



Message from the Principal



Dear Parents / Carers

This week saw the return of after school PE clubs and it was terrific to see the MUGA pitches, fitness centre and Sports Hall in use again. Year 11 and Year 13 students began preparations in earnest for their upcoming assessments which start the week beginning 10th May. Our Year 9 students heard about their upcoming graduation into Year 10, with the announcement that the majority are on the path to graduate with a small minority needing to work harder on a few areas before they are fully ready to join Key Stage 4 as Year 10s. This is a very exciting time for our whole school community as we look to diarise key events that were cancelled last year, such as graduation, celebration ceremonies, sports day and a prom for Year 11 and 13. Heads of Houses held an assembly today to give an update on standings and upcoming competitions. Congratulations

House Archer for leading the house competition at this point in the year.

On Thursday I hosted one of our new governors, Ms Judy Mitchem who also happens to be a local resident. She has had several tours of the school so was more interested in sitting in on classes. After a couple of hours spent in English lessons, she came down to my office and expressed her delight at the high standards and outstanding learning that she witnessed in each lesson. Teachers and students were not given advance warning of her visit so she had the opportunity to see our school as it truly is and she was incredibly impressed. Now that it is easier to welcome visitors into school again, I'd like to remind you that you are very welcome to come for a visit at any time during the school day. Myself or a member of the Senior Leadership Team would be pleased to show you around.

A reminder that **Monday is a UK Bank Holiday** so there will be no school. I hope you enjoy the long weekend and I look forward to seeing our students back at their normal times on Tuesday 4th May.

Take care.

Amy Welch
Principal





Sixth Form Students of the Week

Year 12



Lois

Commitment to
Progress

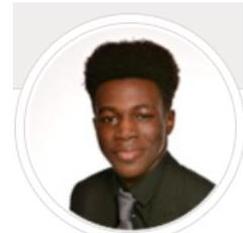
For showing great determination!



Keijo

Excellence in
Thinking

Incredible work outside of
lessons. Awesome AP2 results!

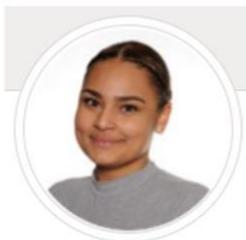


Alex

Honourable
Leadership

A model of professional dress

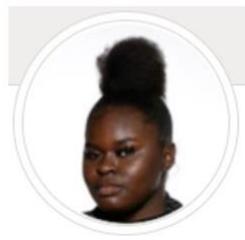
Year 13



Victoria

Commitment to
Progress

Showing amazing
improvement in A2L



Monnae

Excellence in
Thinking

Showing excellence in your
subjects and focused revision



JP

Honourable
Leadership

A model of politeness and
kindness





Students of the Week

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



Year 7: New student Ali (House Szabo) for making an excellent start in school. He has shown nothing but resilience and integrity.

Year 8: Zainab (House Jones) for demonstrating excellence in all of her subjects. She pushes through boundaries and overcomes challenges in her learning.

Year 9: Adam (House Archer) for an impressive set jump in maths and a better attitude to learning all round.

Year 10: Nebyat (House Szabo) for her beautiful manners and making a new student feel very welcome.

Year 11: Lloyd (House Jones) for his commitment to Maths which saw him win the Gold award in the UK Maths challenge.

UK Maths Challenge Results

More than 100 mathematicians from Years 10 and 11 sat the Intermediate Maths Challenge in February over lockdown. Seventeen of our students achieved a Bronze award, making them the top 40% scorers nationally. Fifteen students achieved a Silver award, making them the top 20% scorers nationally. Lloyd Williams scored among the top 5% of students to compete, achieving a Gold award. He also qualified for the prestigious next round - the Pink Kangaroo. This exceptional result makes him among some of the best mathematicians of his age in the country. Well done!

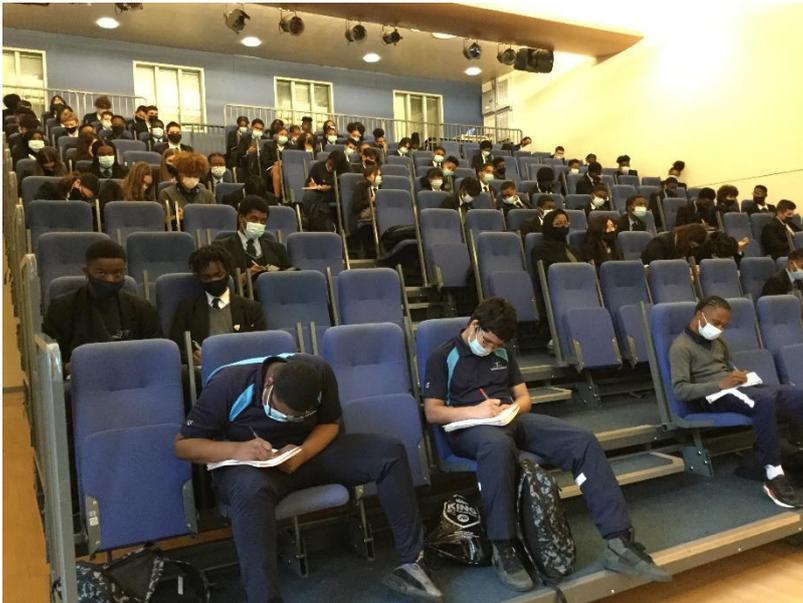
This week, 60 of our Year 7 and 8 students sat the Junior Maths Challenge. We look forward to handing out certificates and awards when we get their results.





English Lecture for Year 10 Students

The English Department organised a special lecture on the book *Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* which Year 10s will be tested on at GCSE. Head of English Ms Holly Kendall gave a thorough overview of key points as students made notes and answered questions on their practice work sheets.



Scholars+ Programme by Kings College

A group of Year 10 students started Maths and English tutoring as part of the Scholars+ Programme run by Kings College London in collaboration with Team Up, a professional tutoring organisation.

The students enjoyed their first session with their tutors who are currently students at Kings. The programme will last for two years, until the end of Year 11. The aim of the programme is to prepare students to become independent learners.





Book of the Week

Becoming

Author: Michelle Obama

Pages: 432

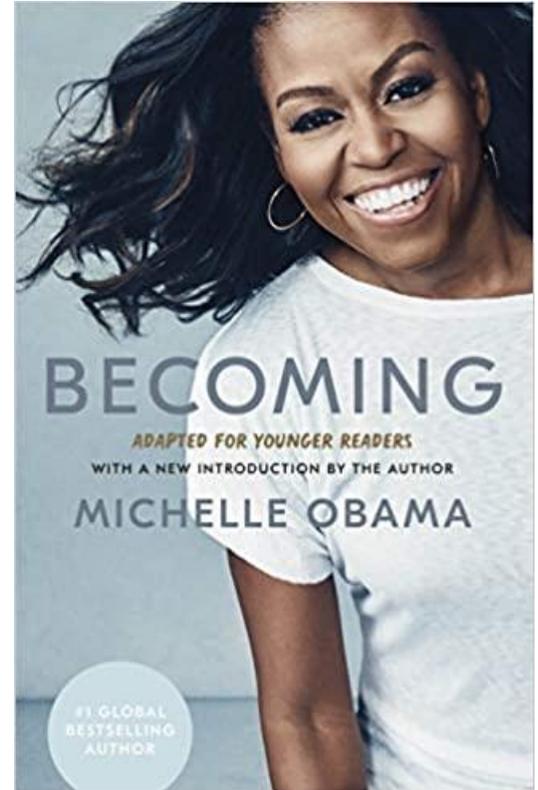
Age : KS3

Read: Medium but written in a way that is accessible to all

Now adapted for younger readers, with new photographs and a new introduction from Michelle Obama herself, this memoir tells a very personal, and completely inspiring, story of how, through hard work and determination, the girl from the South Side of Chicago built an extraordinary life.

A tale of ups and downs, triumphs, and failures, this is an incredibly honest account. It will take you from the early years - first kiss, first school, first love - to the wonders of the White House, and the moment Mrs Obama shook hands with the Queen of England.

An inspiring and truly interesting book by someone who cares and comes across as warm and honest. An important inspirational read for young people and adults alike.



Getting to Know You

Name: Mr Jose Fernandez

Job: IT Technician

Currently reading: Freedom or Equality by Daniel Lacalle.

A favourite film: Seven Samurai, a classic Japanese film. This film explores how class or group identity determines what is expected of individuals. It's excellent.

Interesting fact about me: This fact is interesting to me at least...My family comes from Brañosa, the first municipality in Spain which was set up in the year 824. This is where people got away from the omnipotent power of the nobility to have certain rights to rule themselves locally, the germ of current local councils. Other than that, what I can say is not interesting and what is interesting I cannot say.

What I like about working at LA: I like the great collection of people in the school, teachers and children. Everyone is different and everyone is fascinating.





Key Dates for Your Diary

Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday	No school
Monday 10th May	Year 11 and Year 13 Assessments	During the school day
Monday 17th May	Year 11 and Year 13 Assessments	During the school day

