

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Happy New Year to all members of our community; staff, students, parents/carers, Governors, Primary schools and our neighbours.

All the very best of health and good luck for the year 2019.

Welcome back to the academic spring term which is a very important one for all students, but particularly Year 11 and 13 in the run up to their public examinations. This Saturday our Year 11 and 13 school begins, supporting Year 11 and 13 in the lead up to their exams.

We have a few new staff who have joined us:

- Welcome to Mr Collis our new Senior Deputy Headteacher who will line manage Years 7,8,9,10, Inclusion, SEN, Sport and PE
- Welcome to Mr O'Flynn, our new Head of History
- Welcome to Mr Taylor, our new Biology teacher.

There is already a lot going on at the school - on Tuesday evening there was a very busy Year 8 Parents' Evening. It was a really great way to start the year meeting so many students and parents/carers. It is not long now until we start the Year 8 Options process, so last night was a really timely evening in terms of discussions around subjects and success.

Thank you, Mrs Holden – Executive Principal

Sixth Form

It's the first week back and with only a few months until their exams, our Year 13 students have been working really hard to prepare for the start of them in May.

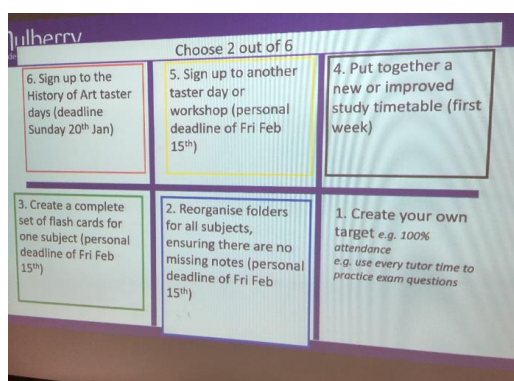
The main focus has been looking at exam practice for their different papers making sure that they are fully ready for everything in June.

Meanwhile in Year 12, our students have been working on their New Year's Resolutions.

At assembly this week, they were asked to pick two targets to be completed this term in relation to

their Sixth Form life. We will be checking our Resolutions' Board every week to make sure our students are achieving what they set out to do!

Ms Frankum



Creative Cook School

The following students are a part of the second cohort for Creative Cook School. A project taking place offsite for a whole day - every Tuesday for 6 weeks starting this week.

Year 8

Mohammed Syed Zakariya Ali
Callum Grestock
Suleiman Ismail
Naheeya Nazmin
Zahra Ali
Eman Barre

Year 9

Sumaiyah Akhtar Uddin
Navon Roberts
Nabiha Ahmed
Zakiyyah Begum
Mohammed Armaan Miah
Muhammad Zaid Ali

This is an amazing project for our young people where they will gain a range of kitchen skills, both at The Tab Centre, and in professional kitchens and local businesses as well as learn to express their emotions through music and work with the elderly in our community. They will work on seven key character strengths (Resilience, Compassion, Gratitude, Self-Discipline, Humility, Optimism and

Unity) and gain an accreditation.

We are really excited about how they will get on this half term. All students were absolutely fantastic on their first day this week, in particular, Callum, Eman and Sumaiyah were great in the kitchen and got stuck into their roles. Zakiyyah and Saleban worked as a team on the garnish.

Ms J Taylor



Year 8 First Give Project

Almost a year ago, our Year 8 students were starting the process of learning about different social issues that effect their local community through discussion, team work and creative expression.

It's a new term and I am excited to announce that our current Year 8 students will be starting to explore different charities and the social themes in which they tackle through raising awareness, dedication and fundraising.

Year 8 will be starting their impact session this week within their drama lessons and will be the fourth year group to support the charitable organisation-First Give.

More news will follow, as students begin to develop innovative drama presentations to represent their classes chosen charity. Watch this space!

Ms Higdon

Student Voice

Student Council will be updating you with their findings from their empathy questionnaire.

Students found lots of interesting observations which they will be sharing with staff and students to celebrate all the amazing examples of empathy we see around the school.

Students will also be sharing 3 strands of improvement and will need your ideas in helping them to achieve these changes. Keep in tune and keep posted with our new student council message board! This will be visible within the street in the next week.

Student Council will also be conducting a learning walk to focus on student voice within the classroom, with a specific focus on classes within the Sixth Form to allow Key Stage 4 students top tips on how to prepare for higher education.

Ms Higdon

Charity Bake Sale

Congratulations to the Office who raised an amazing £329.04 from their bake sale as part of Winter Fest.

They were followed closely by Science at £316.19.

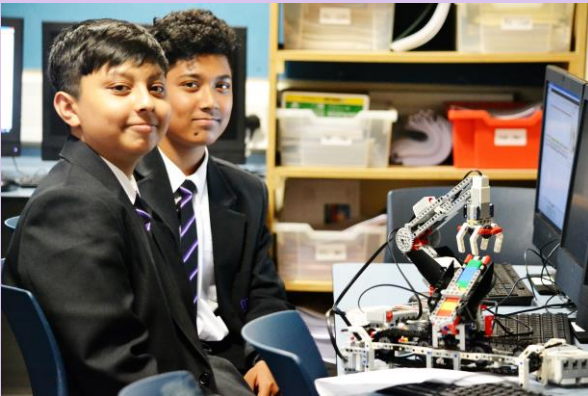
Thank you so much to all staff who baked and bought – a total of **£828.58** was raised for our charities!!

| Department | Money Raised |
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| Office | £329.04 |
| Science | £316.19 |
| Maths | £103.68 |
| Humanities | £65.55 |
| English | £33.62 |

Ms Taylor

Robotics Club

Robotics club runs every Wednesday after school. Students get to design, build and program their robots. Their commitment and creativity is fantastic!



Ms O' Connor

Book Review

The Hate U Give

The Hate U Give is about a teenage girl called Starr who witnesses a fatal shooting and death of her best friend.

The book focuses on racism in America. She's then told to tell the world about justice and rights for black people. She then learns that he was part of the King Lords, the biggest drug dealer gang in Garden Heights.

Later in the book, she also learns that he was paying off a drug debt from his Mum. She is told not to say anything, however when she anonymously goes on a TV interview, she mentions Khalil C the boy who got killed and why he was King Lord. Soon Starr and her family are in danger, targeted by the King Lord.

The book is written for a teenage audience by Angie Thomas, a black American writer. The book is really interesting and keeps you in suspense when you put it down making you pick it up again.

by Nebeyu Dawit

Thank you !

I would like to thank Egmont Publishing for the lovely books, posters and other items they sent to us.

We are also looking forward to a number of workshops and working closely, in the coming months with Literary agents <http://www.ila-agency.co.uk/> and Publishers.

I would also like to thank Hachette Childrens Group for the donation of resources provided to the library.



Ms Mitchell

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/CLUBS

Spring
Term
2019

| | Club/Activity | Time | Place | With | Year |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Monday | Boys Football | 7.30-8.30 | Sports Hall | Mr McCabe | 7,8,9,10 & 11 |
| | Haven club | 1.00-1.30 | 401 | Ms Warner | 7-13 |
| | Year 7 Football | 3.30-4.30 | Sports Hall | Mr Coffey | 7-11 |
| | STEMETTES | 3.30-4.30 | 416 | Ms O'Connor | 7-8 |
| | Bengali club | 3.30-4.30 | 223 | Mr Ali | 7-8 |
| | Homework | 3.45-4.20 | 502 | Ms Begum | 7-8 |
| | STEMETTES (Girls only) | 3.30-4.30 | 416 | Ms O'Connor | 10-13 |
| Construction Club | 3.30-4.30 | 401 | Mr De Souza | 10 | |
| Tuesday | Girls Football | 7.30-8.30 | Sports Hall | Mr McCabe | 7-11 |
| | Haven club | 1.00-1.30 | 401 | Ms Warner | 7-13 |
| | Yoga | 1.00-1.30 | Dance Studio | Ms Laskus | 7-13 |
| | CREST Awards club | 3.30-4.30 | 513 | Ms O'Connor | 7-13 |
| | Netball | 3.30-5.00 | MUGA | Ms Hererra | 7-11 |
| | Design Technology | 3.30-5.00 | 401 | Mr De Souza | 9 |
| | Myco Tyco | 3.30-5.00 | 512 | Mrs Moreno | 10-13 |
| Wednesday | Badminton | 7.40-8.30 | Sports Hall | Mr McCabe | 7-11 |
| | Meditation | 10.50-11.05 | Dance Studio | Ms Laskus | 7-13 |
| | Journalists in training | 1.00-1.40 | 301 | Ms Birdi | 7-13 |
| | Mini Science club | 1.20-1.40 | 414 | Ms O'Connor | 7-13 |
| | History matters | 3.30-4.30 | 215 | Ms Davis | 7-13 |
| | Football | 3.30-5.00 | MUGA | Mr McCabe | 9 |
| | Geography Club | 3.30-4.15 | 406 | Mr Leite | 7-13 |
| | Gardening club | 3.30-4.45 | Garden | Mr Hodgson | 7-13 |
| | Robotics club | 3.30-4.30 | 513 | Mr Hussain | 7-13 |
| | Good News Choir | 3.35-4.35 | 323 | Mr McInnis | 7-11 |
| | Count on us | 3.30-4.30 | 311 | Mr Murphy | 8-9 |
| | Football | 3.30-5.00 | MUGA | Mr Jones | 10 |
| | Thursday | Fitness club | 7.30-8.20 | Gym | Mr McCabe |
| Haven club | | 1.00-1.30 | 401 | Ms Warner | 7-13 |
| Spanish Music Club | | 1.00-1.30 | Music Room | Ms Holdcroft | 7-8 |
| Years 7 & 8 Drama Club | | 3.30-4.30 | Main Hall | Ms James | 7-8 |
| Years 8 Boys Football | | 3.30-5.00 | MUGA | Mr McCabe | 8 |
| Science club | | 3.30-4.30 | 413 | Ms O'Connor | 7-13 |
| Debate Mate | | 3.30-4.30 | 202 | Ms Bartlett | 7-8,10 |
| Mixed Ensembles | | 3.35-4.35 | 323 | Mr McInnis | 7-11 |
| Construction | | 3.30-4.30 | 401 | Mr De Souza | 7-8 |
| 6 O'Clock Club | | 4.30-6.30 | Humanities | Ms Davis | 11,13 |
| Partnership of Equals Project | | 3.30-4.30 | Drama Studio | Ms Higdon | 10 (Invited) |
| Friday | | Basketball | 7.30-8.20 | Sports Hall | Mr McCabe |
| | Haven club | 1.00-1.30 | 401 | Ms Warner | 7-13 |
| | Girls Football | 3.30-5.00 | MUGA | Mr McCabe | 7-11 |
| | Chess Club | 3.30-4.30 | 313 | Ms Flood | 7-13 |
| | Book club | 3.30-4.30 | LRC | Ms Maksudsa | 7-9 |