



Artists Inspired by a Visit to London

50 of our year 11 and 12 Art students visited London last week to help provide them with further inspiration for their own personal projects and portfolios.

We arrived at Trafalgar square to visit the National Gallery first, a major highlight for the students being the new exhibition of works by contemporary artist Kehinde Wiley. The students were inspired by Wiley's new exhibition, appreciating the skill and scale displayed in his paintings and films. Best known for his spectacular portraits that position people of colour in the traditional settings of old master paintings, Wiley is raising questions about power, privilege and identity, and highlighting the absence or marginalisation of Black figures within European art. This theme captivated a number of students, who were keen to explore ideas about society in their own work over the coming months.

The afternoon led us to Somerset House where we had lunch in the beautiful courtyard and were thankful for no rain, followed by a visit to the Courtauld gallery. We all enjoyed the newly refurbished space at the Courtauld (particularly the shop for postcards of course !) and were inspired by some of the impressionist paintings on display by Cezanne, Manet and Degas.

The students were fantastic representatives for the school throughout the trip. Their patience in the congested traffic getting out of London was much appreciated and we are so pleased that we were able to take the students out again to see paintings for real, which makes such a difference!

A big Thank you to Miss Stemp who organised the day for us and made it such a success for the students.

Ms Chacksfield



GCSE POLISH Preparation Club!

ZAPRASZAMY, jeśli w Maju zdajesz egzamin z języka polskiego.

Every Tuesday after school at 3.45 to 4.45 pm in room E3 with Mrs Szczech.

The classes will begin after half term and will stop in May. Enrol via EduLink.

Mrs Drabik

BPhO Senior Physics Challenge 2022

Congratulations to the 10 year 12 students who took part in the online AS level Physics challenge, competing against students from over 270 schools. This involved answering some tough physics questions under the pressure of a 1 hour time limit.

Certificates were awarded as follows:

Gold-Adrian Smith-Delgado, Leonel Jose, Noku Jaji

Silver-Arvin George, Emilio Martinez

Bronze - Emil Cheriyan, Sam Evans and Thomas Roy
Commendations to: Fionnghuala Leighton-Scott and Matthew Scicluna

John D'Mello

Anglian Cross Country Championships

On Saturday 5th February Charlie Oxborrow and Phoebe Harpur-Davies represented Suffolk in the Anglian Cross Country Championships at Woodbridge School, racing against teams from Cambridgeshire, Lincolnshire, Norfolk and Northants.

Both Charlie and Phoebe raced alongside students in the year above them, which makes their achievements even more impressive. Charlie finished 17th (3rd home for Suffolk) in the Junior Boys race in a time of 14:46 and Phoebe finished 35th in the Inter Girls race in a time of 17:18 (4th home for Suffolk).

Their placings stand them in very good stead to represent Suffolk in the English Schools, especially as they have both finished in the top eight in the Suffolk races. The final team selections will be made in the next few days.

Mr Murphy



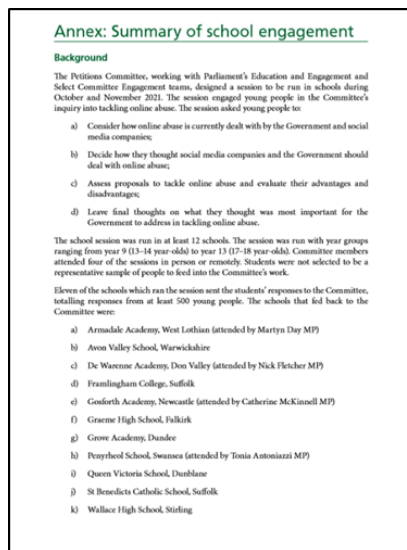
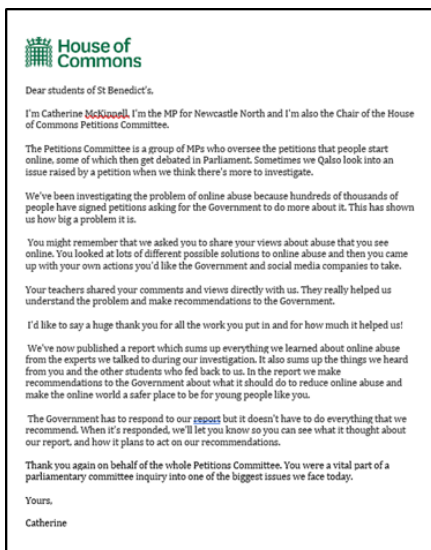
Petitions Committee Online Abuse Enquiry

During 'Parliament Week' in November our A Level Politics students and some of our PSHE students participated in a UK Parliament Petitions Committee inquiry into 'Tackling Online Abuse' that was set up in the wake of the racist comments that were posted on the Internet after the Euro 2020 final.

The Petitions Committee supplied a lesson plan which involved the students thinking about what they thought would happen if someone posted abusive messages on social media, what they thought should happen and evaluating possible solutions.

Last week we received a letter of thanks from Catherine McKinnell, MP for Newcastle North and Chair of the House of Commons Petition Committee, along with the published version of the report. We were thrilled to discover that we were one of only twelve schools in the country to be involved in the project and the students were extremely pleased to see that they could recognise some of their comments, which had been included in the Appendix.

It was a fantastic opportunity for the students to become involved in potentially helping to form new legislation and put into practice the slogan for Parliament Week – 'Get informed, take action, make an impact.'



"You are a reader"

Reading Week 28th February to 4th March

Advance notice that 28th February to 4th March will be Reading Week, including World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March. This year marks World Book Day's 25th anniversary and the message for all children is "you are a reader". To reinforce this message, students will have lots of opportunities throughout the week 'be a reader' and experience the benefits that this brings.

In tutor time, students will be given their £1 book tokens as part of World Book Day's mission to give "every child and young person the opportunity to have a book of their own". There will also be a door decorating challenge for tutor groups to compete in, with prizes for the best door in each year group. On World Book Day itself students will see some of their favourite book characters brought to life in the staff dress-up.

Students will also take part in reading activities in their lessons and can choose to complete the optional homework to show that they are a reader, and gain achievement points by completing different tasks linked to reading.

Mrs Oakes

PD Day

Please be reminded that Friday 18 February is a PD Day and the school is not open for students. Half term is the following week Monday 21 February to Friday 25 February.

