



WELLING IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2023...

Within the month of October our students took part in the following activities:

- Training Session for Anti-Bullying Ambassadors- At the end of term our anti bullying ambassadors received a full day of training. This included the different types of bullying, the signs of someone being bullied, how to report bullying and also plans to promote an anti bullying culture including anti bullying week. Students received certificates and a badge.



- Students on our football excellence programme met with Millwall staff and Academy players. Students had an opportunity to hear the demands placed upon the players for training, match days and their education programme. The school received a signed shirt for display and students had an opportunity to ask questions.

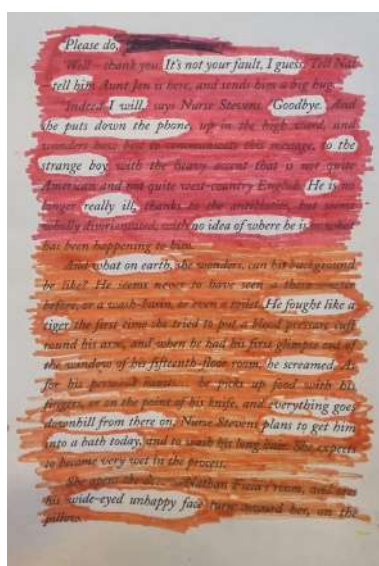
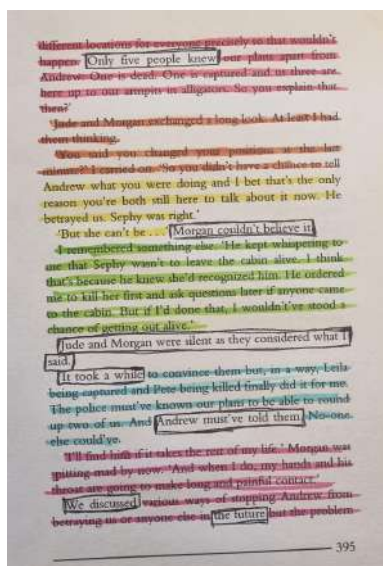


- We had the Year 11 Settling in Event to impart key information and advice on how year 11 parents can best support their children through the final GCSE year.
- The Year 11s approached their Silver Mocks with gravity and dedication. Interventions for Math, English and Science have been fully utilised with significant numbers of students taking the opportunities offered with relish. The Year 11s have been a real credit to the school in their approach to both exams and interventions.

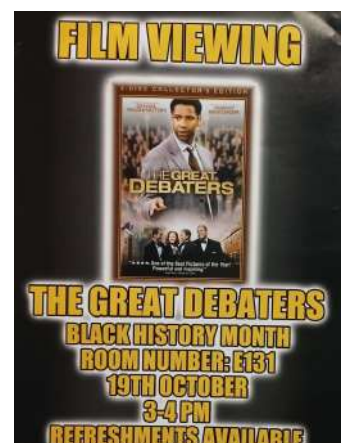
- Year 10 have demonstrated an impressive attitude to learning and have settled into their new option subjects wonderfully.
- This month we celebrated Harry Potter Day in the library and students enjoyed making wands/letters, reading Harry Potter books, scavenger hunts with riddles and prizes, tasty themed treats and we ran a creative competition to win Harry Potter sweets! The Library was also the host this month of black history month events such as a visit from Oxford Student Joshua Abioye and author Eeden Strachan. Today I am also running a halloween themed quiz club with trick or treat



- Pride group had a great time upcycling some damaged old library books into brand new blackout poetry. It's a great way to try your hand at poetry (even if you're not a creative type!)



- Black History Month-The Great Debaters Movie night: The Great Debaters, set in the 1930s is based on a true story, and follows a college debate team that took part in the first debate competition between American students from segregated white and black colleges. It ends with an invitation to face Harvard University's national champions. We discussed the power of carefully articulated words in circumstances where one may be treated unfairly, and our students also expressed a desire to try out our school's debate team!



- Black History Month Quiz Competition: It was great to see students across many tutor groups participate in the BHM Quiz! The winning tutor group will be announced after the half term, when they will be presented with their prizes.
- Our Autumn Term 1 school council meeting was held in October. This process pulls together feedback from our Form tutor representatives, Prefect team and Year Council representatives. The key agenda items were around knowledge retrieval tasks in lessons, the extra curricular offer and the summer school improvement works. Students also raised other important points around form time and behaviour and engagement. Students as always were honest and constructive in their feedback. Actions have been taken off the back of this meeting and has been feedback to students.
- Year 7 aspire organised and ran a Bring and Buy Sale to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. It was tied in with their current topic of learning about money in class. They raised £42.51 in 15 minutes at break.



- On Friday 20th of October the Sixth Form organised and took part in a Colour Run. They completed laps of the school field while running through and trying to avoid the Year 7 'Colour stations'... Our aim was to raise £1000 for the Greenwich and Bexley Community Hospice, which we exceeded! We were graciously supported on the day by the Mayor and Mayoress of Bexley, the rain held off with the sun putting in an appearance for the final lap of the race. It was a fantastic afternoon and we would like to thank all the students and staff that took part and everyone that donated. The total raised, to date, is an amazing £1180!!



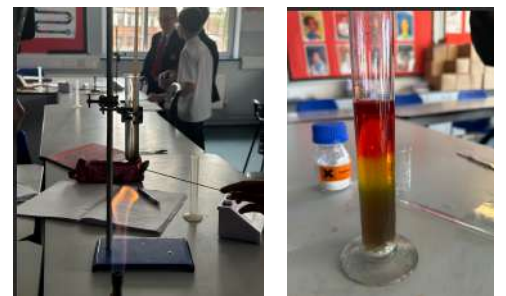
We Visited:

- The Yr 10 football team, who have represented the school in league and cup fixtures and have been a real credit to the school, with excellent effort in fixtures, but also showing a high level of maturity and respect when playing and visiting other schools.
- All students in year 8 were offered the opportunity to attend a residential trip. Students visited Kingswood Activity centre on a 3 day school residential trip. We took 73 pupils and the students (and staff!) had a brilliant time. Our Year 8s really challenged themselves and were an absolute pleasure to take. Well done all!



Subject Highlights:

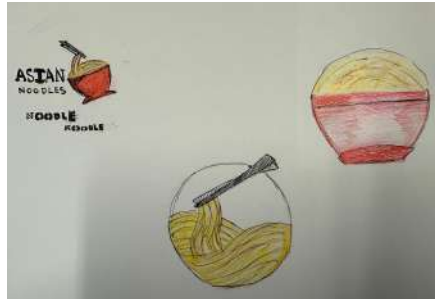
- In science we had an engineer come in to speak to Y10 students about different careers in, and pathways into engineering.
- Students in Science club did the 'make a rainbow in a measuring cylinder' challenge using their knowledge of acid and alkalis
- Students in year 8 designed their own experiment to test how much energy was present in each type of food and carried out the investigation



- It was a joy to see students engaging so meaningfully with the workshop run by Rosie from AS Creatives. Well done to Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students who offered some provoking responses to the theme of refuge, in order to devise an original piece of poetry exploring this theme"



- Students in our Y8 ambition stream have been working on their digital media projects this term. We are currently in the development stage of designing some logos for a fictitious restaurant called Noodle Noodle. We have lots of great designs so far that we will later turn into a digital logo. Well done to all our creative students.



- Black History Month inspired work has proven the focus for year 10 as part of their coursework with exceptional work produced in Fine Art and Graphics in pen and monoprint. Daniel Barrett was the winner of the Pareidolia competition organised by Ms Moore and Ms Jarratt



- In PE, Netball club participation levels have increased massively which is amazing! We can't wait to see what next month holds, fixtures are booked against schools and we are looking forward to further developing participation. Our football teams have enjoyed a successful month with year 7, 8, 9 unbeaten and our y10s losing closely o Ravensbourne. Sadly our y11 fixtures were forfeited by the opponent. Two stand out matches were a 9-2 victory against LA Bexley and an 8-1 win against Trinity.



- The Business Studies department commenced its mentoring program. Reiss Tamsett, a year 13 student, had a talk with the year 12 business studies students on how he effectively utilised his independent study time and his study habits. He achieved a distinction grade on both units (external and internal assessment) he did in business studies in year 12.



- In our Aspire curriculum we have been working on a range of projects that develop skills and experiences: Yr9 students have been working in our Bike Workshop, learning to repair broken bikes that are then distributed to a charity. Yr 8 students have been attending boxing sessions - not boxing themselves - where the focus has been on movement and fitness. Yr7 students have been in the Welling School garden assessing what improvements and developments they would like to see in the garden. There are some very interesting designs so far and we look to keep you updated with our progress. In media this month the new year 10 students have enjoyed starting their practical work and have been out and about round Welling school making a horror film.
- The new year 10 students in DT have started on their practical work and have been creating their very own hovercrafts. They have impressed us with their secure technical knowledge and developing skill using tools and instructions
- The new year 10 food students have been starting their practical work and are learning correct techniques with using knives and other kitchen tools and equipment. They are preparing to make their own dishes which they need to plan, organise and carry out in a timed session.
- Public Service students are working on projects that assess communication and the importance of internal, and external, communication which is more challenging than they expected!
- Yr10 Construction students have been exploring building ideas: what materials are used? How cost impacts building choices and the need to meet client needs. In addition, they have been working on Meccano projects to support the engineering principles explored in the Construction course.
- Our Elsa Centre Yr8 students participated with full enthusiasm on the Kingswood residential trip! Favourite activities were getting extremely muddy on the 'Nightline', the assault course and blindfolded goal scoring. Fantastic inclusion made possible by Mrs Brookes.

SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS THIS TERM:

- All of our students who receive a Golden ticket as well as a small reward, go into a prize draw to win an amazon voucher. On the 16th October the draw for the Golden Ticket award took place. 6 Students were picked out by Head Boy (Ben



Saywell) and Head Girl (Sham Karim). The winners were: Grace 11 Row, Bethany 9 Pop, Mariana 9 Bee, Tommy 9 Elm, William- 13 JOT, Charlie - 11 Ald. They will each receive a £20 Amazon voucher which the Headteacher will present to them personally.

- 7 Fir were rewarded with a pizza party for having the best attendance in year 7 for this half term. Will any of the other tutor groups be able to beat them next time!
- Well done to the Year 9 cohort, I am very impressed by so many of you that have managed to qualify for the Tier 1 Reward - over 50 students which is incredible!
- Well done to students in 9 FIR for winning the first Attendance competition! On the 20th October there was a celebratory pizza-party to congratulate the group on their collective achievement.
- Congratulations to 10 Oak for having the best tutor group attendance, they were rewarded with a pizza party on the last day of half term. Now, will it be 10 Oak again for the pizza party or will there be a new tutor ready to take that crown.
- Well done to 11 FIR for being the Year 11 form with best attendance this half term. I've never seen so many pizzas devoured so quickly at the pizza party! It is surely because they had worked up a hunger from all that studying!
- Congratulations to students across the school who have already received their High Achiever Pen from the Achievement Team Leader. We were delighted to present our Level 2 award to a range of students in October as well which is fantastic.

October Golden Ticket Winners

- October despite being a shorter month for us at school has seen lots of Golden Tickets awarded to a range of students. Students received a letter home from the Headteacher as well as a meeting with him to discuss the Welling values and receive some chocolate! Students are also entered into a termly prize draw for Amazon vouchers



October Golden Ticket Winners	
NAME	REASON
Billy R-K	Leading the class in discussing unseen poetry
Charlie	Always consistently working hard
Leja V	Fantastic book work and lovely presentation
Emma J	Working really hard in photography. Great improvement in attitude
Shanice C	For her enthusiasm during open evening
Bethany W	Consistently positive attitude to learning
Hayden F	Amazing Maths Work
Grace F-K	Great choices polite and respectful in the canteen
Marianna F	Helping prepare for open evening
Basharat N	For showing ambition in all aspects of school life
Jessica R	Exceptional Work
Georgie H	Fantastic focussed classwork

Megan C	Working Very Well
Sara S	Outstanding work in Computer Science
Zachary P	Excellent attitude to learning - developing class learning
Zak B	Working Hard/never giving up/helping every lesson
Mia P	Excellent Conduct in student panel interviews
George R	Great effort in today's lesson
Rianna B	Excellent work in Aspire Maths - lesson after lesson of consistent hard work
Pahan K	Outstanding work in lessons
Ella T O	Managed to go to her lesson with SEND support
Lenny R	Excellent conduct in student panel interviews
Eva P	Eva's kindness in supporting one our vulnerable students
Ryan P	Supporting at lunch time
Rosie M	Super supportive and kind to peers in football and good resilience
Emily H	Reading aloud and helpful at all times
Mariana B	For her maturity when waiting for Dad after parents evening
Bonnie C	For her attitude and compassion towards others
Shanice C	Superb participation and written work
Megan C	Working very well
Jesscia R	Exceptional Work
Georgie H	Fantastic focussed classwork
Basharat Ni	For showing ambition in all aspect of school life
Habeeb O	Excellent work and effort in both English and Maths Interventions
Mariana F	Helping prepare for open evening
Mikel A	Working extremely hard
Jacob K	Resilience and positive attitude
Harrison A	Being calm and very helpful in class
Tomas G	Reluctant to attend intervention - he got fully engaged and worked really well
Mia G	Excellent work in Music
Lacey N	Resilience in Maths
Phan H K	Exceptional work in flight club
Amy B	Overcoming barriers and working hard at break times
Hannah F	Excellent behaviour in Food Tech

UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS:

- Odd sock day 13/11/23
- 13-17/11/23 Anti Bullying week
- Celebration of Achievement assemblies week commencing 11/12/23
- Wednesday 20th December - last day of Autumn Term 2
- Wednesday 3 January - INSET Day - School Closed to Students
- Thursday 4 January - Whole School returns for Spring Term 1

PSCHE TOPICS COVERED:

This month, we have continued to learn about health and wellbeing. Year 10 also learned all about living stem cell or blood donations, and the huge impact they can have in keeping other people healthy.

ASSEMBLY TOPICS COVERED WERE:

- Millway Academy- Year 9-11 students on the football pathway were given a presentation by current Millwall Academy staff and players, followed by a Q&A session.



- World Mental Health Day
- Black History Month 2023 - This years focus was 'Saluting Our Sisters' with all year groups receiving an assembly led by Ms Dixon and Ms Abioye
- Black History Month Oxford University Student Visit Workshop:KS3 and Sixth Form students attended a workshop with an Oxford University student. Joshua Abioye, who is in his fourth year majoring in Chemistry, shared his experiences as a black man from a disadvantaged background. Students heard first hand accounts of the prejudices he faced as a young black man and what motivated him to reach beyond the expectations of society. Students had the opportunity to reflect on the extra-curricular activities they would like to commit to and agreed to hold one another accountable to that commitment. Our students also had the opportunity to discuss common misconceptions about university, and to ask the speaker questions which allowed him to share more about his day to day experience.



- Students in KS3 attended a speech by Eden Strachan, author of 'Black Girls Don't Get Love', who detailed to our students what it's like to be an author and held a short reading from her novel. Eden remarked on why she wrote the novel and her attempts to change the way that black women and girls are perceived in society, inviting our students to think about their own experiences of being stereotyped and to think about the way that everyone should be treated in society.



CAREERS:

- 60 of our year 7 students worked with the Talent Foundry organisation. The students had a great time working with the facilitators to develop knowledge of social issues in their community and the way that technology can be used for the greater good.



- All year 7 students also got to work with the Navy as part of the Navy STEM workshop and the aim was to get students thinking about the skills that a person will need to succeed in Science, Technology, Engineering and Medicine related jobs.