



AROUND THE PALACE

Dear all,



There were both happy and sad emotions in play last week as we said goodbye to the Year 13 students and their parents (some have been with us since Pre School!).

After a wonderful service in the Minster where the students enjoyed singing the school hymn for one last time alongside a sermon from Father Andrew that encouraged everyone to reflect on the significance of transitions such as this and goodbye messages from staff, everyone enjoyed the sunshine and

refreshments in the medieval garden- as the photos in this bulletin reflect.

The current Year 13 are a very special group of students and it was so positive to be able to mark their leaving the school in this way.

With the half term break and Jubilee Weekend approaching, I hope that everyone enjoys some rest and relaxation over the week ahead.

Jane Burton, Head

We Say 'Au Revoir' to Year 13



'Au Revoir' to our Year 13 Students

Last week, we said "au revoir" to our dynamic, creative and colourful Year 13 Students. They have embraced the challenges that life has thrown at them remarkably well, emerging stronger, more resilient and more determined to succeed in life.

We wish them all the very best for their A-Level examinations and look forward to celebrating with them on Results Day (Thursday, 18th August). We are confident that they will return to Old Palace and let us know about the amazing projects in which they are involved, so that we can celebrate their success further.





Year 13: Leavers' Reception

Last Wednesday, we enjoyed a wonderful "last day" with Year 13, during which the students spent the morning sharing memories, signing their Year books, engaging in team bonding and various sporting activities.

We then had a lovely lunch in the courtyard by the swimming pool, where we indulged in more photo-taking for memories.

The day culminated in a moving Leavers' Service in the Minster. I would like to thank all the parents who managed to attend the Service and join us for refreshments afterwards.

We appreciate that many could not attend due to work commitments, but it was wonderful to be able to meet up in person again.

May I take this opportunity to thank the parents of our Year 13 students for supporting me over the last two years.

Mr Talleux
Head of Sixth Form



Year 13: Leavers Reception *continued*



Year 9 Success in the Croydon Schools Athletics

On Friday, 13 May our Year 9 team posted some exceptional results in the Croydon Schools Athletics.

Particular congratulations go to:

Harmony who came **FIRST** in the B string 100m final

Arabella who came **SECOND** in the javelin.

Grace who won her heat in the A string 100m and qualified for the final

The relay team who won their heat (we await the final placings)

A huge thank you to Emily in Year 12 who helped out in an officiating capacity and was appreciated by the event organisers for her help.

Well done everybody!



Year 7: Cricket v SHS



On Monday, two teams from Year 7 travelled to Sydenham for an 8 a side pairs cricket match.

The A Team game was a little frustrating as the opposition bowling

was such that there was very little to hit as there were a lot of wides and no balls. This reduced our chances of taking bit hits and scoring runs. Our bowling was a little more consistent

and the Sydenham team hit some good shots off straight balls. We played with a very short boundary which meant that any mis-fields were punished with runs. However, we ran well between the wickets and worked hard as a team. Minal bowled well at the end of the innings.

Andrea was named as Player of the Match.

The B team lost quite a few wickets but came away victorious with some accurate bowling and some good shots. Shankavi bowled particularly well and Mahnoor took a catch as well as hitting a 6. As a result she was named Player of the Match!

Players new to cricket are getting used to the format of pairs cricket and are enjoying playing; still lots to learn - but lots of fun - Well done.

Year 8/9: Cricket v SHS



On the 16th May, the Year 9 cricket team played their first match of the season against Sydenham High School at the Old Whits ground.

The match started on a positive note with Old Palace winning the toss and choosing to field first.

Due to our sharp fielding and precise bowling, we managed to restrict the opposition from scoring freely. They made 222 runs with 3 wickets taken and several dot balls bowled.

After a very successful first session, it was 248 runs. There were some outstanding performances by Sahana

in the fielding department and Iqra in bat (both of whom were awarded Player of the Match), alongside other exceptional performances by other students in the team.

We won our first match of the season by 20 runs.

Iqra, Year 9

Mrs Smith has added:

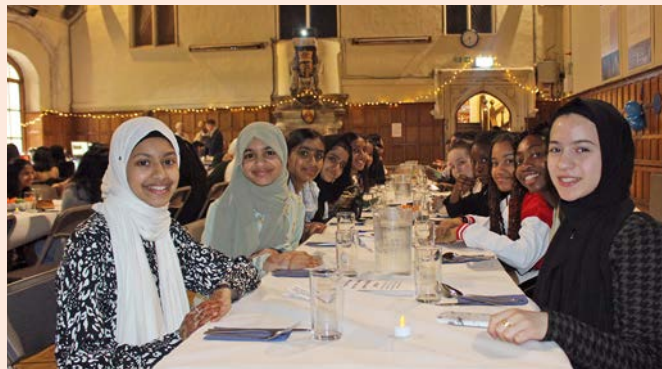
The B team also played an 8-a-side pair match against SHS, narrowly losing by 5 runs.

Well done to all who played - for some it was their first experience of a competitive cricket match.

It has been a busy few weeks and students have been enjoying a range of House events.

House Suppers

This half term began with our House Suppers - a chance for each House to gather together again, to thank our departing House Leaders and to wish our Year 13 students farewell









House Leaders

In addition, we also welcomed in our newly elected team of House Leaders who are very much looking forward to their year as student leaders.

Congratulations to Aparnaa and Alyssa (Anselm), Fizza and Anna (Hatton), Emily and Indrani (Laud) and Claire and Sophia (Stafford). They have some great ideas and are busy planning the year ahead.



2022 House Swimming Champions

	First	HATTON	57 points
	Second	LAUD	50 points
	Third	STAFFORD	40 points
	Fourth	ANSELM	37 points

Well done to all those who swam! There was some brilliant swimming and a fantastic atmosphere.

Thank you to the many helpers, those cheering on their Houses and to Miss Rodwell and Mr Gough too.



House Swimming Match Report

The swimming pool on Monday was full of tension and excitement with students from all year groups and houses excited to take part... and WIN!! Luckily for Hatton, all forms had a great turnout and were enthusiastic to swim. Students competed against their fellow house members in front stroke, back stroke and breaststroke. We also had other members of Hatton by the pool to help out and support their classmates during the competition. Students in Hatton were very easy to spot with their green swimming hats and loud cheering! The current of water in the pool was very strong as Hatton powered through their races. As we all waited patiently, it was soon revealed that Hatton won!

Remarkably, six school records were broken during the contest! Well done everyone!

We'd like to thank all those who participated in both the swimming events but, especially those on Monday who helped us get those winning points! Fair play to the other houses too... see you next time for another exciting event!

Fizza and Anna

Year 7		
25m Backstroke	Bella, Hatton	17:39 seconds (previous record set 2001)
25m Freestyle	Annie E, Hatton	14:57 seconds (previous record set 2002)
25m Butterfly	Bella, Hatton	15:70 seconds (previous record set 2008)
Year 9		
25m Breaststroke	Eavie, Laud	19:57 seconds (new record)
Year 10		
25m Backstroke	Rosemary, Laud	17:13 seconds (new record)
25M Butterfly	Laud	15:14 (previous record set 2017)



Community News House Water Polo

House Water Polo: Match Report

1st: Laud, Joint runners up: Hatton, Anselm and Stafford (Stanselm)

Water Polo Win for Laud!

The much-anticipated water polo house competition, which took place on the 18th of March, did not disappoint and exceeded the expectations of those who came to support. With tensions high from the previous swimming gala results, (which only occurred two days earlier), there was lots of pressure on participants and each team to bring home a win for their respective houses.

The event consisted of three matches where houses took turns competing against one another. Stafford and Anselm merged together to create (as the students called it) 'Stanselm' as result of not having enough players.

The houses battled it out to help bring them one step closer to success, with Hatton going against 'Stanselm' first. It was a tough match, with both teams playing extremely well, however, ultimately they drew.

The next matches were Hatton vs Laud, followed by Laud vs 'Stanselm', with Laud emerging victorious in both matches. Overall, Laud was named winner, which was especially rewarding after the unbelievably close call between Hatton and Laud in the swimming gala. It was amazing to see Laud's teamwork, perseverance and sheer determination throughout the matches that they played.

On behalf of Emily and myself, I am incredibly proud of Laud's performance and we would personally like to thank Sarah M, Rosemary J, Imogen H, Beatrice B, Feran O, Zino E and Catherine L, for bringing home our first win since being elected as House Leaders. It was an incredibly special moment, and we could not be prouder.

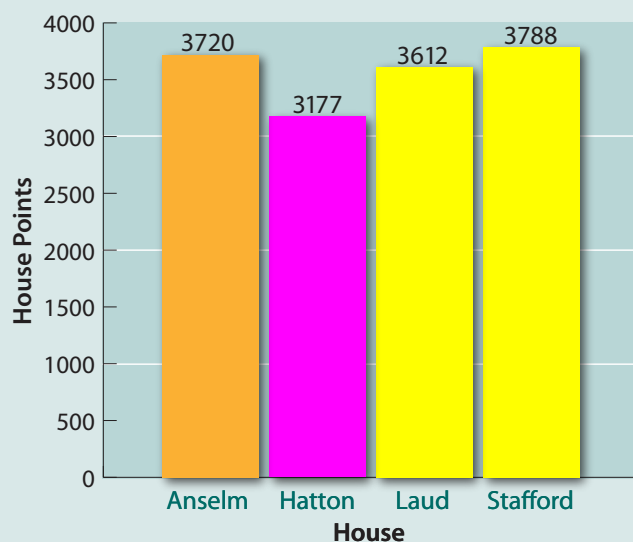
Well done to all the teams who took part and especially Laud for their win. We look forward to the future wins to come.

Indrani and Emily



House Points

The race could not be closer! With just one half term left and Sports Day on the horizon, every merit and house point really does count. Who will end the year as champions?



Old Palace Staff do the Moonwalk 2022

Last weekend our Bursar Jo Hayward completed the Moonwalk London 2022 – that’s 26.2 miles. It was a very tough night, not helped by on and off rain, but she did it! It was however, great to see London at night...and to see some of the landmarks lit up in pink for the event. Her team raised nearly £2,000 for Breast Cancer UK which made it all so worthwhile.

<https://walkthewalk.enthuse.com/pf/jo-hayward/post/1032233>



Year 9 Students Excel at the Whitgift CCF Annual General Inspection

The Year 9 CCF students had the opportunity to get involved in their first CCF Inspection last month.

Our CCF cadets had been working hard towards this and they proudly presented themselves at the inspection, showing off their smart RAF uniform and demonstrating how to parade.

The students then participated in a range of activities and demonstrations throughout the afternoon. The stations included laser clay pigeon shooting, tug of war, the obstacle course, flight simulator and a spiders web. These were all thoroughly enjoyed by the RAF section.

At the end of the afternoon the army section showed off their skills by re-enacting a scene from a war zone. The Old Palace students loved it and they

won the tug of war too! A fantastic afternoon overall.

Our thanks to Whitgift for organising this fun event and also for their

ongoing support of the Old Palace students at CCF.

Ms Rodwell and Mrs Scott
CCCF Leaders



Year 7 Chapel Recital



Throughout the year we hold a selection of informal Chapel Recitals, where students can perform individually or in groups in any style they choose.

Last week's recital featured Parvati, Sofia, Anja and Zadie in Year 7, with four lovely performances and a wonderfully enthusiastic audience.

Year 12: Geography Fieldtrip to Devon

On a sunny weekend in May, the Geography A Level group and Ms Richards took a trip down to Slapton Ley in south Devon. We did lots of physical and human fieldwork activities, including studying coastal management, changes to beach profiles and rebranding in Totnes.

We also explored the carbon cycle in an ancient woodland. A day trip to Plymouth enabled us to look at deprivation, clone towns, and measure the health of a high street.

We loved to see Geography brought alive in the field. It was such a great opportunity to enhance our skills ahead of embarking on our own Independent Investigation, and to visit parts of England we had not seen before. We would like to thank the Field Studies Council and the Geography department for organising this wonderful trip.

Alison, Zeenat and Elise, Year 12



Carnegie & Kate Greenaway Awards - Shadowing Group Filming for the Awards Ceremony

Students from our Old Palace Shadowing group were asked to be involved in filming for the Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Awards 2022.

This is a huge honour for our students!

Now in its 86th Year, the Carnegie Medal is one of the most prestigious children's book awards in the world.

Shadowing groups across the UK are currently reading all eight shortlisted books and deciding who will win the Shadower's Choice Award. This award will be presented along with the Carnegie Medal at the awards ceremony at the British Library on the 16th June, which our shadowing group have been invited to attend and help present an award!

The film shows our shadower's discussing the shortlisted books. This film will be shown during the awards ceremony, which will also be streamed live!

Of the filming process, Lila in Year 9 said:

"When I was first told that the Carnegie Shadowing Award would be filmed at our school, I couldn't contain my excitement. Dozens of school all over the UK would listen to me gush about my favourite books and I'd get to miss two periods? Win-win!

But that excitement quickly transitioned into nerves upon seeing all the filming equipment. Microphones that could hear a pin drop, the all-seeing eyes known as cameras, and two staff eager to capture every word we uttered.

Extinguishing my nervous energy, however, was the most important task. Because in the wise words of our cameraman: "The camera sees everything." So unless I wanted the aforementioned hundreds of children to watch me squirm in my seat like an anxious book-worm, I'd need to pull myself together."

This story will continue next term at the awards ceremony!



AnotherAvenue film crew

Year 8: Croydon Schools Athletics

Last week, a team of students took part in the Year 8 Croydon Schools Athletics.

Anna in Year 8 writes: We arrived by tram at Croydon Arena where we took part as a team in a variety of athletics disciplines against other local schools.

It was a great experience. Tori and Emma got through to the finals in their sprinting events which was really good. Jemima came 4th in the 800m. Lots of us were placed 4th but produced some really good times and distances. The Field event results are still being processed.



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FORTHCOMING **Second-hand Uniform Sales**

Friday, 10th June
at the Prep School between
2.30 - 4pm

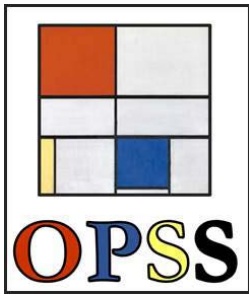
and at the Summer Fair on
Saturday, 2nd July
11am - 3pm

★ Donations Wanted ★

Take the opportunity to clear out your wardrobe by donating any items of unwanted uniform to the PTA's next Second-hand uniform sale.

Just drop your (bagged) items at Reception at either Prep or Seniors.

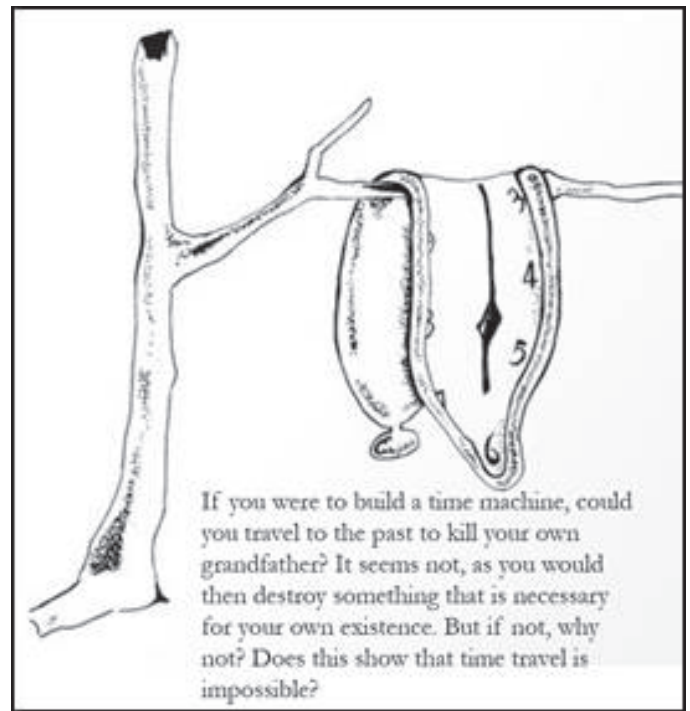
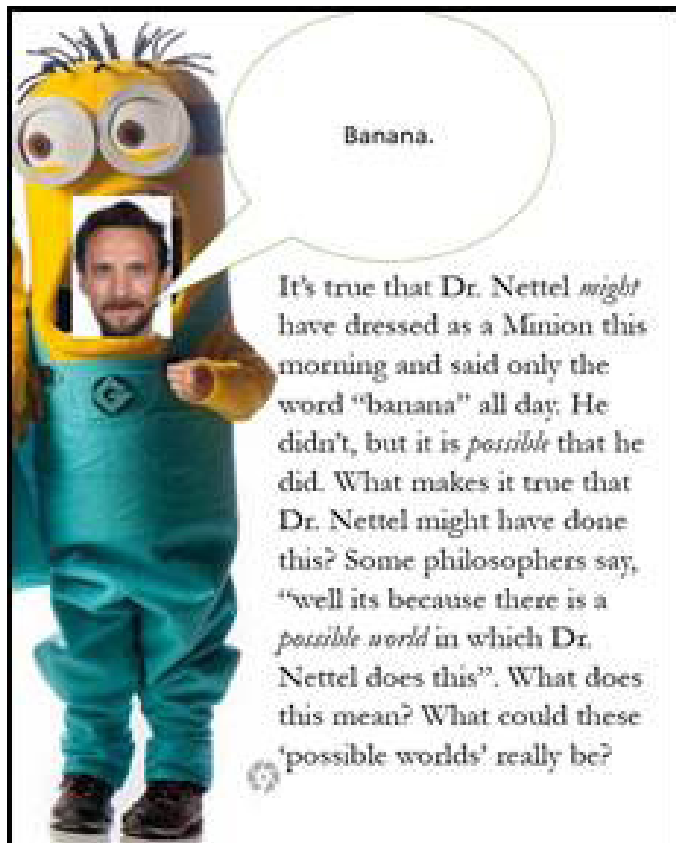
Clubs: Spotlight on...Sceptics' Society



The Old Palace Sceptics' Society is where the philosophers of Old Palace meet to discuss anything and everything of philosophical interest. Students do not need to be studying Religious Studies & Philosophy to attend, but they do need to be ready to challenge preconceptions, doubt what might seem obvious, and be prepared to

justify anew the things they hold sacred.

The Sceptics focus on whatever topic we find interesting or important—be it the nature of art, the possibility of knowledge, or our society's prevailing political ideals.

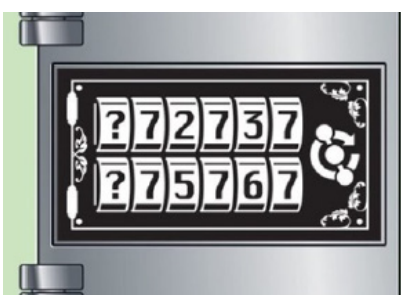


Here is the wide range of topics that we have addressed this year:

- The Nature of Gender
- Africana Philosophy
- The Nature of Infinity and Complex Numbers
- Peter Singer's argument from 'Famine, Affluence, and Morality'
- The Ethics of Serial Killers
- Turing Tests and John Searle's 'Chinese Room'
- Censorship
- The (Im)possibility of Time Travel
- Does Race Exist?
- Alethic Modality

The Society is open to all in Year 10 and above. It runs every Friday, Week 2, in Hatton, at 12:55.

Maths Puzzle Fun



To open this safe, you have to replace the question marks with the correct figures. You can find each figure by determining the pattern behind the numbers shown.

Answer on page 16

This Week in History...

Brown v Board of Education

On 17 May, 1954, the United States Supreme Court ruled, in the case of Brown v Board of Education, that racial segregation in schools was illegal. The decision would launch the modern Civil Rights movement.



Year 9: Around The World In 60 Minutes

On 24th May, Year 9 joined 35 groups from different schools for an hour-long online session on Mathematics and Geography.

The presenter started with a question: "What is the shortest distance between New York and Tokyo? If a plane were to make that flight, what would be the last part of North America it flew over before it hit the sea?"

Most students voted for California, which is on a straight line between New York and Tokyo on a map. Using a globe, Zoe demonstrated that it

is possible to form a triangle with three right angles in 3D space, so the shortest distance is North through Alaska and South to Tokyo without changing direction!

Students then thought about coastlines. The World Factbook states Indonesia has a coastline of 55,000km, but the World Resources Institute claims it is 95,000km. Why is this?

Students investigated by drawing a coastline on graph paper. When the presenter zoomed in on the map, she showed that lines that looked

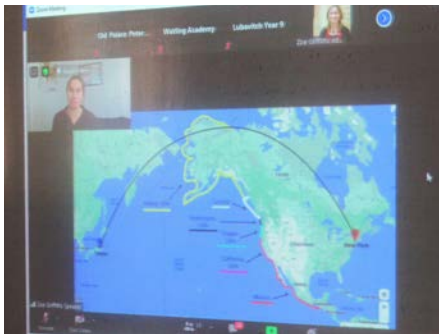
straight were jagged. The more she zoomed in, the more jagged it was and therefore the longer the coastline was. If she carried on zooming in forever, the coastline would become infinite, even though the area of the land had not changed. This is known as the "Coastline Paradox", and is part of a Mathematics topic called "Fractals".

The presenter then turned to populations and demonstrated some surprising quirks of data and probability. If you are curious, look up "Benford's Law" to find out more.

The students enjoyed the session. Here are some of their comments:

"It was a great new experience. It was interesting because it was live with other schools and you got to take part in it because you voted." **Imaan** Year 9

"It was very interactive. I loved it. It was fun seeing students from other schools too." **Grace** Year 9



Join us at the OPA Summer Reunion

Saturday, 25 June 2022
at 12noon | £25.00 per head

- Drinks Reception
- Buffet Lunch
- Tour of Old Palace

Tickets/further information, email: nberry@oldpalace.croydon.sch.uk



Maths Puzzle Fun page 15 Answer

1 and 4. They are arranged in groups of two digit numbers all ending in 7 and ascending in both rows.

Last puzzle's winner was **Candice** in Year 7.

Open Morning

Pre School & Preparatory

Thursday, 9 June
9.00-10.30am

www.oldpalace.croydon.sch.uk/admissions/open-days

Year 9 Mayowa Netball Trials



Well done to Mayowa (Year 9) who has successfully moved on to the next stage of trials to represent Croydon in the London Youth Games!

Good luck!