

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

As always there is plenty going on at the moment - Year 11 are into their second week of mock exams with 6th form due to start theirs next week - we have been impressed with their attitude towards these important opportunities to identify strengths and areas for development ahead of the real thing.

We have a new parent governor election taking place this week - do take the time to read the candidates' descriptions and cast your vote. We were really pleased to have interest from parents of some of our younger year groups who will no doubt bring fresh perspectives.

We also have lots of competitions, performances and extra curricular opportunities on offer for students to join in with. The Portrait Award has been decided - a tough decision on the winning entry given the quality of work on display, halloween design competitions for head gear or pumpkin carving are a great ways for all to join in and rehearsals are afoot for a number of Performing Arts events coming up. We hope to see a number of you at these events - they are always a treat. Do take a look at the Olive Dining Parent Newsletter also attached.

Best wishes

**Niki Clemenger & Richard Cole**  
Co-Headteachers



Anti Bullying week next week - Odd Socks Day Monday 13th  
[Download excellent parent resources here](#)



Modesola Yr 8



Don't forget to cast your vote in the Parent Governor Elections  
[follow this link to info](#)

## Highlights of the Week

We got to sample tasters of pholourie and banana fritters to celebrate Black History Month courtesy of Modesola in Year 8. Delicious!

We went walkabout around English this week, visiting Year 7 and Year 8 classes. We saw Year 7 in their literacy lessons, giving definitions for unfamiliar vocabulary in the text, discussing the main character and using empathy skills to consider their feelings. It was great to see Year 8 studying Shakespeare's Hamlet. Mr Allison was recapping the story so far, getting students to structure their verbal responses and develop their ideas. Mr Collington was exploding quotes with his group, getting them to think about the effects of particular words and literary techniques.

We also saw Ms Olano working with her Year 10 ESOL group. There were three different levels of work going on in the one room with students completing assessments on either writing, speaking or reading. We were impressed at how Ms Olano was able to ensure all were able to learn simultaneously.

On Wednesday we hosted 2nd year Pop Music Degree students from Trinity Laban, and their tutor Yolanda Charles, a professional bass player who has played with Queen and Paul Weller amongst others. They performed for Y8 and 9 music bursary students and spoke about their course and their journeys from school to where they are now. A very valuable experience for our students.

## Important Dates

- Yr 11 Mock exams continue this week
- Sixth Form Assess Weeks start 13th Nov
- Thurs 9th Nov Monologue Slam 7pm
- Thurs 23rd Nov Dance Exam Showcase 7:30pm
- Thurs 30th Nov Yr 9 Info Eve

## Hot Chocolate with the Heads this week

### Congratulations to:

- Eva Alphonso 7RPI
- Marlena Hillier 8BHA
- Nana Dua 9ALB
- Michael Shakede 10MBL
- Beatrice Sturgeon 11OSW
- Enosh Yeboah-Kumi 12AF
- Saara Khanam-Rahman 13VBU



Mr Allison and Mr Collington with English Students



Ms Olano with EAL students



Laban Musicians



Wonderful pumpkin carving competition entries

