



Message from the Principal



Dear Parents / Carers

This week our Year 11 and Year 13 students began their exams and I was so proud of the discipline and focus they showed during this stressful week. It was inspiring to see students who came in early to revise in the Library and ask teachers any final questions. These internal exams are very important for our students because they will be used in the teacher assessment and grading process. Exams continue into next week and we recognise that these are stressful times for Year 11 and 13 so please continue to encourage your child to seek support from staff if they need anything at all.

I'm excited to announce that Year 7 and 8 enrichment clubs start after school next week. You will have received a letter this week with further details. Please speak to your child about the clubs they've signed up to as we're hoping to broaden their experiences by providing a range of different activities.

On Thursday 20th May I will be hosting the next parent forum where we will deliver a session on how to support your child with revision at home. This is important in terms of building momentum towards the exams for **Years 7-10 and 12 which take place in the weeks beginning 14th and 21st June**. I am really looking forward to taking any questions and feedback from parents so that we can continue to work together to ensure that we are giving your children the best possible deal in terms of their education.

Following the most recent Government guidance on face masks, **from Monday 17th May, the wearing of face masks for staff and students will be optional in all areas throughout the school**. We are still recommending that staff wear a face mask in communal areas where social distancing is not possible. If students choose to wear a face mask, they must wear it properly, covering nose and mouth at all times. It is still very important that staff and students are using the lateral flow tests twice a week (preferably on a Wednesday and Sunday). This will help keep our community as safe as possible. We have spare tests at school should you require more for your child.

Amy Welch
Principal





Sixth Form Students of the Week

Year 13



**Hermon &
Fatoumata**

**Commitment to
Progress**

Well done for reaching
the end of your
Business work



David

**Excellence in
Thinking**

Great focus in Business



Ibnat

**Honourable
Leadership**

Amazing feedback from
work experience



John



Camiesha



Fernando



Victor



Joshua

Massive commitment to progress effort in the past week!

Year 12





Students of the Week

The following students were chosen by their Heads of Year as Student of the Week. Congratulations!



Year 7: Riad (House Thornton) for showing honourable leadership by returning lost keys to reception and always trying to do the right thing.

Year 8: Enrique (House Jones) for his consideration of another student and helping a teacher with a big job, without being asked. Honourable leader.

Year 9: Stephanie (House Thornton) for being a very conscientious student and being so polite and well-mannered.

Year 10: Khalil (House Jones) for getting a platinum award for receiving 126 merits showing excellent commitment to progress.

Year 11: Danielle (House Jones) for always being polite to everyone and for putting in the extra effort by revising after school in preparation for her exams.

Sixth Form Leadership Committee

Sixth Form students who interviewed and were selected as part of our Sixth Form Leadership team had their termly meeting with Mrs Welch and Mr Hemming to discuss Sixth Form matters.





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Eid al Fitr

Thursday was Eid and our Muslim community celebrated this special occasion with family and friends.

When asked what they did, Year 8 students responded:

“My family and I went to Eid prayers with friends” Zaynab

“I met with my cousins & we all exchanged gifts” Neriman

“We prepared the special meal and ate altogether” Ikran.

“The women in family put henna on our hands” Nesrin



Visit from Governor, Judy Mitchem

Our new governor, Judy Mitchem, toured the school this week and dropped into lessons. She met some Year 8 students separately to hear how they are getting on. Mrs Mitchem is a prominent local resident and has worked with numerous schools over the years, including academies and public schools.



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Year 11 Dance Exam

Year 11 dancers had their final choreography exam in the Newton Hall. Teachers dropped in to show their support as they've worked so hard and haven't had the opportunity to do an official performance/school show due to COVID.



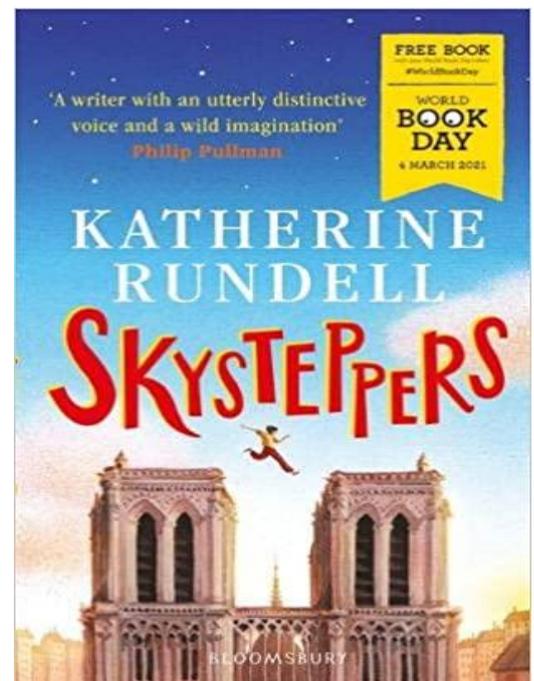
Book of the Week

SKYSTEPPERS

Author: Katherine Rundell
Good for KS3 students

High above the streets of Paris live the rooftoppers, a secret gang of children who eat, sleep and tumble amongst the chimney pots.

But for Matteo and Mercedes the adventure is only just beginning, as the pair find themselves on a wild hunt across Paris - tearing over the roofs in search of hidden treasure in a race against an enemy who would seek to destroy that which they love best.



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Getting to Know You

Name: Ms Aldijana Todorovac

Job: Subject Leader of Sociology, Duke of Edinburgh Leader

Currently reading: Persuasion by Jane Austen

A favourite TV Series: I really like the TV series Queen of the South.

Interesting fact about me: I can speak five different languages...technically!
Ask me to find out which! Also, I migrated to the UK when I was a year old to avoid the ethnic cleansing that was happening in Bosnia in the mid 1990's.

What I like about working at LA: I love the supportive staff and their 'can do' approach! Also, I love teaching the students as they are always willing to learn.



Key Dates for Your Diary

Monday 17 th May	Y11 and Y13 Assessments	During the school day
Thursday 20 th May	Year 7 & Year 8 clubs start	3.30 – 4.20PM
Thursday 20 th May	Parent Form (online)	6.00 – 7.00PM

