list for places in Yr 7 and over 1000 people put us down as one of their choices last year. We have had great feedback: *'I just wanted to say thank you and congratulate you and all kids and staff for a brilliant tour. It was calm, interesting, well organised, warm and I was very impressed with our lovely school. So was everyone around me. The school seems to keep getting better and better. Congratulations again to you and all the staff for a great open morning. I hope the rest of the open season goes smoothly for you.'*

We also looked around Year 7 classes during their first Learning for Life lesson with their tutors. They were listening and involving themselves in tasks really well

## Important Dates

- 21st September Open Evening 5 - 8pm  
School closes at 12:40pm
- Black History Month throughout October
- 12th October Yr 7 Meet the Tutor Eve 5 - 7pm
- 19th October Sixth Form Open Evening 4:30 - 7pm
- 17th October Music Showcase 7pm
- 23rd - 27th October - Half Term

## Hot Chocolate with the Heads this week

Congratulations to:

- Angelina Bertorelli 7RPI
- Osaze Burton 8GJO
- Nirvana Barza 9ALB
- Avery Ahmed Lamb 10JAL
- Michaela Linde 11SV
- Eppi Tinslay 12NZH
- Keely Clarke 13CPL

Well done Ms Robjant



Ms Nicholas training the Yr 9 Student Ambassadors



Year 7 Learning For Life

