

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

This time of year is always busy for us as a school - we have all the exam classes preparing and gearing up for their final exams whilst we also have lots of trips, visits and events happening. We welcomed Year 11 parents to a very helpful and informative evening held to support students and families managing the upcoming GCSEs. A reminder that some of those final exams have begun this week (Performing Arts) and continue next week (Visual Arts).

It was also National Pi day during the week- well done to Otone in Year 11 who was able to recite pi to a whopping 83 digits - impressive! We have also had the culmination of a 4 week project on anti-misogyny where Year 9 boys spoke in depth about: coercive control, sexual harassment and how to address it and the portrayal of women in media and masculinity. The workshop leader was rightly impressed by our boys and we are reminded that to solve this issue in society we need for everyone to work together and understand the part they can play. We enjoyed looking round Humanities this week where a range of subjects and interesting topics were being covered by staff and engaged with by students. We were struck by how interesting the Humanities curriculum was. Students seemed to think so, given how many were actively contributing to their lessons.

Best wishes

**Niki Clemenger & Richard Cole**

Co-Headteachers



## Highlights of the Week

Science staff were very lucky to win a ballot to take A-level Physics students on a visit to the Diamond Light Source, the UK's national synchrotron in Didcot, Oxfordshire. Diamond is a particle accelerator that accelerates electrons close to the speed of light, producing extremely powerful X-rays. The applications are vast, from understanding the protein structure of viruses like Covid to allowing scientists to see microscopic details in ancient remains. The kids really enjoyed speaking to the researchers and seeing the super expensive equipment (£2m detector).

STEAM Careers Workshops took place this week for some Year 7-9 students. They used an online platform developed by EA Games to work out their STEAM career type - advisor, architect, developer or producer. Our presenter was very impressed with the conduct of our students. Thank you to all who helped coordinate the groups and supervise throughout the day.

In PA news, on Wednesday the year 9 Old Vic Schools Club went to see Rami Malek and Idira Varma in a new adaptation of Oedipus.

On Thursday the year 12 Acting students performed Brain Play at Theatre Peckham as their entry to the National Theatre Connections competition. Absolutely the best performance of it they've done. Fingers crossed from here.

Finally, if you'd like more information on a FREE multi sports and arts camp over Easter. Please click [here](#) to find out more.

## Important Dates

- Spring Music Showcase Thurs 3rd April 7-9pm
- Spring Term Ends Friday 4th April
- Return to School Tuesday 22nd April
- Year 8 Parents Evening Thurs 1 May 4:30-7pm
- Year 7 Parents Evening Thurs 15 May 4:30-7pm

## Hot Chocolate with the Heads this week

Congratulations to:

- Christian-Tyler Robinson-Harris (7LEN)
- Pippi Smith (8LGO)
- Eloise Walters (9MON)
- Keir Lomas (10WMA)
- Zuzanna Bukowska (11MBL)
- Paul Bernardino (12VBU)
- Rosa Florence Idemudia (13LKE)

