



AROUND THE PALACE

Welcome



I would like to start this week's Bulletin by saying thank you to all the students, staff and parents who have made my first week at the school so very positive through their welcomes, smiles and help in navigating my way around the site! I am so honoured and excited to be the Head at Old Palace and am already learning what a vibrant and

unique school it is. At the start of term it is always good to welcome the students back and we were especially pleased to see so many girls return to Old Palace for the sixth form. The school has been full of energy all week with girls settling down into new classes, subjects and routines.

I have had the privilege of addressing all the year groups in assembly this week at the Senior School as well as attending the Prep School assembly to introduce myself to the girls there. My message to Years 6-10 has been about making the most of all the hope, promise and energy that always accompanies the new term and asking them to think about what they want to achieve this year. The theme for my assembly to Years 11-13 was around how they can ensure they remain positive and happy during the next year in

the run up to their GCSE, AS and A level exams - a very important message!

The start of term is also a new beginning for parents and it was wonderful to be able to meet many parents at the Year 10 and 12 open evenings this week where staff guided them through what their daughters would experience during their GCSE and A level courses. I am looking forward to meeting more parents as the term progresses.

As the first week draws to close I would like to wish all Old Palace families a wonderful weekend.

Jane Burton, Head

A Level and GCSE Students Celebrate



A Level and GCSE Students Celebrate *continued*

A Level Results 2019

A* - A	50%
A* - B	83%
A* - C	100%

Old Palace students celebrated yet another excellent set of A Level results, with 50% of exams being graded A*- A. In particular, Alice Ardis achieved a stunning set of results; her A*A*A*A*A grades securing her a place at Oxford to read Physics.

The overwhelming majority of students secured their first choice of university, with a high percentage going to Russell Group Universities

to study subjects as diverse as Civil Engineering, Physics, Aerospace Engineering, Medicine, Classics and Japanese.

A further four students achieved A* and A grades across the board. Congratulations to:

Zarah Mohsin	A*A*AA	Aerospace Engineering
Shania Gandhi	A*A*AA	Medicine
Naamua Dodoo	A*AAA	Computer Science
Sareena Pokkakkilath	A*A*A*	Mathematics (Research placement)



GCSE Results 2019

Students have excelled in the new numerical GCSE grades this summer, with 76% achieving the top grades of 9 – 7. Overall, 99% of grades were 9 – 5.

Top performing subjects include Latin and Religious Studies (one of this year's most popular subjects nationally): Maths, English and History.

Meanwhile, 93% of GCSE subjects still using A*-E were graded B+.

Congratulations to our top performing students: Julieta, Sabrina, Sally, Tanya, Shreya and Anoushka, who all achieved straight A*s and 9s.

9-1 Grades	
32%	9
56%	9-8
76%	9-7
91%	9-6
99%	9-5



Welcome to Reception



When you're only four, standing still long enough to have your photograph taken is always a big ask. It's even more so when it's your very first day at school. So here they are; our brand new Reception pupils. Welcome to Old Palace.



Welcome to Pre School

Here are some of our new Pre School pupils. Don't they look smart in their lovely new uniform?



Changes to Nursery

From September we are making some positive changes to the room structures at Old Palace. The changes are being made to reflect the developmental needs of the children in our care.

The Transition group, like the Pre School group, will become a school year. Therefore children aged 2 years on 1st September will join the Transition Group in September and remain in Transition for the full academic year. This will provide a stable environment at this important developmental stage, whereby the children will have the same learning environment, same peers, and same key person for the entire year before they move on to Pre School, instead of the previous system where we moved them up on their birthdays.

The Toddler room will now be named the Baby room, and the age group will be approximately 12 to 18 months. I will inform parents when I feel it is the best time for your child to move to the next room, Toddlers. The Toddler room will cater for children aged approximately 18 months and they will remain in that room until the September when they are 2 year's old.

Age	Class	Notes
3+ (on 1st Sept)	Pre School	As current, i.e. no change
2+ (on 1st Sept)	Transition	Children will now enter Transition if they are 2 on 1st Sept and stay in that class for the whole year
18 months+	Toddlers	Children less than 2 on 1st Sept, but above 18 months
1 year to 18 months	Baby	

Jacqui Hines, Day Care Manager

Primary Engineer and Hitachi Celebration Event

On Monday 8th July, four girls from Preparatory, Amber, Abinesha, Isobel and Sariah, attended the Primary Engineer Hitachi Rail Celebration event with Mrs Wallis at the IET, Institute of Engineering and Technology, in London.

All of the Year 5 girls had been working in pairs during DT lessons on making a wheeled locomotive powered by a motor and two batteries. Mrs Wallis then had the very difficult task of selecting only two teams to take part in the Celebration event.

The Celebration Day was a chance for the two teams to test their locomotives and discuss their design and making process with the judges. The testing involved attaching their locomotive to two wagons and trying to pull the maximum weight over a distance of three metres and testing to see if the locomotive could travel forwards and backwards in a straight line.

The girls were questioned by two different panels of judges and had to present their portfolio for the project and answer questions about their design, discussing any problems they came up against and how they solved them.



It was a long day, with a break for lunch, but the girls had fun testing their designs and seeing all of the other locomotives from lots of other schools.

At the end of the event, Amber and Abinesha were thrilled to discover that they had won the award for the best design! The girls were presented with a medal and special edition Hitachi Monopoly game by Karen Boswell O.B.E Managing Director of Hitachi Rail Ltd.

Congratulations!



UCL Summer School

During the summer holidays, we attended the UCL Summer School on Homer. This consisted of a week of fascinating lectures discussing the Iliad and the Odyssey and their reception by Renaissance authors and artists. A whole range of people attended (from classics students to English teachers!) which allowed for enthusiastic discussion and debate.

The lectures detailed the rich variety of themes in the epics, including the way that the Gods are portrayed and the concept of heroism in the ancient world. We also had the opportunity to attend extra lectures after the day; particularly interesting topics were the treatment of disabled people in Ancient Greece, (not outcast but instead a part of the community) the aspects of negotiation and bargaining in the Iliad and the use of animals at the time (not as fond pets, but rather as currency).

Thanks to our lecturer's wonderful knowledge of the Renaissance period, we were able to discuss the way that these heroes were portrayed; Odysseus, often thought of as a brave and enduring hero, is instead tortured in Dante's inferno as a result of the contemporary attitude of Christians towards lying and deceit. We ended the week with a wonderful party.



A Classical Concert for Croydon presented
by The Whitgift Foundation Schools



in harmony...

16 October 2019
7pm Fairfield Halls

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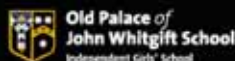


Three schools in harmony...

The Whitgift Foundation Three Schools' Concert promises to be a historic and momentous event featuring a selection of collaborative orchestral and choral music in celebration of both our founder John Whitgift, and the re-opening of the Fairfield Halls. The programme includes a range of exciting repertoire including Grieg's Piano Concerto, 1st Movement, the exquisite Rutter Gloria and two world premières written especially for the occasion. All proceeds from this concert will be donated to The Whitgift Foundation Bursary Appeal.

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Tickets are now available for The Whitgift Foundation Three Schools' Concert: *in harmony...* a classical concert bringing together all three Foundation Schools' young musicians and staff to mark the opening of Fairfield Halls, Croydon on Wednesday 16th October at 7pm.

More than 300 students aged between 10 and 18 from Whitgift, Trinity and Old Palace will be performing a programme of choral and orchestral music with a range of exciting repertoire including Grieg's Piano Concerto, 1st Movement, the exquisite Rutter Gloria, as well as two world première performances.

As part of the event, The Whitgift Foundation has commissioned young composer, Jack Oades, to write a piece for choirs and orchestra which will be performed as a world première on the evening.

A specially composed fanfare by Whitgift student, William Brotherhood, will also feature on the programme following a competition between the three schools, adjudicated by Composer, Russell Hepplewhite. Russell Hepplewhite is widely known for his operatic, musical theatre and choral music including his ground-breaking operas commissioned by English Touring Opera for young audiences which have been widely performed and have won him much critical acclaim.

The event will also celebrate the charity's Founder, Archbishop John Whitgift, whose legacy to the town has resulted in one of the largest bursary support schemes in the UK with £5 million granted each year to students who attend its three schools.

All proceeds from the concert will be donated to The Whitgift Foundation Bursary Appeal to enable talented young people to attend our schools from many different backgrounds and walks of life.

In addition to the evening event, young musicians from the three schools will entertain local primary school children in an interactive morning concert as part of The Whitgift Foundation outreach programme.

Tickets are now on sale and available from www.fairfield.co.uk priced at £15, £10 and £7.50.

Netball Trials



Year 6 and 7

It was great to see so many students at the Year 6 and 7 Netball Trials on Wednesday after school! Everyone worked hard, had the opportunity to mix with different players and showcase their skills. Well done!

Thank you to the Year 11 Sports Leaders who came out to help and also be role models for our younger students.

Year 8 and 9

We were delighted with the number of students who turned out for netball trials in Year 8 and 9. Everyone worked hard and it was good to see a number of students who hadn't attended trials in previous years. We look forward to offering students a place in the squad or an invitation to the new development squad over the next few weeks.

Forthcoming fixtures for all year groups can be found on the school calendar via the website.



Classics Department Word of the Week 02/09/19

TRAGEDY

A play dealing with tragic events and having an unhappy ending, especially one concerning the downfall of the main character.

From Greek: $\tau\rho\acute{\alpha}\gamma\omicron\varsigma$ "tragos" - "goat" and $\omicron\upsilon\delta\acute{\eta}$ "oide" - "song"; a reference to the goat that would be sacrificed during the festival of Dionysus.



From the 8th to the 12th of July, 2019, French students from Year 8 and Year 11 had the opportunity to go to France with the company PGL.

We had the chance to visit the River Seine, The Palace of Versailles, a French supermarket(hypermarché), the Cité des Sciences in Paris, and of course, Disneyland Paris. Additionally, we stayed in a beautiful château with nightly activities, a swimming pool and guides.

The highlights of the trip included going on the Peter Pan ride at Disneyland, a superb disco with all the students (and teachers) dancing till our feet were sore, and going on a boat tour of the Seine, where we passed under 27 bridges. The trip was amazing from start to finish, with something for everyone, as we got to see both paintings and go on rollercoasters, view the Queen's bedroom at Versailles and eat waffles in front of the Eiffel Tower the next day.

It was a wonderful trip, all thanks to the lovely staff members, Mrs Smith, Miss Espie, Miss Lennie and Madame Poirier and all of us were very sad the day we had to leave!

Shanaya, Year 10



Sherlock and Cinders

Year 4 and Year 5's magnificent end of term production, Sherlock and Cinders, featured amazing costumes, wonderful singing and outstanding acting, which resulted in a truly spectacular performance.

Thank you to all the staff who worked so hard to bring this together.





ABRSM Exam Results



Name	Instrument	Exam Grade	Result
Shahd	Guitar	1	Distinction
Clarissa	Violin	6	Distinction
Christina	Singing	1	Pass
Catherine	Singing	3	Distinction
Catherine	Cello	5	Merit
Tia-Amelie	Oboe	2	Pass
Madinah	Piano	3	Pass
Kate	Flute	5	Merit
Riya	Violin	1	Merit
Kayla	Singing	1	Merit
Suraiya	Viola	4	Merit
Vedika	Violin	2	Merit
Sophie	Piano	1	Merit
Tia- Amelie	Theory	1	Merit
Avani	Theory	2	Merit
Sasha	Piano	6	Pass

AUTUMN 2019

40 MINUTES OF MUSIC
ON FRIDAYS AT 1.10PM

BRING A PACKED LUNCH
FREE ENTRY –DONATIONS
TO MINSTER FUNDS

LUNCHTIME RECITALS

OCTOBER 4

OLD PALACE OF JOHN WHITGIFT SCHOOL

OCTOBER 11

EDWARD LEUNG, PIANO

OCTOBER 18

CROYDON HIGH SCHOOL

OCTOBER 25

ELIZAVETA SAUL, VIOLIN & ANA MANASTIREANU, PIANO

NOVEMBER 1

DAVID WOODS, TENOR; BRYONY BURNHAM, SOPRANO
EZRA WILLIAMS, PIANO

NOVEMBER 8

TIM GUNTRIP, ORGAN

NOVEMBER 15

OLD PALACE OF JOHN WHITGIFT SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 22

EMMANUEL GARNIER, PIANO

NOVEMBER 29

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New Safeguarding Lead Appointment



Mrs Inga Sinclair

*Assistant Head Pastoral
Designated Safeguarding Lead*

As the new Designated Safeguarding Lead at Old Palace, I wanted to introduce myself to all parents that I haven't had the pleasure of meeting yet.

Safeguarding is the duty to protect all children and young people from harm and help them to have the best outcomes.

We take this responsibility very seriously at Old Palace and it is important that all parents know who they can reach out to if they have any concerns about their daughter or any other student.

You can raise your concern with any member of staff or you can come to me directly. I am very much looking forward to meeting more of you at the coming events over the Autumn Term.

A Sigh Of Relief For The End Of The Season



Long evening trainings, tired next day school mornings and constant leg cramps were all made worth it as I crossed the finish line.

It was an early Saturday morning, at least for me with an abrupt 8:00am alarm. I drove down to Kingston Meadow track for my race to begin at 10:30.

I was placed 2nd, which I think is a good achievement but meant even more to the club as it added to those crucial points to help us win in our league.

Gabrielle



**Old Palace of
John Whitgift School**

Independent Girls' School
Nursery to Sixth Form

Join us for
OPEN DAY
Saturday 5 October 2019

Seniors
9-11am

**Nursery, Pre School
and Preparatory**
2-4pm