

Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers, Staff & Governors

We hope you all had a lovely bank holiday weekend.

We had a bit of a competitive week last week - there were the results of the photography competition on display - some great ideas on display, and we had 6th form tutor groups competing in our Annual First Give presentation - the culmination of weeks of work to raise as much money for selected local charities as possible. It is always a really positive experience for our young people and the fact the local community benefits is also an excellent outcome. There were a number of sporting fixtures and the week ended on a Year 11 vs 6th form football match which was very well supported, with energetic and enthusiastic performances from both sides!

Some of our final exams have begun, with the main body of them about a week away. Staff are very busy giving much of their time to our examination year students to give them as much advice and practice as they can. Please keep our Year 11s, Year 13s and staff in mind over coming weeks - it is a big few weeks for them and we wish them well in demonstrating all their expertise and learning in their exams.

We know they will want to do well and we know hard work will pay off. Join us in wishing them all the best.

Best wishes

Niki Clemenger & Richard Cole

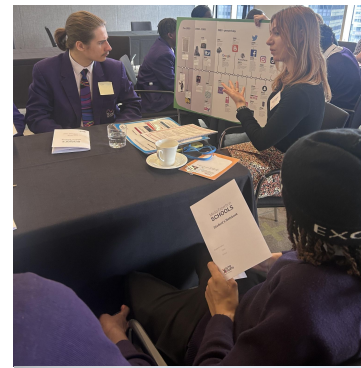
Co-Headteachers

Science in action last week..... Mr Rogers was launching the Science Fair with his Yr 7 class - giving ideas of what their entries could be. Ms Perrot was gauging knowledge about the digestive system with her Year 7 class reinforcing keywords using glossaries to check understanding. Mr Norris's Year 7 was using the visualiser to review a starter and check knowledge with lots of student responses. Ms O'Neill was beginning lesson 1 on energy stores and transfers to a 100% engaged and energetic group. Mr McDonald was working with Year 12 discussing rates of transpiration and testing knowledge with some very challenging no opt out techniques with supportive suggestions and encouraging lines like 'I'm liking your thinking' to get them to keep going till they got it, and lastly year 10 were experimenting with plants to test rates of photosynthesis. Students were loving being able to do a practical and were able to articulate well what they were doing and their hypothesis.





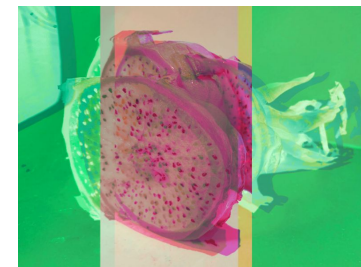
Yr 10 Citizenship trip



First Place - Isabelle Cleave
7RPI



Second Place Bonnie White
10MBL



Third Place Elliot Bunting 13HAI



Thank you to Sylvia,
great peer advice to Yr 11

Highlights of the Week

Ms Ritchie is so proud of our Year 12s who managed to pull off a fabulous First Give final presentation. The finalists chose a range of very worthy causes XLP, Little Angels Trust and Norwood & Brixton Food Bank. Representatives from the Norwood & Brixton Food Bank were in attendance and the contest was judged by Councillor Jackie Meldrum, Head of Citizenship, Ms Fooks and Head Student, Babette Otto. Well done to Shyanne, Miguel and Erick, their £1000 winnings will be donated to the Lives Not Knives charity.

Last week Ms Hussein and Ms Fooks went with Y10 Citizenship students to visit FTI Consultants in Central London to discuss the media, the dangers of it, spotting fake/bias news and understanding the use of media overtime.

We saw the 'Food Glorious Food' photography competition display outside G26- we were so thrilled at the varied entities and talents on show. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to everyone who took part.

This week Dr O'Brien and Ms Galdames continued holding a series of assemblies geared to advising groups of Year 11 students in the final throes of their GCSE studies. Aided by L6 Sylvia giving peer to peer advice. Really helpful.

Important Dates

- Thursday 9th May 4:30 - 7pm Year 7 Parents Evening
- Wednesday 15th May New Yr 7 Friendship Tea Party 4 - 6pm
- Thursday 23rd May 7pm Battle of the Bands
- Summer Half term 27th - 31st May

Hot Chocolate with the Heads this week

Congratulations to:

- Harrison Fenwick (7DRO)
- Isabella Church (9ALB)
- Oliver Calonge (10DWO)
- Temitope Abina (11JLT)
- Shyanne Martin (12JFR)
- Elliot Bunting (13HAI)

Sextortion - what you need to know as a parent.

Is someone threatening to post nudes or sexual images of you, your child or a friend online? What to do if you, your child or a friend are a victim of sextortion.

'Sextortion' is the short name for 'financially motivated sexual extortion'. It is a type of online blackmail where criminals threaten to share sexual pictures, videos, or information about you. They may be trying to take money from you or forcing you to do something else you don't want to. It has been in the press over the last couple of weeks and we will be talking to all year groups about it and how to keep themselves safe over the next few weeks, in tutor time, Learning for life. Let's Talks About sessions and in Well Bring Wednesdays.

We thought that it might be helpful to share some useful websites with you as parents - so that you are well informed and can prepare to have those conversations at home.

[Internet Watch Foundation](#)

[National Crime Agency](#)

Our **TALK checklist** offers parents, carers and guardians advice on how to have useful conversations with your child.

The **UK Safer Internet Centre** provides helpful advice to help children and young people stay safe online and specific guides for **parents and carers**.

CEOP Education provides a variety of guidance for children, parents/carers and professionals working with young people.

Childnet offers helpful advice and guidance on how to stay safe online as well as info on **exploitation, coercion and threats**.



NSPCC offers advice for parents on how to keep their children safe from online and in-person abuse and a **helpline** if you're concerned about a child's safety or wellbeing.

The **Children's Commissioner** has a hub of information on a variety of topics including a guide for parents on **talking to your child about online sexual harassment**.



Sextortion - what you need to know as a parent ctd

Parents Protect provides advice and support to help parents and carers protect children from sexual abuse and exploitation.

Internet Matters helps parents keep their children safe online with information and advice including practical steps to set up **parental controls**.

Report Harmful Content can help you to report harmful content online by providing up-to-date information on community standards and links to the reporting facilities across multiple platforms.

Victim Support is an independent charity dedicated to supporting victims of crime and traumatic incidents in England and Wales.

The **Marie Collins Foundation** offers free support for victims and survivors of sexual abuse. Specialist staff can offer someone to talk to, support and practical advice.



Sextortion - help for young people.

You can contact **Childline** about anything. Whatever your worry, it's better out than in. They are there to support you. There are lots of different ways to speak to a Childline counsellor or get support from other young people.

Gurls Out Loud offers help for what to do if you're approached for nudes online. Boys are welcome too!

Bullies Out provides a safe place to talk about and get advice on any kind of bullying - online or in person.

Young Minds provide information and help on lots of different topics including bullying, social media, mental health etc. and where you can go to get help.



Sextortion - help for young people.

The [Marie Collins Foundation](#) offer young people who've been harmed by technology-assisted child sexual abuse counselling and support.

[Childnet](#) offers great advice and guidance on how to stay safe online as well as info on [exploitation, coercion and threats](#).

[The Mix](#) provides 'Essential support for under 25s'. Get info and support via online chat, phone or their [crisis messenger service](#).

[Samaritans](#) can help if you need someone to talk to, are in crisis or are feeling suicidal. Whatever you're going through, call them free any time, from any phone, on 116 123.

[Stop Sextortion](#) from [Thorn](#) provides tips for what to do if you or a friend are the victim of sextortion. Counselling only available in America.

