



AROUND THE PALACE

Dear all,

Old Palace has come to life again as we have welcomed everyone back at Pre-School, Prep and Seniors. A very warm welcome to all those students and families who have just joined us, from Pre School and Reception, to the new Year 7 and 12 students and to those joining us in other years across Prep and Seniors. We are also pleased to welcome Mrs Jodene Panteli to Old Palace as our new Head of Prep.

Obviously the start of term has been overshadowed by the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The school community have paid their respects in a variety of

different ways. At Seniors all students attended a special assembly on Monday where the Polyphonic Choir and other school musicians performed some very moving pieces alongside messages of remembrance from myself and the Head Girls.

As is usual at the start of term, we have Parent Information Evenings running for year groups at Seniors and have already met Year 8 and 12 parents last week. We also have the Curriculum Evening next week (22 September) for Prep parents. These events allow families to understand more about what the year ahead holds for their

daughter and meet key staff. Details of these evenings have been sent to parents and the dates can also be found in this Bulletin.

Father Andrew has kindly extended an invitation to us all to attend the Civic Memorial Service for Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II at Croydon Minster this Sunday (*see page 8 for further details*).

The days ahead may be difficult for many across the UK with the state funeral on Monday and so I hope that our Old Palace families have a peaceful weekend.

Jane Burton, Head

Old Palace Celebrates A Level Success



University Destinations 2022

| University | Course | University | Course |
|----------------------------------|--|---------------------------|---|
| Aston University | Psychology and Sociology | University of Cambridge | Modern and Medieval Languages |
| City University of London | Economics | University of Cambridge | History and Politics |
| City University of London | Economics | University of East Anglia | English Literature |
| City University of London | Law | University of Exeter | Neuroscience |
| Durham University | Modern Languages and Cultures | University of Leicester | Biological Sciences |
| Keele University | Neuroscience | University of Nottingham | Natural Sciences |
| King's College London | Philosophy | University of Nottingham | English with Creative Writing |
| King's College London | Pharmacy | University of Plymouth | Psychology with Clinical Psychology |
| King's College London | Neuroscience and Psychology | University of Plymouth | Dental Surgery |
| Kingston University | Architecture | University of Sheffield | Electronics and Computer Engineering |
| Queen Mary University of London | Biomedical Sciences | University of Southampton | Biomedical Sciences |
| Ravensbourne University London | Design and Media Art | University of Surrey | Business Management (Marketing) |
| St George's University of London | Biomedical Science | University of Surrey | Psychology |
| St George's University of London | Biomedical Science | University of Warwick | Ancient History and Classical Archaeology |
| Swansea University | Computer Science | University of Warwick | Psychology |
| University College London | History of Art, Materials and Technology | University of Warwick | Global Sustainable Development |
| University College London | Media | University of Warwick | English and Theatre Studies |
| University of Bath | Architecture | University of Warwick | Psychology |
| University of Bath | Psychology | University of York | Psychology |
| University of Brighton | Biological Sciences | University of York | English |

Old Palace Celebrates A Level Success *continued*

Old Palace students celebrated not only an excellent set of A Level results but also secured offers from some of the UK's top universities, including: Durham; Exeter; King's College London; Nottingham; Queen Mary; Sheffield; Southampton; UCL; Warwick and York. Two students secured places at Cambridge University

Popular courses include: Architecture; Biological Science; Biomedical Science; Economics; English; History; Modern Languages; Neuroscience and Psychology.

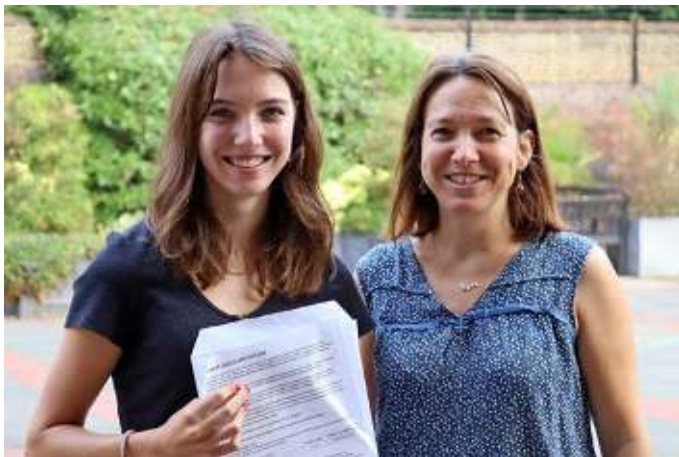
Message sent to students on the day of the results:

Congratulations to all the Year 13 students at Old Palace on their impressive 2022 A Level results.

This cohort have been through so much over the past two years and so thoroughly deserve to finish their education at the School with such positive outcomes. We are very proud of you and well done to you all!

These results not only reflect the hard work of our students but also of the Old Palace staff and parents, thank you everyone!

Mrs Burton, Head



Students Brave Torrential Downpours to Collect GCSE Results

Students and their families braved torrential rain to collect their GCSE results, but it proved well worth the effort as Old Palace collectively celebrated a very impressive set of results.

The Head, Mrs Burton, said:

Many congratulations to all the Year 11 students at Old Palace on their impressive 2022 GCSE results. After the disruption of the past two years these are incredible results and a reflection of the hard work, resilience and positivity of our students.

We are extremely proud of our Year 11s and all that they have achieved. Thank you to the Old Palace staff for their hard work in teaching and supporting the students, and of course further thanks to our parents for their continued support of their daughters and the school. Well done everyone!



Students Brave Torrential Downpours to Collect GCSE Results *continued*



A Big Welcome to all our New Year 7 Students



Mrs Panteli Welcomes Reception



Floods in Pakistan - Pakistan is Drowning

Nearly a third of the country is underwater due to severe flooding. But why are these floods so vast, and what can we do to help those affected?

As climate change is increasing rapidly, more and more countries are experiencing its detrimental effects. Pakistan is currently the most affected country, despite it only making up 0.5% of the world's CO2 emissions. They are bearing the brunt of global-warming's devastating consequences. As a result of rising temperatures in the area, the atmosphere is holding more water vapour, hence the increasing severity of Pakistan's monsoon season. According to Pakistan's climate change minister, Sherry Rehman, the rainfall intensity this year, is 780% above average. This has caused the Indus, a 3180 km river, running from the north to the south of Pakistan, to burst its banks; effectively destroying the lives of millions residing in close proximity. Among the many lakes and rivers overflowing with water, is the Manchar Lake in Sindh, which has seen a significant increase in size – as shown in the pictures.

Another major factor contributing to these floods is that Pakistan is home to the most glaciers outside of the poles, over 7200. These glaciers naturally melt each year; however, global-warming has meant that these snow-melt seasons are coming much earlier each year, and are now coinciding with the monsoon seasons. This causes excess water to flow into the rivers and lakes resulting in them bursting their banks.

Around 33 million people have been affected by these floods nationwide. Over 1300 people have been killed, homes and buildings have been demolished, livelihoods swept away; leaving millions stranded - with no food, no shelter and nowhere to go. Pakistan's dire situation has now been

recognised worldwide and although some aid packages have started to come in, more help is urgently needed, due to the extent of the disaster. If you would like to help the suffering people of Pakistan, you can do so now by supporting, fundraising or donating towards the charities and organisations listed below.

Disasters Emergency Committee
www.dec.org.uk/appeal/pakistan-floods-appeal

Islamic Relief UK
www.islamic-relief.org.uk/pakistan-floods-appeal/

The British Red Cross
<https://donate.redcross.org.uk/appeal/pakistan-floods-appeal>

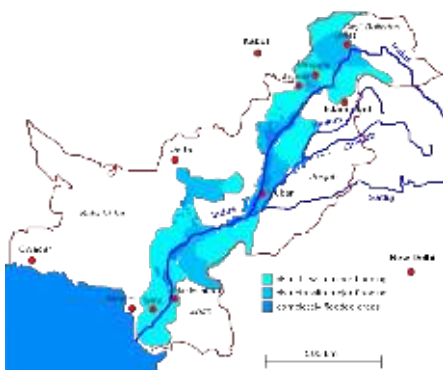
UNHCR
<https://donate.unhcr.org/int/en/pakistan-floods-emergency>

Muslim Charity
<https://muslimcharity.org.uk/pakistan-floods-emergency/>

Unite For Change
<https://uniteforchange.com/en/fund/pakistan-flood-relief-fund/>

Save the Children
www.savethechildren.org.uk/how-you-can-help/emergencies/pakistan-floods-crisis

Written by **Zaynah, Abigail and Natalia**, Year 12



Civic Memorial Service for Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II



Croydon Minster has the honour of hosting the Civic Memorial Service for Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

**Sunday,
18th September
at 6pm**

Father Andrew has extended a welcome to any Old Palace family who may wish to attend.

Croydon Council is arranging the (free) ticketing (so that there is a sense of potential numbers attending) and can be booked.

Eventbrite The Croydon Memorial Service for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II Tickets, Sun, Sep 18, 2022 at 5:45 PM | Eventbrite

Please note that Church Street will be closed for the event and parking in the Minster car parks will be restricted to blue badge holders only.

Parking is not available at the school.

The NCP carpark at Centrale Shopping Centre, 7 minutes walk from Croydon Minster, is open 24 hours.

Church Street tram stop is 5 minutes walk from the Minster and several bus routes pass nearby.

ABRSM Practical Music Exam Results

| First name | Form | Instrument | Grade | Result |
|--------------|------|-----------------|-------|-------------|
| Zaynah | 11L | Singing | 7 | Distinction |
| Tia-Amelie | 7S | Piano | 4 | Pass |
| Elena | 2J | Piano | 1 | Merit |
| Jessica | 5J | Oboe | 4 | Pass |
| Keyala | 5J | Singing | 1 | Merit |
| Sofia | 4J | Oboe | 2 | Merit |
| Reya | 7H | FLUTE | 4 | Merit |
| Aarna | 8H | Violin | 5 | Distinction |
| Annie | 7H | Piano | 4 | Merit |
| Aashita | 6J | Violin | 1 | Pass |
| Isobel | 8A | Piano | 2 | Merit |
| Harriet | 3J | Piano | 1 | Pass |
| Tamalia | 5J | Singing | 1 | Distinction |
| Aashna | 4J | Violin | 1 | Merit |
| Leiya | 7S | Singing | 2 | Merit |
| Tamalia | 5J | Piano | 1 | Distinction |
| 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 |
| Anokhi Reddy | 4J | Flute | 1 | Merit |
| Anokhi Reddy | 4J | Piano | 1 | Merit |
| Eleanor | 3J | Violin | 3 | Distinction |
| Lakshmi | 6J | Flute | 4 | Pass |
| Charlotte | 4J | Trumpet | 1 | Merit |
| Sanjana | 9H | Trumpet | 3 | Merit |
| Elissia | 4J | Flute | 1 | Pass |
| Neeha | 10 | Singing | 6 | Distinction |

Forthcoming Events

Monday, 19 September Bank Holiday

School closed for the Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II

Tuesday, 20 September

Seniors

Year 9 Parent Information Evening
6:00-7:30pm

Thursday, 22 September

Pre School and Preparatory

Open Morning
9:00-10:30am

Preparatory

Curriculum Evening for Parents
6:00-7:00pm

Seniors

Year 10 Parent Information Evening
6:00-7:30pm

Thursday, 29 September

KS2 and Seniors

Founder's Day (Croydon Minster)
2:30pm-3:40pm

Alumnae are most welcome to attend.

To reserve a seat go to:

www.oldpalace.croydon.sch.uk/opa-events/founders-day/

This Week in History...

VICTORY IN THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN



On September 15, 1940, the Luftwaffe launched its largest attack on London in the hope of destroying the RAF. 1,500 planes took part and by dawn the RAF emerged victorious, prompting Hitler to abandon his plans to invade Britain.

Katherine Receives Gadgeteer Medal



We are very proud of Katherine in Year 2 who received a wooden Gadgeteer medal after taking part in the summer reading library challenge! Katherine's name was also placed on the library wall.