



AROUND THE PALACE

Dear all,



The last week of term has been a busy one. We enjoyed a superb Senior Prize Giving on Monday in Croydon Minster and the Year 7 and 8 Prize Giving on Wednesday. Both events showcased all the many talents we have across the school. The Sports Presentation evening on Tuesday built on this and was an opportunity to recognise the sporting prowess at Old Palace.

Finally, on Thursday morning we enjoyed an uplifting end of term assembly.

At the end of this academic year, thank you to the whole of the Old Palace community for their positivity, hard work and support across this year. Parents will have received an end of term letter as well with more details about the end of this term and the arrangements for September.

Well done Old Palace and I wish you all a wonderful summer.

Jane Burton, Head

Old Palace Shadowing Students attend the Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Awards 2022



OPA Associate Alumnae Year 7 Afternoon

Last Friday, we held the annual OPA Associate Alumnae Afternoon for Year 7 pupils.

This is a long-established tradition at Old Palace which involves members of our alumnae kindly giving up their time to come and talk to the students about memories of their time at the School.

The girls heard some fascinating stories about the old brown uniform: having to walk into town to the swimming pool and how cold the School was in the winter. But perhaps the most important story they heard from all our alumnae was about the friendships they made at Old Palace; how they

were so important in later life and that they were definitely something to cherish.

Thank you so much to Hilary, Tania, Jan and Feyi for coming to talk to us and also to our Chair of the OPA, Katherine, for organising it. The students really enjoyed themselves, helped along by muffins and the gift of a beautiful Michaelmas daisy badge.

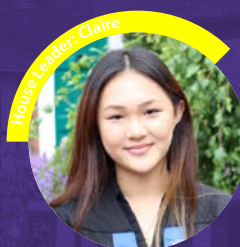
We are most grateful to the OPA for their very generous donation of a beautiful marquee. Pictured below is Katherine Homatas, Chair of the OPA, outside the marquee at Prep.



Student Leadership Team 2022-23



Stafford



Anselm



Hatton

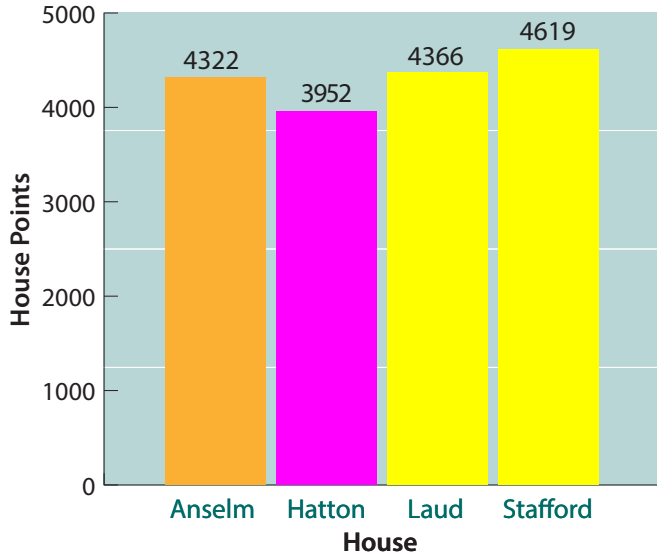


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Community News

It has been an absolute joy and relief for us to feel back to normal and for students to participate in a wide range of House competitions at Seniors this year. From Year 7 competing at Benchball, to Year 8 – 10 Bake Off in the autumn term, to House netball, the Big House gameshow, the House swimming gala, waterpolo and Year 9 debating, the House trophy has been hotly contested throughout the year. Student merits are also added to the total, and I am delighted to announce the final result as follows....



Senior Sports Day Results

	First	STAFFORD	772 points
	Second	LAUD	746 points
	Third	HATTON	733 points
	Fourth	ANSELM	567 points

Well done Stafford! (Stafford also won the House Shield at Prep, so it's been a great year for the House).



Pride Mural

On Friday, the school community, both staff and students, were invited to come and make their own contributions to the Pride Mural. It was great to have so many students and staff involved.



The Dead Languages Society

THE DEAD LANGUAGES SOCIETY

PARALLELS BETWEEN THE GEN Z ERA AND CLASSICAL WORLD

Prepare to view the classical world from a whole new perspective! A fresh one, a young one and a slightly disturbing one! The Dead Languages Society is a collective of passionate classicists, stressed Greek students and full-time Latin translators. We've published our very first, student-led issue. It contains articles about everything and anything, all around the theme of parallels between the Gen Z Era and Classical World. Have a read! Use the link below or scan the barcode!



<https://heyzine.com/flip-book/b1f2d68979.html>

I have started a student-led society called 'The Dead Languages Society'. Over the past few months, we've been working on an issue for students to read and engage with.

It's accessible as an online flipbook - below is the link.

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Sumaiya, Year 10

The other Year 10 students who were involved are: Hannah, Sanvi, Faith, Manasi, Feran and Anaika

Enrichment Theatre Trip to Watch *Beauty and the Beast*

What a way to finish the academic year with a trip to the London Palladium to see the most current version of Disney's touring production of *Beauty and the Beast*. Students were invited to see this production whether they had assisted with Front of House, were part of the backstage crew, played in the orchestra or indeed were one of the performers during the Old Palace production.

All the Performing Arts staff that were involved managed to see the show too! It didn't disappoint, the students



enjoyed being part of the audience this time and my favourite part was the musical number *Be Our Guest*, which was an exuberant extravaganza, that just kept on giving!

Thank you to everyone who made this trip run smoothly. Here is a short review from our very own Belle.

Mrs Barber



On 29th June, the cast of Old Palace's latest production of *Beauty and the Beast* had the great opportunity to attend the West End production of the show, that took place at the London Palladium in Soho.

I played Belle in our school production so I was especially interested to see how someone else would play the role. I loved the way Courtney Stapleton portrayed Belle; her voice was beautiful and powerful simultaneously, though what I found especially interesting was that there were many instances where she had different acting interpretations as mine.

The other characters were also played immaculately (although I must say that Bethany (our Cogsworth) conveyed the Baroque joke better. There were so many

great moments in the show, but my favourite part had to be when they performed *Be Our Guest*. The choreography was amazing and they used a variety of dance styles including tap, and also a lot of synchronised movement which was very satisfying to watch.

The singing was great and I loved how they used different props to make them look like dishes and other kitchen supplies. The use of lighting during the song was also incredible as it was so bright and colourful.

In general, I can speak for the whole cast by saying that the show was amazing and we would highly recommend it!

Chitleen, Year 11

Year 10: German Baking

The German Year 10 class met up last Wednesday in the kitchen of the Old Palace to bake waffles.

Everyone knows Belgian waffles but the tradition is also very popular in Germany. German waffles look slightly

different than the Belgian waffles and they are often decorated with fruit, fresh cream and enjoyed as an afternoon treat.



The class has split up in groups with a variety of tasks, such as making the dough, cutting the fruit and everyone finally enjoyed their own creations. Whilst baking, we have also talked German and have explained in the language how we decorated our own waffles and why we enjoy them.

We have created a video about the whole baking session. It was a fun morning!



This year the bp Educational Service's Ultimate STEM Challenge invited young people to look at the things they can do locally and to use science and technology to come up with a net zero plan for their own community.

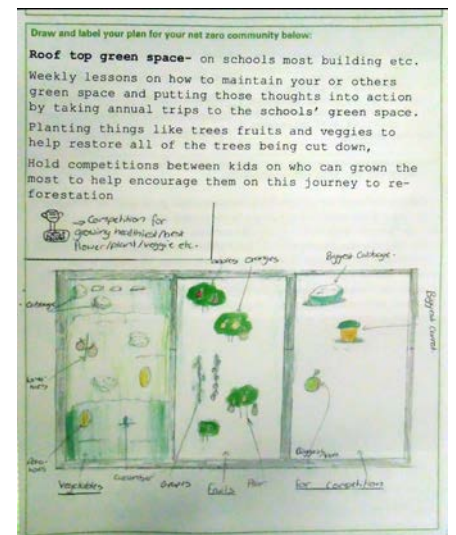
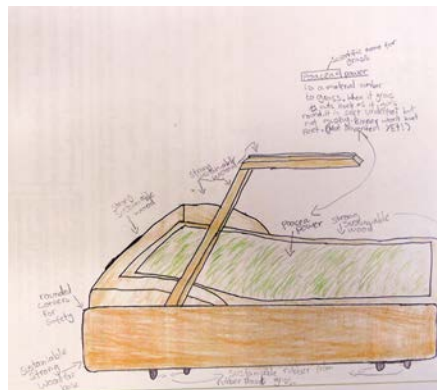
The launch of the competition coincided with the UN Climate Change Conference (COP26), a critical time when scientists are telling us that climate change is one of the greatest threats the world faces, and encourages young people to get involved, take action and help to make a difference.

At Old Palace, Year 7 students submitted some extremely creative and innovative ideas including vehicles that could utilise renewable energy

sources to machines that could remove and reuse plastic waste from our waters.

Although we did not win the overall competition, bp were really impressed with all of the entries and provided prizes and certificates for two students

whose plans focussed on turning Old Palace into a net zero community. Well done to Nailah and Maya!



ABRSM Practical Music Exam Results - Summer Term 2022

Name	Form	Instrument	Grade	Result
Zaynah	11L	Singing	7	Distinction
Tia-Amelie	7S	Piano	4	Pass
Reya	7H	FLUTE	4	Merit
Aarna	8H	Violin	5	Distinction
Annie	7H	Piano	4	Merit
Isobel	8A	Piano	2	Merit
Leiya	7S	Singing	2	Merit
Olive	8A	Piano	2	Pass
Catherine	7H	Singing	5	Merit
Anja	7H	Theatre Singing	3	Merit
Ebonie	9S	Violin	3	Pass
Vedika	10H	Violin	5	Pass
Anastasia	8S	Oboe	6	Pass
Sanjana	9H	Trumpet	3	Merit
Lily	7	Cello	5	Distinction

Year 7 & 8: Celebration of Dance



All Year 7 and Year 8 dance students have worked extremely hard this year, developing their physical and expressive skills and making good progress. Some of the students had the opportunity to perform in the Prize Giving Ceremony at the end of this term.

Year 7's performed a rendition of the powerful professional work *Shadows* that they currently have been studying. The Year 7 students demonstrated great dedication, strength and spatial awareness and really worked as a team to bring the performance together.

Year 8's performed a Musical Theatre inspired Jazz routine from the dance curriculum and showed great expressive skills with precise musicality and joyful facial expressions.

Well done to all of these dancers. It was a pleasure to see you share and celebrate your achievements in dance.

Mrs Barber





On the 16th June, Old Palace Carnegie and Kate Greenaway shadowing group students were invited to attend the oldest and most prestigious children's book award at the British Library.

Now in its 86th year, this Awards ceremony was streamed live throughout the UK and beyond with shortlisted authors and prominent UK publishers and journalists in attendance.

Old Palace students were a large part of this awards ceremony, with a pre-recorded film of our students talking about the books. Award-winning authors including Sue Devin, Manjeet Mann, Dean Atta, Julian Sedgwick and Carnegie Award winning author, Katya Balen, all wanted to speak to and have photos taken with Old Palace students, who they said had read with 'intelligent and thoughtful insights' that impressed authors and judges alike.

Sophia and Olive presented one of four awards, the Carnegie Shadower's Choice Award, which went to Katya Balen, for her exquisitely written book, *October, October*. Katya Balen also won the main Carnegie Medal too! Past authors who have won this coveted award include C.S.Lewis, Terry Pratchett, Neil Gaiman, Elizabeth Acevedo and Philip Pullman.

Katya Balen received both Shadower's Choice Award, Carnegie Medal and a financial gift to give to a local library of her choice. She gave an impassioned speech on the importance of children accessing books, through librarians putting the right books in the right child's hands at the right time; the power of stories to enrich lives and the importance of all children having access to libraries. She chose to give her money to support South Norwood library in the London Borough of Croydon.

Watch the awards ceremony here:

<https://carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/take-part/stream/>

(Old Palace students from 48.00 mins) and scroll down to the bottom of the link for photos.

Natalie, Year 9: *The 2022 CKG Awards Ceremony was absolutely amazing! Having arrived early to the British Library, we got to go to the Treasures Gallery, in which we saw two original copies of the Magna Carta and some original Leonardo Da Vinci sketches. Once we got to the ceremony, some of the main highlights were meeting Dean Atta who wrote Black Flamingo, the 2020 CKG Shadowers' Choice Award Winner, meeting the authors of our favourite books from the shortlist this year, such as Julian Sedgwick and getting books signed. Thank you so much to Mrs Parker and Ms McCabe for taking us and to Mrs Chevalier for organising the trip!*

Ebonie, Year 9: *I really enjoyed this trip. It was local and the awards ceremony was so enjoyable! I got to see our video on the big screen surrounded by the authors and publishers and got to meet Sue Devin, the author of Guard your Heart, the shortlisted book I spoke about. The awards ceremony was a great experience, especially being able to mingle with authors and publishers at the after awards event!*

Sophia, Year 12 : *The Carnegie Awards Ceremony was an amazing experience, and I especially enjoyed presenting the Shadowers' Choice Award to Katya Balen, who was a worthy winner. I was moved when she decided to give her prize money to South Norwood library and inspired by her speech on the importance of public libraries for the future. Later, when we had the opportunity to network and meet all the authors, their friendliness and passion was clear, and it was interesting to observe how their individual personalities came across in their books.*

The setting of the British Library for the Awards was also stunning, and I enjoyed exploring the Treasures Gallery, where I discovered an original letter by Jane Austen and marvelled at the collection of maps. I would definitely return there, and thoroughly enjoyed the trip.

India, Year 9: *The Carnegie trip was an excellent experience, getting to watch myself and Old Palace as part of the ceremony, then the chance to talk to the shortlisted authors who were so passionate and enthusiastic about books. It was an amazing experience!*

October, October by Katya Balen is available to borrow as an eBook from the Old Palace ePlatform, from The Friends Library and we hope our new Year 7 students enjoy reading it this summer too!

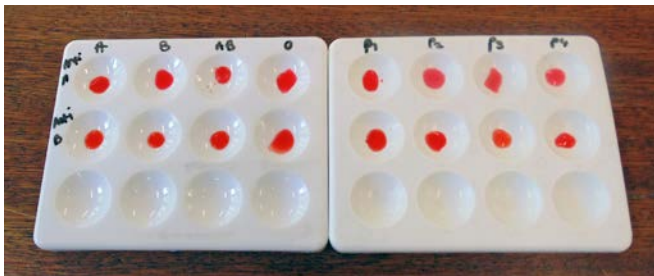
Year 12 Bio Soc

In BioSoc students looked at how the ABO blood type is determined.

Abhirrha in Year 12 wrote:

'We first looked at how different blood types have specific antigens (A or B antigens) on red blood cells and how we can use A or B Antibodies to identify the blood type of each unknown sample of blood.'

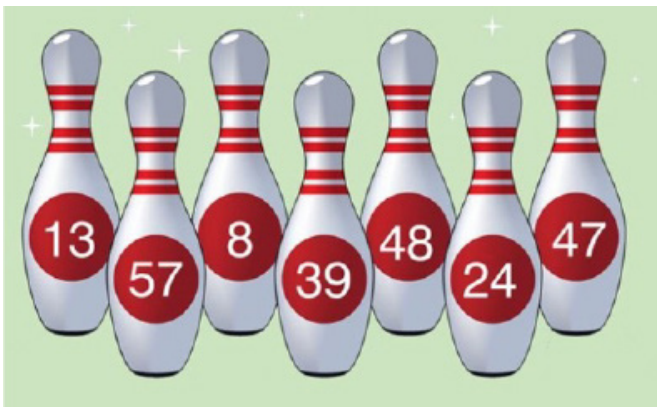
A specific type of antibody would bind to a specific type of antigen (for example a B antibody would bind to a B antigen). This causes the red blood cells to clump together which is called agglutination. By observing any agglutination in the blood samples we can identify which blood group the blood sample belonged to. I enjoyed this experiment and found it very interesting!'



Maths Puzzle Fun

Which pins must be knocked down to make exactly 100 points?

Hint: There are three.



Answer on page 13

Year 12 Success in the Biology Intermediate Olympiad



Year 12 entered the Biology Intermediate Olympiad this term. This is a UK wide competition and tested their problem solving skills and wider knowledge of Biology beyond the classroom. The competition aims to introduce students to cutting edge and topical science.

We had seven students who were awarded certificates and two medal winners. Many congratulations to Amelie and Lilia, who were in the top 15% of all entries to the competition and achieved Bronze.

Sports Leaders Levels 1 and 2

Well done to students in Year 10 and 11 who passed their Sports Leaders Award! Throughout the year they have led sessions with their peers, with younger students, with prep students as well as helping leading events within school.

Their confidence has grown and their ability to adapt and make changes by 'thinking on their feet' has been great to see! Well done Sports Leaders!

Level 1	Level 2
Cecilia	Mary-Rose
Dupe	Lily
Grace	Megan
Zoe	Safiya
Rosemary	Atlanta
Bethany	
Tiffany	
Lara	
Rebecca	
Eden	
Manasi	
Lily	

Year 10 Geography Trip to Dorset

The Geography Department's annual pilgrimage to Dorset with Year 10 GCSE students was a glorious event. We enjoyed excellent weather as we walked to see the classic sites Old Harry, Lulworth Cove and Durdle Door, and the students learnt some new fieldwork skills on Swanage beach.

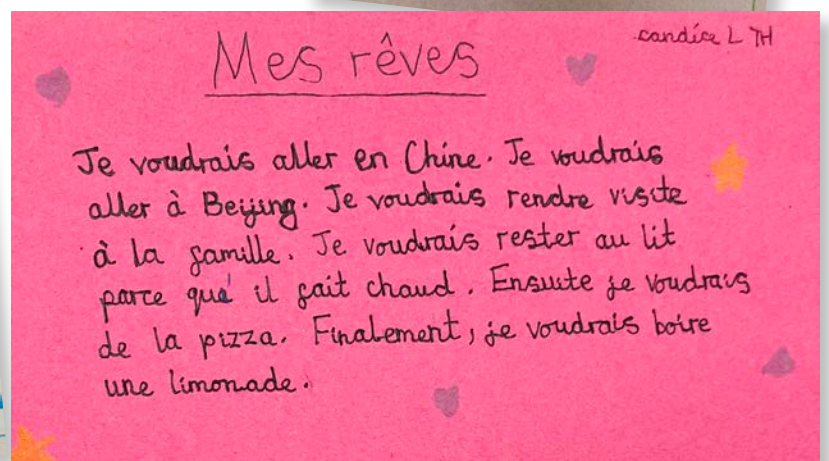
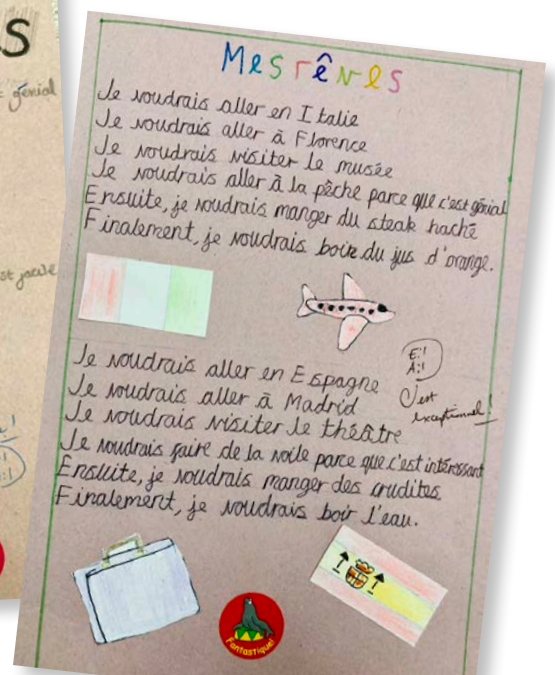
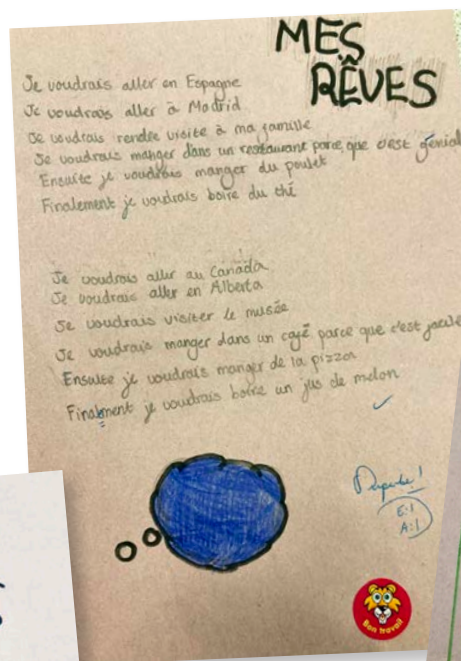
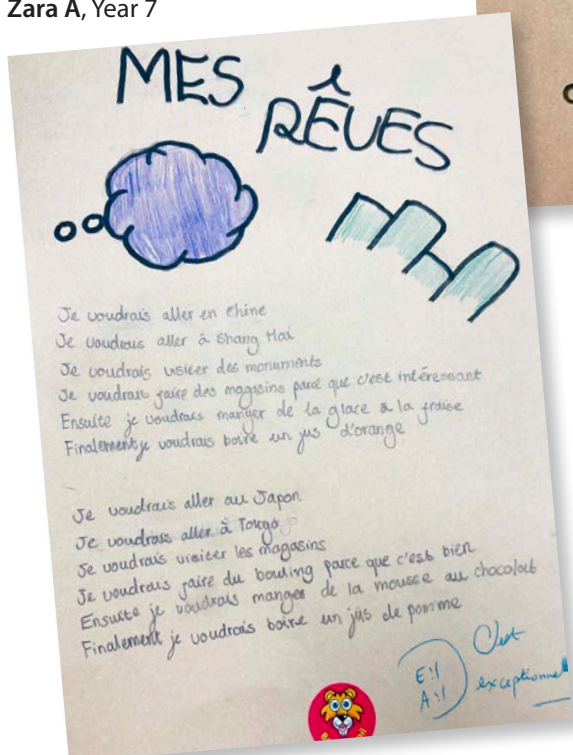




In French, we had great fun writing poems about what would be our dream holiday and where we would like to go using the conditional in the target language!

We wrote about the places we could visit on our dream holidays and made posters according to our dreams. Also, we wrote about the food and drinks that we would enjoy. We really enjoyed writing about our dreams and here you can see us holding our decorated poems.

Zara A, Year 7



Year 7 & 8 Prize Winners

On Thursday, we held a special Prize Giving ceremony for students in Years 7 and 8 to commemorate their achievements for the current academic year. Many congratulations to all the winners (pictured here):

Year 7 Progress awards

Year 7 Achievement awards

Head of Year 7 award winners

Million Word Reader competition winners

Year 8 Progress awards

Year 8 Achievement awards

Head of Year 8 award winners

Year 8 Special recognition awards



Head Girls Alison & Suraiya with outgoing Head Girl Amanda



Year 7 Achievement



Year 7 Progress



Year 8 Achievement

Year 7 & 8 Prize Winners *continued*



Year 7 Head of Year Awards



Year 8 Head of Year Awards



Year 8 Progress



Year 8 Special Recognition



Million Word Reader Competition Winners

Maths Puzzle Fun page 9 Answer

Answer: 13, 39 and 48.

Last time's winner was Abena in Year 7