



## Message from the Principal



### Dear Parents / Carers

I hope you all managed to take some time over the Easter break to relax and recharge. Now that restrictions on non-essential shops have been lifted, it felt great to feel the next step towards normality. At school we remain as we were before the break since the government has not changed guidelines around face masks in class and keeping students in year group bubbles. However, from next week we are able to host before and after school clubs so our students can get moving again. The PE team has come up with a range of activities and a schedule was shared with students so they can join in. We are also planning the launch of other extracurricular clubs because we know the importance of this for a well-rounded education.

During my welcome assembly for each year group, I focussed on manners as it relates to one of our values, honourable leadership. I stressed how important it is to be polite and thoughtful so that the first impressions of our students are positive. Our community benefits hugely when we are all doing the right thing, even when no one is looking. I also spoke about how ultimately, behaving with integrity and showing gratitude to others leads to a happy, fulfilled life. Small things like greeting staff or visitors, saying 'please' and 'thank you', holding the door open for others and respecting our school site by not littering are basic expectations I have of all our future honourable leaders. From this week I am challenging all year groups to put these actions into daily practice.

A big thank you to all who took the time to complete the PCR test and return it to school. I realise it was very short notice and just making up the box took about 5 minutes! For those who weren't able to send the test back to school, you can drop off the box at any NHS / Royal Mail priority post box (there will be a 'Priority Postbox' sticker on the outside) or Covid 19 testing site. If you have any questions or concerns about anything, please do contact the school.

Take care.

**Amy Welch**  
Principal





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## Students of the Week

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



**Year 7:** Iris (House Szabo) for being an exemplary role model for Year 7 by working so hard in and out of lessons.

**Year 8:** Ebuchim (House Jones) for being an honourable leader by encouraging his year group to demonstrate integrity by walking through the Academy in line up.

**Year 9:** Savannah (House Szabo) for being extremely polite and well-mannered without being asked. She acts with integrity in lessons, around the Academy and in the community. She is a credit to Year 9 and her family.

**Year 10:** Samuele (House Thornton) and Wilson (House Archer) who volunteered to help teachers without hesitation, carrying boxes between classrooms. Both students are a credit to Year 10.

**Year 11:** Bobo (House Szabo) for his relentless work on Hegarty Maths.

## Thank You From Macmillan Cancer Fund

### We really appreciate your support

Thank you for your donation of £1,186.81 to Macmillan Cancer Support, raised on behalf of your peer who is unwell. Your generosity & support will allow us to help everyone with cancer live life as fully as they can, providing physical, financial emotional support.

### How you are helping

We understand that cancer can impact a person's whole life - health, money, family, work; everything. We can help people with managing symptoms and offer advice and support.

Your amazing donation of £1,186.81 could, for example, pay for a Macmillan Nurse for 1 week, helping people living with cancer and their families to receive essential medical, practical & emotional support.

**Without people like you in our team, we simply couldn't do what we do.**



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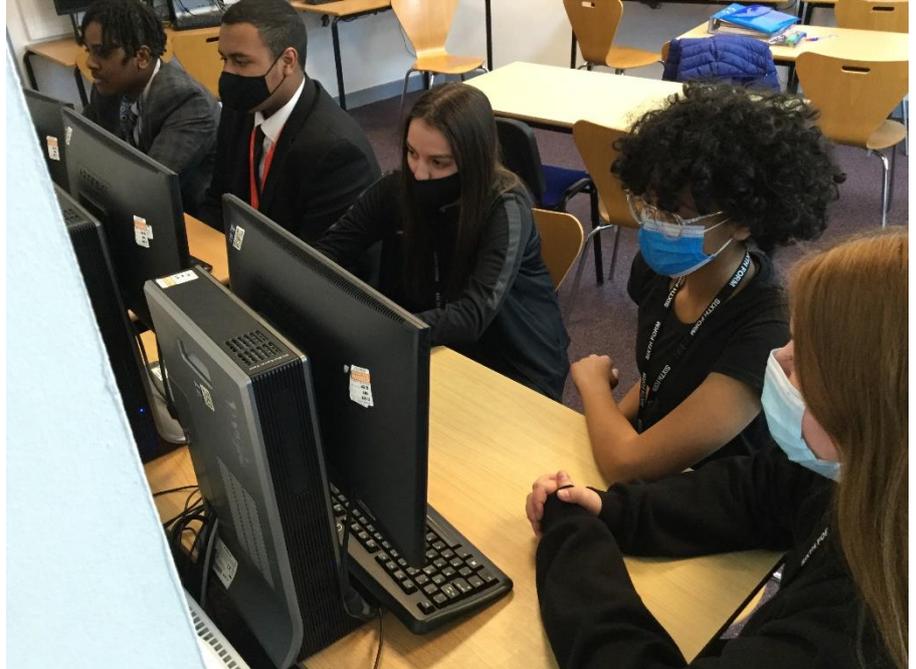
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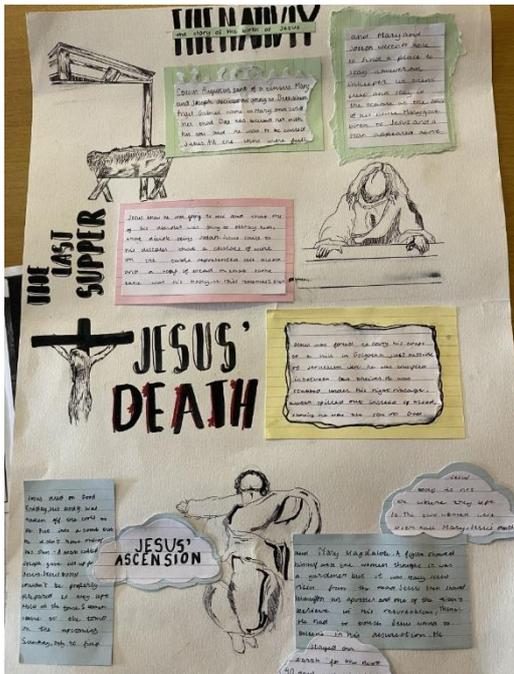
## Oxbridge Applications Work With Group of Year 12s

Eighteen students in Year 12 took part in an online workshop with Oxbridge Applications. This is a private consultancy firm that usually work with students at schools like Eton and Harrow but are working with our high attainers thanks to a generous donation by a member of the public. Students heard about the different course options available and what is involved in the application process to these world class universities. Oxbridge Applications will continue to work with these students over the next few months and mentor them through the application process.



## Easter Break Excellence

Two Year 7 students produced excellent pieces of work during the Easter break. Well done Zam Managan and Tasneem Adair.





## Book of the Week

### Anna Gain and the Same 60 Seconds

**Author:** Guy Bass

**Pages :** 72

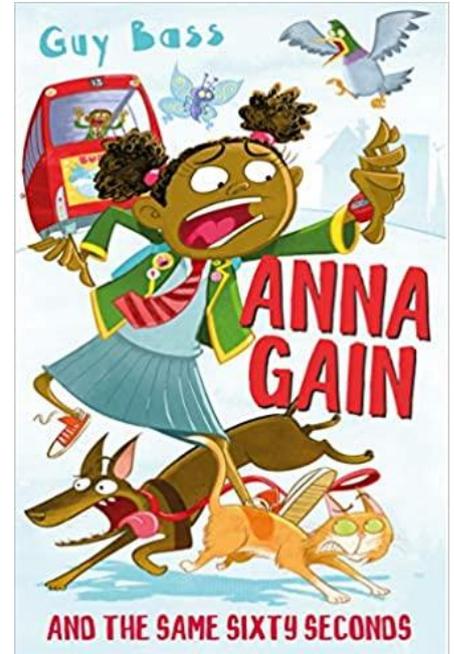
**Age:** Quick and easy read 10 to 13 years

**Genre:** Comedy

**Publisher:** Barrington Stokes (Dyslexia friendly)

Anna Gain is never late, and especially for school. Every day she catches her bus in perfect time. But not today. After a series of absurd events cause Anna to miss the bus, she's transported one minute back in time! she finds herself reliving the same 60 seconds over...and over... and over again.

Is fate trying to teach Anna a lesson? How can she escape? This is a laugh-out-loud book that will keep you smiling



## Getting to Know You

**Name:** Ms Gina Low

**Job:** Deputy Curriculum Lead of Science

**Currently reading:** I am reading Entangled Life. It's a book about how fungi impact the world and their potential future uses!

**A favourite TV series:** I'm loving In the Line of Duty at the moment.

**Interesting fact about me:** I am actually South African. My dad grew up in Cape Town and we spent a lot of time out there when I was younger. Lots of people spell my surname 'Lowe' which is the English spelling but it's actually 'Low' which is the South African spelling!.

**What I like about working at LA:** I like the community feel at the school. Everyone is so lovely and always there to help out. You really feel supported here and the students are fabulous! No two days are the same and the students never cease to make me smile.





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## Key Dates for Your Diary

<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Year 8 immunisations</b> (for those whose parents have given permission)	<b>During the morning</b>
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Year 9 immunisations</b> (for those whose parents have given permission)	<b>During the morning</b>



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