

### 7M

In 7M this term, we have explored Ancient Egypt, Fairy Tales and enjoyed looking at living things and their habitats – including mould on bread! Here are some interesting facts for you:

Did you know Ancient Egyptians used a form of 'text speak' called Hieroglyphs?



Did you know it took us almost two weeks to grow mould on cheap white bread? It makes you wonder what chemicals are stopping the process!

Did you know 7M are really good at looking after Barry, our class pet? He even gave us inspiration to describe a Fairy Tale dragon with his scaly cold skin.



## 7W

7W students have explored 3 D shapes. Here we have 2 of the students trying to make 3D shapes using connective rods. Well done to them for trying so hard!



Louis' football teams' coach was awarded 'The Who Cares Wins Award' with The Sun. David and Romeo Beckham surprised Coach Al and the team at a training session, to handover the award.



## 8H

8H are learning about weather in Humanities and are making their own weather station at Clarendon Secondary.



They have their fingers crossed for a white Christmas!



# 9/10K

## 9/10K RHS Wisley Trip Garden craft and planting Rosemary



Students took part in several practical activities in the classroom:

- Christmas ornament using clay
- Sniffing and matching herbs
- Planting Rosemary to take home

A few were interested in putting their apple core in a worm bin!



# 10P

10P helped Mrs Bumrah last year in the garden and we harvested a pumpkin which weighed 12 kg . It was used by the whole school to make some yummy Pumpkin Risotto.



# 10/11O

10/11O had a lovely trip to the pantomime on 13th December to see Beauty and The Beast.



## 11AF



11AF had a lovely treat of take-away pizza and Krispy Kreme doughnuts on Tuesday.

This was all thanks to Cassidy winning the Jack Petchey award earlier this term for her amazing achievements on



the residential outward bound trip.

Well done Cassidy and thank you for our yummy lunch!

## Year 11 Theatre Trip to Annie



In November Year 11 Expressive Arts students had the opportunity to visit the New Wimbledon Theatre to see the theatre production of **Annie**.

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Last year actress *Emily Barnett-Salter* came into school to deliver an amazing **Annie** workshop to KS3/4 students. The fact that Emily also performed in the show had a real impact on the students that were able to attend. We even got a backstage tour and met Craig Revel Horwood! We had a fantastic afternoon that we will remember for a long time.

Mrs Reece & Miss Fish  
Performing Arts Department





## Year 11 Theatre Trip to Annie



## Teddington Lights Up

Clarendon took part in 'Teddington Lights Up' this year!

A big well done to all pupils who joined us and a massive thank you to staff, parents and carers who supported us!



## Holly Lodge

A big well done to the seven students who performed at The Holly Lodge Christmas concert on 7th December. The choir performed three songs on their own and then a joint piece with two other choirs. A big thank you to Miss Hollywood for helping out too!



## Art and Design Technology News

As ever, our students have been very busy designing and making this term.

In Design Technology they were introduced to new workshop machinery and produced a series of dynamic fun products like the novelty door stops shown.

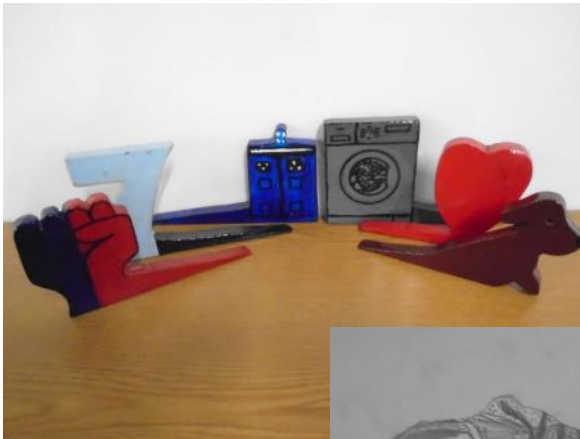
In Art our students explored the qualities of tone using a variety of art media. There was also a particular focus on observational drawing. Students also were introduced to the famous POP Artist Andy Warhol and they produced amazing and colourful self portraits in his style.

Finally, we have special praise for Katie Emmett who produced amazing sensory art work as in her snail panel shown.

Again we are so very proud of our students efforts and commitment to both subjects.



# Art and Design Technology News



## Enrichment News

Our Enrichment activity this half term consisted of a drumming workshop to support our learning about African tales. It was a very uplifting and lively session where everyone had lots of fun listening and getting involved with the drumming and the singing!



# BESPOKE be HEARD

This is Eric; He has been volunteering now for a year and a bit and has been so helpful to the scheme. He has refurbished the majority of our second hand bicycles. He's helped with services and repairs for staff and customer bicycles, too. He is more than halfway through his Level 2 Certificate in Cycle Mechanics; when he has finished he is looking for a job- and I highly recommend him!



# BESPOKE be HEARD



Former student, Laurence Nepstad, has also been volunteering his time on Wednesdays to service school, staff and customer bicycles. As well as helping refurbish second hand bicycles.

A reminder to parents of the offer from Bespoke Be Heard:

- **15% discount for all parents and siblings** of children within the academy for services, repairs, parts, accessories & clothing
- **10% discount for all parents and siblings** within the academy for second hand bicycles
- Trade price for **all students** within the academy for second hand bikes, parts, accessories and clothing and free services and repairs





# Parent Governor VACANCY

The school's governing board is responsible for providing 'confident and strategic leadership, and creating robust accountability, oversight and assurance for the school's educational and financial performance. Our Board is committed to supporting continuous school improvement to ensure the best possible outcomes for our pupils.

All candidates should be aware the role of a parent governor is not as a spokesperson for the views of parents. The role of a parent governor is the same as any other governor on the board, however they will be able to provide a 'parental viewpoint' i.e. representative parents rather than representatives of parents.

**We are looking for candidates with Board, Primary or Special Educational Needs experience, however, anyone who is willing to develop these skills is welcome to apply.**



*An amazing opportunity to strategically support school improvement to ensure the best possible outcomes for our pupils in 2024 and beyond.*





# PINES AND NEEDLES

Clarendon School has kindly been donated a Christmas tree by Pines and Needles and they would love to offer parents a discount on Christmas trees in their pop up stores! Their local pop up store is located in Richmond Rugby Club at the Richmond Athletic Ground.

DISCOUNT CODE: CLAREDON10

Keep an eye out on Pines and Needles social channels @pinesandneedles for fun activities at our local stores.

Please visit [www.pinesandneedles.com](http://www.pinesandneedles.com) for more details and other locations as they are all around London!





We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break and a much needed rest. We look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday, 8th January 2024 at 8:40am.

### Contact Information

Please ensure you have provided school with your most up to date contact details. If you have recently moved or changed your mobile number, please let us know. You are able to check these on your Arbor account. If you have not yet signed up to Arbor, please email the school office and we will send you details on how to create an account.

### Lunch Payments on Arbor

Don't forget to clear your child's lunch account before they finish school. Any outstanding debts will be passed over to finance for collection. If you are having difficulty or have not yet set up your account, please email the office to arrange support.

### Absence/Lateness

It is important to remember to contact the school office if your child is going to be late or absent from school. If we are not informed of a reason for absence your child will be marked as 'unauthorised'.

### Key Dates:

1st Day of Term: Monday, 8th January

INSET Day : Friday, 9th February (School Closed to Pupils)

Half Term : Monday, 12th February -Friday, 16th February

Last Day of Term: Thursday, 28th March at 1:30pm

# A Message from the Headteacher



I am delighted to welcome you to the autumn term edition of our Secondary newsletter, which showcases the many achievements of our pupils this term. It has been a joy to complete my first term in post as your headteacher, and I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know so many of the pupils, families and staff at this wonderful school. I am sorry if I have not yet met you personally, and I hope that we will have the chance to introduce ourselves in the near future.

This term has been full of highlights, and I invite you to browse through the Newsletter to discover some of them. On a personal note, I have been particularly impressed by the range of parent events that we have offered over the past few months. I was inspired by the engaged and thoughtful contributions our families made to discussions at both Primary and Secondary Centres, and it has given me valuable insights into how we can further improve parent communication going forwards.

As we approach the Christmas season, I hope that you and your children will feel the cheer and goodwill that we have in our school community, and that you will enjoy the range of fun and festive activities we have planned. I would also like to express my gratitude for your continued support and involvement in our school. It has been a privilege to see our students grow and thrive in their learning and personal development. They have demonstrated resilience, creativity and enthusiasm in all that they do, and I am very proud of their achievements.

Looking ahead to the Spring term, I am excited to be involved in a flurry of activity related to the planned opening of our new buildings at Petersham in September 2025. This is another very exciting development for the school, which will further enhance our already outstanding provision and curriculum for our pupils. I understand that many of you will be eager to know more about the details of the development, and the potential implications for your child. I appreciate your patience on this front, and I assure you that, as soon as I have something concrete and useful to share, I will communicate with you all.

I wish you all a wonderful and restful Christmas break, and I look forward to seeing you again in the Spring term.