



Welcome back to the Summer term which is a very important one for all students, but particularly Year 11 and 13 as their public GCSE, A level and BTEC examinations begin next week. I hope everyone had a very restful and peaceful Easter break and enjoyed the extremely lovely weather that we had for the Bank holiday weekend.

Over the Easter break, we had a lovely two day Easter school for lots of our new Year 6 students who will be joining us in September - thank you to Ms Taylor for organizing this. Also thanks to our Premises team who put up lots of lovely bunting and new displays for departments throughout the school. Also, thank you to the many teachers who came in during the first week to deliver sessions to Year 11 and 13 students for the examination preparation.

For the next four weeks there will also be Saturday Revision school for Year 11 and 13 to support students in readiness for their exams.

There has already been a lot going on this week at the school with an Inset Day for staff on Tuesday where teachers reviewed the Curriculum and Schemes of Work for students and looked at how to even further stretch students in our teaching techniques to get those top grades and Year 8 students were today involved in 'Diversity Role Models' workshops in our newly refurbished and beautiful Library.

I would also take this opportunity to welcome our new Head of Music to the school – Mr George joins us from The Brit School and is already making changes to improve Music for the students at the school.

**Thank you, Mrs Holden – Executive Principal**

## Sixth Form

With only a few weeks to go now, it was fantastic to see so many students in over the Easter holidays attending intervention sessions to prepare for their exams. They also used the Sixth Form area as an effective study area during this time so they were able to do concentrated work without distraction. Well done also to all of our A Level Science and Maths students who came in on Tuesday to complete exam papers and thank you to Dr Mundy for supervising this session. This has certainly set the tone for what will be a hugely important term for them. I know that all of the hard work will pay off.

In other news, on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April the Youth Foundation delivered another interactive workshop to a group of year 12s, seventh of a series of ten. Carl Konadu from 2-3 degrees was a guest presenter. 2-3 degrees is made up of a duo who inspire and equip young people with the power to make positive decisions through talks and workshops. Carl delivered a dynamic and engaging workshop targeting confidence and communication skills.

The workshop was very successful in preparing our year

12s with the skills necessary to undertake their own social action project in the community.



**Ms Frankum**

## Year 9 Students and Parents attend Cambridge University Residential Trip

During the Easter holidays, 11 students in Year 9 visited Clare College, University of Cambridge for an overnight stay, each accompanied by a parent. Everyone attending had the opportunity to find out more about universities, including the University of Cambridge. Students and parents were guided by current undergraduates and were able to ask questions about life as a university student. As well as visiting some of the colleges which make up the university, students and parents also spent time in the Fitzwilliam Museum, the university's largest teaching museum, as well as exploring Cambridge city centre.

Students that attended were:

Zahra Jaigirdar  
Anan Mir  
Janan Allali  
Mohammed Adam Kamil Hussein  
Umayya Rahman  
Fatima Kabir  
Abdullah Al-Mujahid  
Shahren Schaffer  
Ebenezer Million Kassa  
Musa Rahman  
Joshua Russell

Umayya Rahman's Mum, Rita Bashar said 'It was fantastic experience, we learnt so much about University that I would of never been aware of. To go there and have a feel of the surroundings was a real eye opener. It's certainly a University that Umayya would aspire to attend.'

Ms Taylor

## Creative Cook School

The last few sessions of Creative Cook School were really successful. Jamil was excellent with the elderly and was leading the conversation on his table, he and Damon also set up the room before the elderly guests arrived. Sophie and Jahisha were great in the kitchen. Jahisha put together the lasagne and Sophie made the best carrot cake we've ever had. Nadine made the lemon drizzle cake which everyone wanted and showed great resilience while making this. Youstra showed lots of confidence, with her fantastic music session, developing her beat, she also had great conversations with the elderly. Students visited the Waterhouse Restaurant, a social enterprise by the Shoreditch Trust which trains young people that are interested in becoming chefs through their Blue Marble project. Jahisha was great at asking their Project Manager a few questions about their menu and customers.

The last week of term saw the final day of Creative Cook School for our cohort number 3. Staff said they thought it was the best roast and Eton mess they've ever had! Stars of the week were Youstra, Damon and Nadine as they had a great day. Damon set up the Easter station for the elderly art session too. Muhammed Yahya owned the kitchen, he was extremely helpful and had a great music session.

Congratulations to all the following students for all their hard work over the course:

### Year 8

Sophie Bush  
Youstra Md Ali  
Nadine Ben Mhamed  
Mohammed Samsul Radin  
Mahbubur Rahman

### Year 9

Jamil Ahmed  
Muhammad Yayha Ahmed  
Jahisha Fitzgerald  
Damon Matthews  
Ayman Sheikh



Ms Taylor

# Safer Routes to/from school



- Staff are on duty at key points at the end of the day. This is to ensure that students make their way home safely.
- Students are expected to make their way straight home after school and use the safer routes.
- Students must not meet any students from other schools

## Attendance Figures for 1<sup>st</sup> April– 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Tutor Group	Attendance Percentage	Tutor Group	Attendance Percentage
7ABr	98.40%	10AHo	92.10%
7ARo	96.40%	10AHq	93.80%
7JBi	97.60%	10CKi	94.60%
7LGi	92%	10CMc	96.80%
7LHu	94.80%	10HSi	96.70%
Year 7	95.90%	10LGu	95.30%
		Year 10	95%
8AFI	98.50%		
8HRa	93.80%	11ABa	95.90%
8MBe	98.50%	11AOf	99.30%
8MCa	97.10%	11AWe	96.40%
8MVa	96.60%	11BHo	99.30%
8SAn	95%	11RCo	93.60%
Year 8	96.60%	11SWr	90%
		11TMs	88.20%
9AHe	97.90%	Year 11	95.30%
9JLa	96%		
9KHo	94.8%	12Hop	91.70%
9MPr	92.10%	12NHi	92.40%
9MRh	97.40%	Year 12	91.40%
9NHu	95.50%		
Year 9	95.70%	13NYa	100%
		13PMa	93.60%
		13SBm	96.5%
		Year 13	95.90%

## Loughborough University Trip

On Wednesday 10th April, a group of Year 10 students with an interest in Science and Sport went to Loughborough University for the day.

Five specialists within the field of Biomechanics gave talks to the students sharing their journey from school to where they currently are in their career.

They then took part in three practical workshops all designed to explore different aspects of Biomechanics.



**Workshop 1** - using technology to explore the tracking of movements within jumping



**Workshop 2** - they had a taster of what they would study in Year 11 focusing on motor-control regarding anticipation and reaction time through computer simulated catching games

**Workshop 3** - students explored muscles and muscle action and experienced using ultrasound and seeing the images projected on the screen.

They then took part in flexibility workshops exploring methods of rehabilitation.

## Year 9 Science Teen Tech trip

20 Year 9 students took part in a trip to the Science Teen Tech Festival at the Emirates stadium. Our students took part in a number of Science and Technology based activities learning lots as well as getting the chance to see futuristic technology in action. Both our teams also won awards for their excellent prototype product designs. All of our students left with a passion to follow a career in STEM and having made our school proud.



Mr Vaghela

## Year 10 Careers Guidance

This term all Year 10 students are having a 1 to 1 careers guidance meeting with our Careers Advisor, Camille Evans. Camille Evans is very experienced in the field of careers advice and will be working with all our Year 10 and 12 students this year.



As a Careers Adviser, my role is to support students by providing information, advice and guidance on different areas of careers. I have been meeting Year 10 students to discuss their interests and there has been a wide range of possible careers, a few including; barrister, engineering, fashion and even within space! It has been a pleasure to see so many students being very open about talking to me and I wish them all the best of luck with their next options and exploring the future.

A student said "She asked me lots of questions which made me think about the future. She gave me advice on how I could achieve my goals. I told her that I would like to become a doctor or nurse one day. She told me that working in a care home or volunteering would be good to do for work experience and that it would look good on my CV. We went through the positives and negatives of being a doctor, how hard it could be. She told me about a website called medico portal which is really useful for me to do further research.

In my meeting she asked me if I knew what I wanted to do after my GCSE's. I think it was really good as it helped me to see the options I have after GCSE's.

The careers interview was very useful for me. It widened my horizons in terms of jobs and gave me a better understanding of the educational choices after GCSE's.

Ms T Miller