



1st April 2022

Message from the Principal

It is astonishing to think that the last time the Academy experienced a normal spring term was in 2019. Three years on and here we are. It has been a truly brilliant term and we feel we are very much back in the Chelsea Academy routine with excellent teaching, learning and a fantastic, jam-packed Extended Curriculum offer. You can read all about this offer further down in the newsletter.

I do want to acknowledge that we have had to manage significantly more staff absence than normal. It is suboptimal when your child has a cover teacher and we are conscious that in some cases that can happen more than one lesson a day. We carefully monitor this and mitigate it by rearranging existing staff timetables and seek to recruit strong replacement staff wherever we can. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

We said goodbye to two members of staff today. Delphine Delville leaves the MFL department and Ewan Connick, a very long standing colleague, leaves us. Thanks to both members of staff for their hard work. Mr Connick has been our Senior Science Technician for many years and I want to thank him for his outstanding service to staff and students. We wish him and his wife well as they start a new life in the country.

As I write we are getting ready to walk down to St Luke's for our Easter service. Easter is the most important feast in the Christian calendar. In a world experiencing sadness and pain, the Easter message of new life and of hope calls us to have faith and trust in God.

I wish you and your family a blessed Easter and a restful break.

Mrs Ardron
Principal

Chelsea Academy Foundation

The Chelsea Academy Foundation provides exciting activities and support for students throughout their time here, which allows all our students to flourish. This term, they have been busier than ever. Here is just a sample of what they have been doing:

DofE



Our Y11 & Y13 students were able to enjoy some blue skies on their recent trip in preparation for their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award. This is a big achievement, and the CAF will be cheering them on to reach the final award!

SEA LIFE London Aquarium



A group of 30 EAL students were taken on a trip to the SEA LIFE Centre at the London Aquarium this term. They had a great time exploring the underwater world, including the Coral Kingdom and Ocean Invaders exhibitions. The highlight of the day was taking pictures with the sharks, turtles and penguins.

We are so grateful to our CAF donors who make trips like these possible!

HOW TO GIVE

The [Flourish Fund](#) gives you the chance to contribute to the provision of these activities. If you would like to contribute to the Flourish Fund, please click [here](#) to give either as a one-off or monthly donation. This helps ensure that all our students can participate in our activities, without worrying about the cost. Many thanks to all the parents who are already supporting us in this way.

- By giving **£5 per month**, you would pay for one student to take part in Debate Mate
- **£15 per month** buys Duke of Edinburgh expedition equipment for one student
- **£50 per month** pays for half a term rowing for one year group

Online Shopping

You can also support us for FREE while online shopping by registering with [Amazon Smile](#) and [easyfundraising](#) - for every online purchase you make, they will give a small donation (at no cost to you) to our Flourish Fund.

Businesses can now raise funds for Chelsea Academy Foundation via easyfundraising. If the company you work for, or one you have links to, would like to raise FREE funds for us, please invite them using [this link](#).

Uniform Sale

After our successful second hand uniform sale last summer, we are excited to be planning another sale this year. If you have any uniform items that are outgrown or no longer needed, please drop them at Reception. We will be in touch closer to the date in the summer term with more details.

Academic Update

We have had such a full and successful Spring Term - both in and out of the classroom.

This newsletter and our Academy Twitter account (@chelseaacademy) gives a brief snapshot of some of this term's highlights. We hold true to our vision in which we, as a whole community, are "learning together to flourish" in all aspects of the Chelsea Academy experience.

Teachers are continuing to develop their classroom practice in becoming even better experts. In the last newsletter we shared with you some snippets from the classroom. This mission to ensure all students engage and make progress through high quality questioning is still a top priority for us.

Students across the Academy have been preparing for, and sitting end of term assessments. The Y13s have excelled in the approach to their mocks and will use the experience and feedback to help prepare them for their A levels next term.

Year 11s have a clear run up now to the start of their GCSEs on May 16th. They have embodied the mission to 'work hard, no excuses' in their everyday approach to learning. This relentless effort will reward them greatly in August and we very much look forward to celebrating with them and the Y13s then.

One huge academic success to be celebrated is Ramy Ghoulia in Year 8 who has made phenomenal progress on Bedrock Learning, showing that hard work and effort leads to great success. He has made 2033% progress! Well done Ramy!!

Over this special holiday that celebrates Spring, Easter, Passover and the start of Ramadan, whether your children are preparing for GCSEs, A levels or just returning to continue their learning in the summer please encourage them to practice kindness through their words, actions and care for themselves and each other.

Wishing you a joyful Easter and restful holiday.
And to everyone starting Ramadan this weekend, Ramadan Kareem.

Ms McGuinness
Vice Principal
Quality of Education

Keeping Your Child Safe

Thank you all for your continued support. I hope that you have a lovely break and a good rest, after what has been a very busy half term.

As we continue to work together to safeguard your children, I would like to bring to your attention a new CEOP website for 11 to 18 year olds.

CEOP (a National Crime Agency command) have refreshed and relaunched their information pages to better reflect the online experiences, risks and needs of young people between 11 and 18. The new website features information and advice on a range of topics, including:

- Relationships
- Socialising online
- Nudes
- Sex and sexual content online
- Sexual abuse
- Support

- Online safety

There is some really useful information here for both parents and young people - it's definitely worth a look:

[See the website here.](#)

Wishing you all a safe and restful holiday.

Mrs Whittle

Senior Vice Principal - Inclusion

Head of Year Update - Year 7

Happy Easter to you! I hope you all will get a bit of a break and some family time with lots of chocolate and sunshine. I can't believe that we are at the end of term two already. We had so much to celebrate in our end of term assembly, thousands of achievement points, great attendance and amazing examples of our students following our Christian values. Before we know it the Year 7's will be entering their last half term in year seven and they will be welcoming our Year 6's and representing our Academy with pride on Primary visits and Transition day.

I look forward to welcoming the Year 7's back into term three and seeing their fantastic Academic profiles which will reflect the progress they have made.

Mrs Vaghela

Head of Year 7

Head of Year Update - Year 8

Happy Easter! I hope that you are surrounded by sunshine, chocolate, family and friends during this break. Congratulations to all our award winning students from our assembly - your hard work and effort this term has been truly noted.

The highlight this term was our Residential trip to Dorset, where 130 students enjoyed a fun filled 3 days by the seaside. I was extremely proud of all who took part, they immersed themselves in the activities that were on offer by Land & Wave, worked very well in their teams and pushed themselves out of their comfort zones! Behaviour and respect shown to staff at Land & Wave was outstanding - credit to them all. Thank you to all Year 8 Parents & Carers.

I look forward to seeing you all back for the summer term!



Mr Lehmer
Head of Year 7

Head of Year Update - Year 9

Happy Easter! Year 9 has had a busy term with lots of different things happening. The drama students went to the West End to see 'And Juliet' last week - they came back with buzzing reviews. It was great to see so many of our year group compete in the inter-house dodgeball showing great leadership and motivation. I am excited to see the Y9 football team in some fixtures planned for next term. Mr White says the team has made great progress in training this term!

Several of the year group have been involved in a social action campaign 'Show Racism the Red Card'. This has been an opportunity for students to take on leadership roles and have a big impact within our community. I hope you all have a fantastic Easter holiday and come back ready and refreshed for our Summer term!



Miss Lewis
Head of Year 9

Head of Year Update - Year 10

Happy Easter Y10. It's been a very busy half term but filled with some really amazing activities and opportunities.

Most importantly Y10 have all experienced what it is like to sit an exam with both the RE mock and Health & Fitness GCSE exam both now completed. A massive well done to all students for how they engaged with revision and performed on the day.

There has also been the opportunity for Y10 students to get extra tuition, this is provided on Mondays by our top Y12 students. It is open to all students for the rest of the year and is a really great opportunity so please encourage them to attend.

There have been several external speakers delivering a range of talks to Y10 this half term, from drug awareness and gangs to careers information and advice on many different industries.

Y10 have taken part in the Cadogan Pier Art exhibition which was a great success again and selected students attended a Space Day trip.

Almost 90 CA Y10 students participated in the National Maths Challenge - a few missed out on a Bronze or Silver Certificate by just a mark or two, given there were tens of thousands of UK participants in this challenge this was a great achievement, well done to all of them. The best student from the Academy for Y9-11 was Yilong C, who was consequently invited and participated in the British Maths Olympiad!

Maths awards also went to Siena V, Sarah Br and Benjamin De Al, who participated in the Maths Feast at London Academy of Excellence, ranking CA number 1 amongst the other 20 London schools. I am so very proud of them!

Thank you all once again for a fantastic turnout at Parent's Evening, it was wonderful to speak to some, if not most of you.

I am very much looking forward to our final half term as their HoY and as always I am very proud of all of our young people. I wish you all a fantastic Easter Break and hope they can reset, rest and return positive and eager for the last push towards the summer.

Mr Fisher

Head of Year 10

Head of Year Update - Year 11

The half-terms keep coming, and Year 11 keep completing them with perseverance and hard-work. It's difficult to believe that in the five weeks of this half-term there have been nearly 800 attendances to extended learning revision sessions after school.

The Spring term is often seen as a term with many "final" events for Year 11, as post-Easter the exams are underway. We held our last Achievement Assembly in academy uniform in our final week, celebrating the outstanding students who consistently rise to the expectations of Chelsea Academy. In addition, we had students out on various trips and visits, with Duke of Edinburgh and Weekend Revision involved a total of around 80 students.

The term ends with our annual Year 11 Futures Day, whereby students learn in greater detail about Post 16+ placements, including Chelsea Academy Sixth Form.

We would like to extend a restful holiday to our Year 11 community of family and friends, and thank the staff who are giving up their time to run Easter holiday Revision Classes during the closed fortnight. Should your child be attending, we hope they get much out of it.





Mr Daverat
Head of Year 11

Sixth Form - Year 12

Year 12 have focused this term on starting to think about their options for after Year 13. The entire year enjoyed the visit to UKUniSearch fair at White Hart Lane, it was lovely to see students enthused and inspired having spoken to a whole range of different universities and apprenticeship providers. That evening we followed up with our own Higher Education Progression Launch, with Laura Hayes from UCL, providing students and parents with the practical steps to help them over the coming months.

Many students have followed these launches up with a flurry of applications to summer schools, internship programmes and Oxbridge access project visits. A cohort of Year 12s have also really benefited from the Take the Lead programme which the Old Vic Theatre ran to help students develop their skills in communication, self-belief, team-work and problem solving. This culminated in a workshop at the Royal Bank of Scotland, where students had the opportunity to participate in mock interviews and receive some really valuable feedback.



As well as this careers focus, it's been inspiring to see students engaging in a really diverse range of activities - Wednesday cooking with Mrs Ardron, handling snakes and lizards, dissecting Catfishes as part of Science Week, and producing some creepy immersive theatre in Drama - to name but a few!



Mrs Hogg
Head of Year 12

Sixth Form - Year 13

The Easter holidays marks the end of the final full term for Year 13 - a massive achievement tinged with a sense of sadness that the year group are coming to the end of their time at Chelsea Academy.

This half term has seen the completion of mock exams. I was immensely proud of how well the students conducted themselves, they certainly are a year group with resilience, and I hope they are

making the most of the feedback they have received ahead of their A level exams.

We continue to see the University and Higher Education offers roll in and a large number of our discussions with Year 13 continue to centre around preparations for their futures including some very exciting gap year plans! The sixth form team are looking forward to celebrating all that Year 13 have already achieved in half term five - plans are underway for the leavers celebration and the leavers hoodies are on order!

On Tuesday we had a really enjoyable Celebration Assembly with some Easter Reflection where we awarded our five values certificates alongside Deputy Head of Year and Head of Year Awards - congratulations to all the Year 13's who were recognised!

Year 13 were lucky enough to attend subject specific workshops on site on the last day of term these should set them on the right path for their Easter revision and ensure they leave for the holidays with all the tips and tricks from staff who are experts in their subject.

I hope you are able to enjoy a restful and peaceful Easter break with your friends and family.

Miss Hetherington
Head of Year 13

Library Update

Another busy half-term for the library! March is one of the busiest months, with an abundance of World Book Day activities, and our Scholastic Book Fair.

Our World Book Day celebrations included not one, but two, delightful and engaging author visits - one from award-winning author Savita Kalhan, and one from our First Story writer-in-residence Irfan Master - both of which encouraged a wave of students borrowing the authors' books, which is always lovely to see. We also had an exciting Bedrock spelling bee, with students showing off their impressive vocabulary - thank you to Miss Haynes and Miss Daher for organising! The week also included a high-energy Staff v Students quiz, and a flourishing bake sale in aid of Book Aid International. A successful week all round!

As you may know, Chelsea Academy has a partnership with First Story, a young people's literacy charity. The students involved have been working incredibly hard over the last two terms to develop their creative writing ready for publication, and have also donned their visual creative thinking caps to design the cover. The anthology is due to be published in the summer term, and I can't wait to see their writing and design come to life!

This week, we have had the Scholastic Book Fair in, and it has been a joy to see the students engaging with the books, recommending books to friends, and being more than helpful in its execution. We are still totalling up the final takings, however the more books that are bought, the more free books we receive as a reward for our library.

Please take a look at our Twitter page [@ChelseaAcadLib](#) to see more of what we have got up to this half-term, and to keep up to date with future events!

Miss Allen
Library Manager

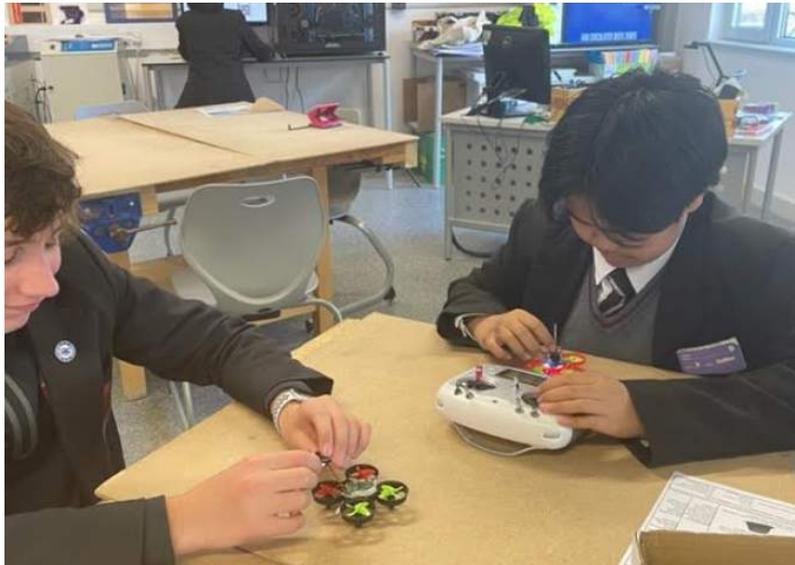
STEM Update

It has been an exciting, yet busy term. The highlight was Science Week with so many student opportunities to 'grow' in their love of Science with all the amazing activities and experiences that the Science Team tirelessly prepared! More about this from the Science Team further down in the newsletter.

As the STEM lead at Chelsea Academy, my aim is to offer students STEM related learning opportunities that allow them to challenge themselves, have fun and flourish and see challenges as an opportunity to learn and grow. This term we have had students participating in various activities during the school day and in extra curricular activities.

STEM MAKERS CLUB

Ever want to see what our future leaders will look like when problem solving? Visit our buzzing workshop with students all completing their own projects. Currently we have Year 9 and 10 students working on designing and making their own drones, students engaging with Robotics, KS3 sustainable makers developing solutions to real world problems focusing on plastic waste and iterating design ideas and prototypes. Furthermore we have students embarking on the London Mayor Design Future London Competition. STEM Club happens on Monday and Thursdays afterschool. Do not hesitate to speak to Ms Warr or myself about joining in.



Jonah in year 9 designed and 3D printed his drone and Jack in year 10 testing a drone.

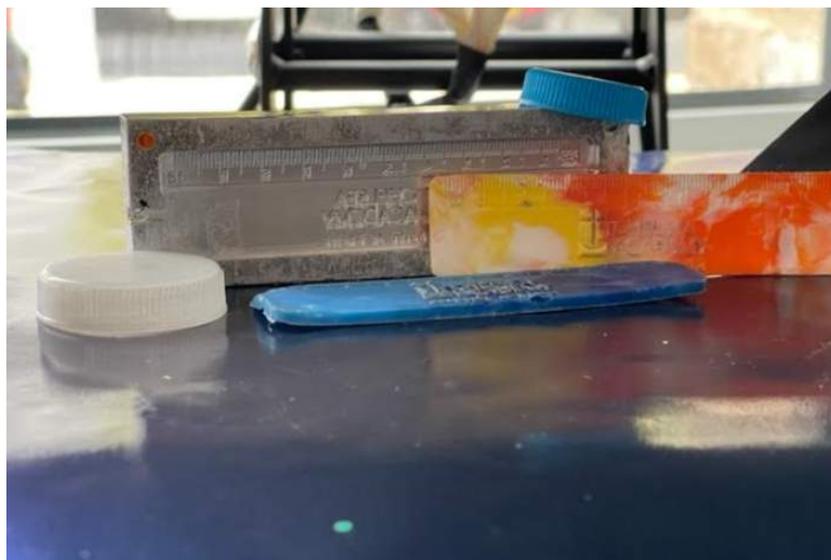


Jonah is testing his drone with a mini camera and VR set





Sustainable Makers team experimenting with bottle tops to make a range of products.



Some samples of the precious plastic products students make.



Chelsea Academy launches its partnership with Arkwright Engineering Scholarship Partnership



I am proud to announce that we have launched our partnership with the prestigious Arkwright Engineering Scholarship Programme. The programme is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year and it's a perfect time for our future engineering leaders to get involved!

The programme provides our Year 11 students with the opportunity to apply for a nationwide scholarship that requires students to go through a vigorous process to become an Arkwright Engineering Scholar. Applicants must complete an application, work on a Design/Engineering project, prepare and complete an aptitude exam and, if they are successful, have an interview with a panel of experts where they must give a 4 minute presentation. As mentioned, the process is rigorous but truly rewarding for any student afforded this opportunity.

If a student is successful in becoming a scholar, the following is provided: funding for Year 12 and year 13 to support their education (£600 total); an engineering mentor; opportunities to meet other scholars; university and industry visits.

Thus far we are very proud to say **Ethan in Year 11** has gone through to the interview stage and is now preparing for his interview. Good luck Ethan! He is down to the last 700 students who have applied nationally!

If you or your child are interested in this amazing opportunity, we have STEM clubs afterschool that students can come along to and begin preparing by learning skills and problem solving from as early as KS3. Currently we have a number of enthusiastic students engaged in their own projects with support from the D&T team. Here is a link for further information about the scholarship: <https://www.arkwright.org.uk/>

Future Careers

During Careers week Mr Flitcroft facilitated a series of opportunities for students to take part in different events related to careers. Year 9 were fortunate enough to participate in these events which included a **Draping Masterclass** hosted by Morley College and an **Architecture / Construction** session hosted by Construction Youth Trust. Year 9 also had a chance to work in two different fields of design following a design brief.



Foods to Market 2022- School Food Matters Charity



After a successful launch last year (we made over £80 selling our yummy Chutney at Wholefoods Fulham), Foods to Market has been launched again, our Year 7s have been introduced to the project which will continue well into next half term. Over the next term, some years 7 will engage in gardening, harvesting crops at Crockford Bridge Farm, making either chutney or a sauce, brand and market their product and sell it at Wholefoods Fulham! Can't wait to see how much this year's group will make!

With Covid restriction easing, we will be hosting a **chef lead master class** for local primary schools with the support of our well experienced year 8 chutney making sous chefs!
(Please Note: All money made goes towards the following year's purchases)

Department Update - Religious Education

We have had a busy year in RE so far. We have taken 100 students across Years 7 and 8 to the theatre to see the Prince of Egypt Musical.





Year 7 have had a great start to RE at Chelsea Academy. Having explored a number of different founders of faith over the course of the year so far, we are just starting a new topic exploring why the Prophet Muhammad is important to Muslims.

Some Year 8 students have been demonstrating their artistic side in RE recently, completing pieces of artwork for the Spirited Art competition. The 10 best entries will be submitted to this national competition.

Having recently worked hard to prepare for a mock exam, Year 10 students are busy revising for their RE GCSE exams which will be taking place in May. Students will also have a revision drop down morning to help prepare them for this exam.

Year 11 students have had a series of RE related lectures over the course of the year. Their first lecture was with Daniel Cutting, a professional football freestyler, who talked about his Christian faith and how it has influenced his life. Year 12 and 13 students have also had some RE themed lectures, such as one by people running the local food bank.

Department Update - Science

As a Science Specialist Academy we are always excited when March approaches, as this means students will get even more opportunities to participate in a range of scientific experiences during British Science Week! Our Science department organised a variety of activities across the week, allowing students of all ages across the school to find different events that they could take part in.

British Science Week is happening at Chelsea Academy from Monday 14th of March! Why not come along to some events we are running!



EVENTS AT SCHOOL

Periodic Table Quiz
Science in the MET Police
Meet and learn about reptiles!
Psychology Taster Session
Women in Chemistry Talk
Art and Science Mindfulness
Science Film Club
Shark Dissection

Day, Time & Place

Monday 14th March, Lunchtime, Library
Monday 14th March, After school, rm 308
Tuesday 15th March, After school, rm 110 (Sign up!)
Tuesday 15th March, After school, rm 105
Tuesday 15th March, After school, rm 308
Wednesday 16th March, Lunchtime, rm 308
Thursday 17th March, Lunchtime, rm 207
Thursday 17th March, After school, rm 110



Events that you can get involved in from home (check your emails for how to sign up!)

The Neuron Show Webinar
Artificial Intelligence Webinar
Quantum Computing Webinar
Journey of Sound Webinar

Monday 14th March, 4-5pm
Tuesday 15th March, 4:30-5:30pm
Wednesday 16th March, 4-5pm
Thursday 17th March, 4-4:45pm

Don't forget to enter the National Poster Competition too!

It was fantastic to see so many students from all years attend the various events. Our periodic table quiz, run by Mr Amin, was highly competitive and we heard about some interesting jobs from scientists within the MET Police too. We were also lucky enough to have Dan Wormald, a Senior Learning Advocate and Researcher from the Natural History Museum, visit us and speak to the whole of Year 7 about "Looking Closely". Students thoroughly enjoyed the talk, had many questions and enjoyed seeing microscopic images, with the help of 3D glasses!

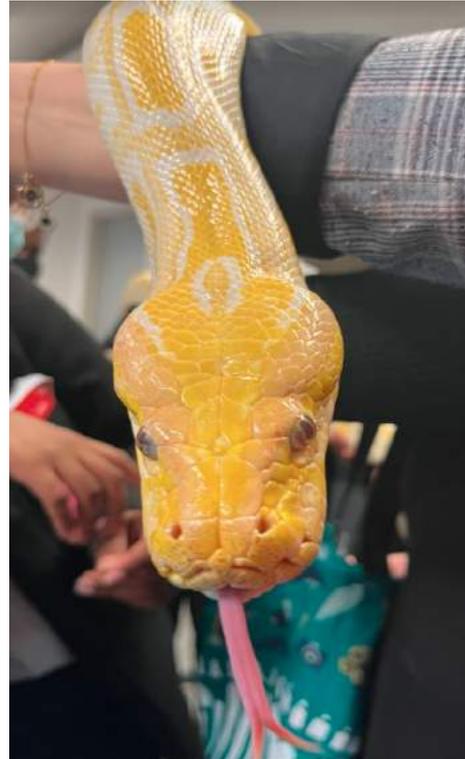




There was lots of interest from all ages to attend the Psychology “Taster Event”, where two of our A-Level Psychology teachers (Ms Elfersy and Ms Lewis) gave students an insight into the course and what they can study at A-Level, plus attendees got to get involved; completing hands-on experiments too! A Year 10 student review summarised how much students enjoyed this event “I really enjoyed the experiments and experiencing what it is like to be a test subject. The teachers were really engaging as well and it felt very immersive and definitely encouraged me to take Psychology in the future.”

The two events that caused the real buzz for the week were the talk and hands-on reptile event organised by Ms Edge, and the Catshark dissection organised by Dr Greene. Both events had a wide range of participants, with Year 12 Biologists being given the opportunity to meet the reptiles during lessons, whilst other year groups had the opportunity to sign up - causing us to have a waiting list due to so much interest!





Students were extremely keen to learn about how to care for reptiles and about their physiology too. A Year 7 review stated “I learned that Bearded Dragons had 3 eyes. When the 3rd eye sees light then it is automatically awake. But every night, when it is dark, it automatically sleeps! I particularly enjoyed the part where we touched every reptile in the room”, whilst a Year 8 student told us “I personally enjoyed it a lot as I learnt a lot about reptiles including their behaviour, where they live and their diet. I found it exciting as they brought live animals for the talk instead of having pictures on the board making the experience even more memorable.”



A big general thank you to our Science Technician team for all their support during the week - inside lessons and outside too. They were particularly grateful when the Catshark dissection was over, as the delightfully pungent aroma of the Catshark in the prep room was not enjoyed by all. A sacrifice for the awe and joy it brought to our students as they learnt about this organism's anatomy!



Mr Gilchrist's Year 9 class were seen really engaging with their Science Week lesson, presenting their ever vital ideas on "Getting to Net Zero" to each other, and Miss Beadles had lovely calm lunchtime "Mindfulness Colouring" sessions too.



A fantastic week, made so successful by all the staff who ran and organised sessions. It's lovely for the Science department to see so many enthusiastic students attending different events. Thanks to everyone that attended or came along to the sessions on offer.

Other exciting things currently happening in the Science Department include Ms Hinds and Mrs Gill working with students towards their CREST awards at Science Club. Students are testing their green fingers, growing seeds and measuring rates of growth; an exciting and important project for students to be involved with. Thanks also to Mr Flitcroft for facilitating a workshop during Careers Week, delivered by Morley College. Some of our Year 7s were able to take part in a hands-on session, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all!



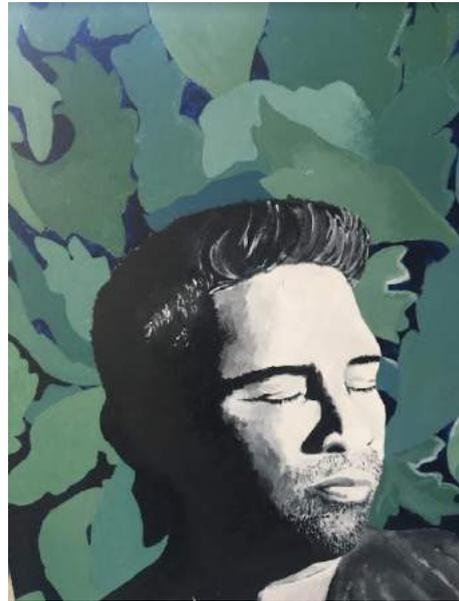


Department Update - Art

A buzz of creative energy and excitement pervades the Art Curriculum Area as we approach this exciting time of year. There is no better way to herald the arrival of Spring than the annual Cadogan Pier Art Exhibition. Taking the theme of “Down by the River” Academy Art students were invited to create work that was curated for an exhibition in the prestigious boat house near Albert Bridge. Maintaining our links with the Chelsea Arts Club we invited senior members to come and judge the work on show. The inspiring curation of drawing, painting and digital media impressed so much that as ever finding an overall winner was a true challenge. Yr10 GCSE Art student Aysha Al Maki was thrilled to scoop first prize ‘Best in Show’. Her image of hands releasing a bird out across the waters had a sense of optimism and hope going forward into Summe



Focusing on completing their course Yr11 GCSE Art students are pushing imagination and skill to new levels with their paintings.



Portraits with a contemporary twist painted in acrylic on canvas are provided eye-catching displays up in the Art classrooms at the moment.

Thriving links with local creative industry businesses based in the surrounding community always provides inspiration for Academy Art students. It enables them to gain an insight into how the creative, design and visual art industries play a pioneering role in Britain's 21st Century economy. In early March Rockstar Games organised a panel of gaming professionals to present a talk about how they achieved their current positions and what their job entails. Students walked away fired up with progression goals for studying Art & Design at University and on into careers beyond.

It continues to be a privilege to teach A-Level Art students who have made their way all the way from Yr7 at Key Stage 3, to GCSE Art and onto the A-Level programme. As the Yr13 students reach the conclusion of the course and their time at the Academy they are readying to take up places on Architecture, Fashion and Illustration courses at high profile Universities around the country. Their drive and creativity influences students in the younger years providing dynamic role models for artists of the future.



Reflection

My name is Samuel Braga Tavares and I am presently covering as a chaplain at the academy.

Thanks to the perseverance team who massively helped us to raise above £1,700 for Comic Relief on the last Red Nose Day. Wonderful achievement by the whole school. Well done to everybody who gave in any way, a BIG thank you!

After two long years of a lot of restrictions and so many social interactions. We were finally able to come back all together for our Easter church service. Which was a great opportunity for togetherness. Which we all need at times.

The Easter season is central to the Christian faith. Commemorating the death of Jesus which was for the purpose of the forgiveness of all of our wrong doing and then the glorious resurrection that brings assurance of something greater than what we can presently see with our eyes and the hope for an eternal life with God in heaven leaving behind all form of pain, suffering, sicknesses and tears in a state of peace, joy and harmony forever.

May everyone enjoy the Easter holiday and may God bless and protect you all and your families!



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