



## Executive Principal's and Principal's News



### Year 11 Assembly

Thank you to Mr Griffiths – second in charge of Sixth Form for his lovely assembly to Year 11 on Monday. It was lovely to watch the video showing all the successes that Year 13 and 12 have had over the years. Also the fantastic enrichment and personal development and destinations that are offered. Well done to all.



### House Events

Thank you to the House Team for organising a very popular film night

as part of Black History Month and for an energetic dodgeball tournament on Friday.

### Global Girl Leading

On Wednesday, visitors from Australia came to see the school and all that we do as part of the Trust's Global Girl Leading conference this week. They enjoyed poems about



Black History Month, talking with students about STEM Academy race team and finding out more about our Sixth Form.



It's always a pleasure to listen to the choir in the Street on Wednesdays and this week it was lovely to hear the boys choir practising their singing.

We will be having an Open Morning on Saturday 19th October and would love to welcome Year 5 and 6 pupils and their families to see all the fantastic things we have to offer.

Thank you,  
**Mrs Ruth Holden,**  
 Executive Principal  
**Ms Melissa Gibson,**  
 Principal



**YEAR 6 OPEN MORNING**  
 Saturday 19th October  
 9.00.am-10.30am

## Sixth Form News



The Year 12 Meet the Tutor event was a great success, with strong attendance from both students and parents. For those who were unable to attend, form tutors will be scheduling calls with parents and will be in touch soon to provide updates.

A special congratulations to the Year 12 Health and Social Care form groups for an outstanding start to their Sixth Form journey. Your excellent attendance and commitment to learning have been commendable – keep up the great work!

Good luck to everyone submitting their UCAS applications next week; you've worked incredibly hard over the past 14 months, and we look forward to seeing your continued success.

Student leadership roles, including Head Boy and Head Girl, are now open for applications. If you're interested, please collect a form from the Sixth Form office.



Thank you to Titi and Diana for representing the Sixth Form during a presentation to teachers visiting from Australia on Wednesday.

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# WORD OF THE WEEK

Wow!

## Tenacious

adjective

**DEFINITION**

**Holds tightly onto something. Is determined to do something even when it becomes difficult.**

**SYNONYMS**

Persistent. Strong-willed. Relentless.

**CHARACTERISTICS**

Pronounced like this 'tuh-NAY-shus.'  
 Originates from the Latin word 'tenere' = to hold.

**EXAMPLE**

- The baby took my finger in its tenacious little fist.

- Peter was a tenacious interviewer; he insisted that the politician answered the question.

**ANTONYMS**

Half-hearted. Uncommitted. Hesitant.

# Societies in Sicily

From 1st-4th October, 29 students from across the Trust who are involved in Societies visited the island of Sicily to explore. We flew into Palermo Airport and spent the rest of the day exploring the city of Palermo. The following day we took a trip to the ancient city of Agrigento in the south of the island. Agrigento became one of the leading cities in the Mediterranean world in the 6th century B.C. We then travelled to Letojanni where we stayed for the next 2 nights. From there we took trips to Siracusa, L'Ortiga and Catania. We even got to see the recently erupted Mount Etna which is the most active and tallest volcano in Europe. The students got to try some local food of Sicily including arancini, pasta alla Norma, cannoli and of course lots of ice cream. The students were an asset to the school and were a pleasure to take away. **Ms McRill**



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## DRAMA CLUB

Years 7-10

### TUESDAYS

Room 324 3.30-4.30

# HISTORY CLUB

FOR HISTORY STUDENTS IN YEARS 10-13

EVERY FRIDAY LUNCHTIME

ROOM 212

GET READY TO TAKE PART IN THE GREAT DEBATE 2025

How can your local history tell a global story? Learn more about the history of the local area whilst developing your public speaking skills

A public speaking competition run by the Historical Association

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Please see Mr Sharples for more details. Scan the QR Code for more details about The Great Debate

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# Paris Trip

THURSDAY 3RD JULY TO SATURDAY 5TH JULY 2025

YEARS 9 & 10

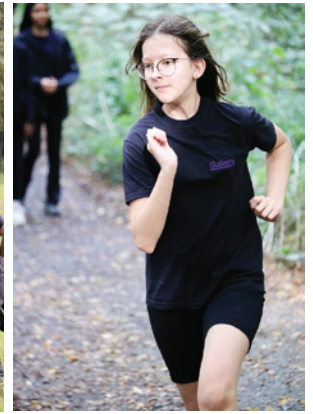
3 DAYS OF FRENCH CULTURE

SEE MS ANTHONY FOR MORE INFO

# TRAILFAM

Last weekend, the TrailFam race team ran in the England fell race championships in North Yorkshire. Isaac, the youngest addition to the race team (below left), having never raced before, showed everyone what he was made of! Well done to all of them.

On Monday a group of TrailFam students spent a morning session running up and down hills in the Essex countryside, learning trail running technique and skills.



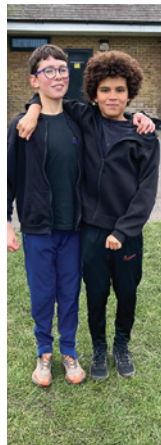
## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Year 9 students have researched and created a display this week all about unsung heroes such as Mary McLeod Bethune, Claudette Colvin, Ella Baker and Gordon Parks and their contribution to the Civil Rights Movement in America.

## Borough Cross Country

Our runners did so well and placed the following:

- Year 7 Boys**  
Malakye 1st  
Isaac 5th  
Mehdi 8th
- Year 8**  
Leo 1st  
Marius 2nd
- Year 9**  
Mahdiya 10th  
Nasrin 11th
- Year 9**  
Omar 3rd  
Shakur 7th
- Year 10**  
Lisbeth 7th
- Year 10**  
Ahmed 7th



This meant that 9 out of the 12 students we took have qualified for London Youth Games!

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2024

Reclaiming the Narrative

### WHAT'S ON

- Photography Competition: Black history and culture
- Reclaiming the Narrative Assembly
- Treasure Hunt
- Rhythm and Blues Music club
- My Roots and Heritage (Year 7)
- Poetry Slam (Year 8)
- Unsung Heroes (Year 9)
- Master Chef (Year 10)
- Movie Night (Black Director Edit)(Year 12)
- VIP Celebrity Guest Speaker

**OCTOBER**

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## EXHIBITING ART CLUB

TALK ABOUT ARTISTS and the exhibitions that are happening right now

CURATE THE ART that is displayed around school.

HELP ORGANISE ANY EXHIBITIONS

ROOM 402

all welcome! See Ms Spgrave for more details.

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VEN CON NOSOTROS! ISERA DIVERTIDO!

## SPANISH TRIP TO BARCELONA

SPAIN 10TH - 13TH JUNE 2025

£350 (€150 deposit) asap

25 SPACES AVAILABLE

ASK YOUR SPANISH TEACHERS FOR A LETTER

YEAR 10 AND YEAR 9 ONLY

SIGHTS INCLUDE: CAMP NOU, PARK GUELL, LAS RAMBLAS, PICASSO MUSEUM AND MANY MORE.

Price includes flights, accommodation, breakfast & dinner. Please pay your deposit to the finance office and have a copy of your passport

# COMMUNITY CORNER

Diana Lita, Head Girl, interviews Associate Assistant Principal and Head of House, Ms R James

**Diana:** What inspired you to become a teacher?

**Ms James:** I'm inspired by learning and used to teach the other students in my class when I was a student. I found it easy to adapt the teachers' language into something my peers could understand. When my friends told me how much I'd helped them in their exams, it made me realise the impact I could have and ignited my passion to become a teacher.

**Diana:** What are some of the challenges you've had to overcome in your career?

**Ms James:** It's challenging trying to multitask being a good mum and a good educator so my biggest struggle was finding the right balance between my career and motherhood. I'm passionate about both and never want to undermine one to succeed in the other.

**Diana:** How do your culture and background influence your approach to teaching?



**Ms James:** My Caribbean background definitely influences my drama teaching. I feel that my love for performance and music stems back to this. It's pivotal to my teaching and can be felt through all my lessons.

**Diana:** What advice would you give to black students who want to become teachers and senior leaders?

**Ms James:** I love to see black students aspiring to be teachers and senior leaders! I would tell them- Nothing is impossible! To be prepared for the 'no's and rejoice at every 'yes'.

Stay tuned for more Teacher interviews next week!



A 1st round win and unbelievable effort from the Year 8 boys in their London Cup match against Heartland School. Result: 3-3 draw and won 4-3 on penalties.

## THANK YOU

We raised an amazing

**£1140.80**

for Lenana Girls High School in Kenya

Thank you to everyone who donated!

## House News



We've had a massive week in the House system, with all of our new House Leaders confirmed. Congratulations to every student that was successful in the application process, especially to our Eco-Leaders; a new position from this year! On Wednesday morning we had an introductory House Leaders breakfast with pastries, fruit and juice, where students could meet each other and learn all about the expectations of the coming year.



Thursday afternoon saw the highly anticipated interhouse Dodgeball competition! Congratulations to the winning teams who ducked, dodged, dove and dipped their way to the top!

### Girls

1st Place - Barbican  
2nd Place - Globe  
3rd Place - Tower

### KS3 Boys

1st Place - Thames  
2nd Place - Trafalgar  
3rd Place - Tate

### KS4 Boys

Joint Thames and Barbican



**Open Events 2024-2025**  
Come and visit our wonderful school and find out more about us

**Open Mornings 9.30am-10.30am**  
Wednesday 16th October  
Wednesday 23rd October  
Wednesday 13th November  
Wednesday 27th November

**Come and visit us for Reception Sep 2025\***  
Please register here to confirm a place at one of our Open Mornings

**SCAN ME**  
<https://bit.ly/2llmc9g>

\*Please do ask about places in other year groups for siblings too

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## MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Did you manage to solve the maths problem this week?

Edith had nine children at regular intervals of 15 months. If the oldest is now six times as old as the youngest, how old is the youngest child?

**ANSWER: 24 months, or 2 years**



## Flu immunisation for pupils in year 7,8,9,10 and 11

If you would like your child to receive the Flu vaccination, please complete the link below to consent. This will be done in school on the 19th November.

<https://london.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/towerhamlets>