

22nd June 2023



Principal's weekly update for parents and carers

This is our weekly update to keep you informed of upcoming events and weekly successes.

Key Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 28th June	Sports Day - Finsbury Park 8:45am - 3:00pm
Thursday 29th June	Year 9 Masterclass session 3:10 - 4:00pm

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Sports Day

Sports Day is due to take place at Finsbury Park on 28th June 2023. Students should remember to wear their PE kit and bring sun cream, plenty of water and a packed lunch with them. The day will run 8:45am – 3:00pm. It is requested that parents make arrangements for their child to get to the venue. If you need assistance in getting your child to Finsbury Park, please apply for support by completing this [COLAI Sports Day - Travel Arrangements form](#).

Reading

Summer Reading

Would you like some new books for the summer holiday? Our new scholastic book club is up and running! Just click on the link below and browse the Scholastic Book Club website for some great deals and bargains on all the latest titles and popular books. Order online and the books will be delivered to school for collection.

Go to <https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/schools/city-of-london/digital-book-club>

. For **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, **our school will earn 20p** in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your **order online by July 7th, 2023**.

Reading Success

Over the next couple of weeks, Year 7s and Year 8s will be taking their final Star Reading assessment of the school year. I am so proud of the students who have excelled in their reading journey since September and would like to celebrate the following Year 8 students and their achievements.

- **Hannah A** has improved by 1 year and 9 months
- **Aoibhe F** has improved by 1 year and 6 months
- **Mansour M** has improved by 2 years and 6 months
- **Sami R** by 2 years and 10 months
- **Morgan S** by 2 years and 5 months
- **Elsa O** by an amazing 3 years and 10 months

Keep up the good work! **Miss McKnight**



Celebrating Success

Congratulations to the following students who have had an amazing week:

Sydney H (Year 10) - "For continuing to be a credit to her year group and the school, in the way that she conducts herself everyday." (From Mehary)

Kaan S (Year 9) - "For working really hard and engaging well in geography lessons." (From Ms Begum)

Mariola O (Year 9) - "For always being polite and kind towards others." (From Ms Dear)

Asya A (Year 10) - "For being really resilient and working hard, even when she finds the work difficult." (From Ms Jeway)

Tom L (Year 9) - "For pushing himself really hard onto challenge tasks during Maths lessons." (From Mr Jacobs)

Polina A (Year 7) - " For showing great progress in her drama practical work and demonstrating a developed sense of confidence when performing in class." (From Mr Porter)

Marley C (Year 8) - "For working incredibly hard in preparing for his geography assessment." (From Ms Begum)

Emma B (Year 9) - "For demonstrating high levels of integrity, by always doing the right thing." (From Mr Segal)

Sophia D (Year7) - "For always being polite, well mannered and saying hello." (From Mr Glees)

Congratulations to the following students who earned the most achievement points in their year group

Year group	Name of student
Year 7	Shane L Isabelle B Leland B
Year 8	Jeem R Anis M Maimouna B
Year 9	Martin G Abeer S Alissa S
Year 10	Finley K Ata A Lokash N



Events

Design Technology Trip

On Wednesday the 21st June we visited Somerset House for a design technology trip. Our favourite part of the trip was exploring the university art pieces which were interactive and enjoyable. We also learned about climate change and the impact in the future if design technology students don't make changes around sustainability. Overall the trip was a good insight into career choices and more.

Kianna A, Year 9

Year 9 Masterclass Programme

On Thursday 22nd June we attended the first masterclass session on biology. We learned about how the heart operates and had the opportunity to dissect a cow's heart, which was really interesting. Overall this masterclass was an exciting opportunity and we look forward to the next one.

Cecilia N, Year 9

Y12 University of Bristol Trip

During the Bristol trip, I was able to attend economics, psychology and neuroscience and law lectures. Each lecture was very informative and gave me an excellent overview of what it would be like if I studied that degree. The lectures included grade requirements, what each year would look like and its modules, both compulsory and optional, as well as the opportunities and extra curricular activities that would be involved whilst studying at Bristol. For example, studying a year abroad, internships and societies. Both in the lectures and around the campus the professors and the students were welcoming and helpful in answering any questions we had had about life at the University of Bristol.

Fahmida A, Year 12

Trips and Visits

Year 9 -13 - Cadets flag raising events at the Guildhall and Islington Town Hall.

Year 7 - Wren 300 - Raise the roof. Music workshop with students at St Paul's Cathedral.

Year 9 & 10 - 'School Girls, Or the African Mean Girls Play' at Lyric Hammersmith as part of GCSE Drama course.

Year 9 - DT reward trip to Somerset House. Students got to experience lots of different innovative and creative designs in preparation for their GCSE.