



# AROUND THE PALACE

Dear all,



As ever, this Bulletin is full of all the exciting things that have been happening at the school over the past few weeks. The annual House Suppers have been thoroughly enjoyed by students from Year 7-13 and it was fantastic to see so many students (and staff) participate in the 2023 Danceathon last week.

I hope that if you get a chance over the historic Coronation Bank Holiday you can enjoy reading this edition.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable long weekend.

**Jane Burton, Head**

## Senior School Danceathon



## Year 12 Physics: Gatwick Airport

Last week, Year 12 Physicists visited Gatwick Airport.

They enjoyed a very constructive day exploring restricted areas of the airport and looking at different engineering departments ranging from Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning to Baggage and the Shuttle.

They also enjoyed a talk from a pilot and CAE staff about routes to becoming a pilot – which triggered interest amongst the students to explore this career path.



Before visiting Gatwick, I was completely unaware about the spectrum of physics-based jobs you could get in Aviation. I honestly did not expect myself to be as interested in piloting as I am now. During the trip, our tour guide took us through many 'behind the scenes' areas of Gatwick where people worked on different maintenance jobs in the airport such as luggage, aircraft heating and engineering of the shuttles. It was inspiring to see how much work the engineers put into such commodities in order to ensure everyone's comfort.

The most useful thing I can take away from this experience is the introduction to commercial piloting. EasyJet's program includes a two-year programme, where you will be trained to become a pilot, and you won't even require a degree!

Nishita, Year 12



## Senior School Danceathon

A massive thank you to all the students who organised and led the Senior School Danceathon.

It was wonderful to see the whole school come together and have so much fun!



## Danceathon *continued*



## Year 7: Athletics



Well done to a small group of Year 7 students who attended a meet on Tuesday to experience lots of different athletics events – some for the first time. It was a great opportunity for those students to try disciplines such as Long Jump, Discus and Javelin as well as track events in a less pressured environment than a full athletics meet. Well done for taking part and hopefully you all enjoyed it!

Results are still to come through – but I know there were some really good performances. A great effort all round.

## Bronze DofE

The Bronze DofE candidates spent time planning their routes for their Qualifying Expedition which takes place over the Coronation bank holiday weekend.

Route planning is essential to a successful expedition so it was good to see all engrossed in their map reading and planning.

Good luck everyone.



## Community News

### House Valedictory Suppers

Over the last two weeks we have hosted our House Valedictory suppers, an annual tradition where each House comes together for an evening of celebration, fun activities and to wish our Year 13s success in the future.

We would all like to thank our outgoing team of House Leaders for their fantastic service and leadership this year: Alyssa & Aparna (Anselm), Fizza and Anna (Hatton, Indrani & Emily (Laud) and Sophia & Claire (Stafford).



### Sanjana Campaigns to become the next Croydon Youth Assembly Chair

The Croydon Youth Assembly is an independent project run by Croydon Youth Service. It is run for young people by young people and aims to represent the views of young people aged 11-18 who live or study in Croydon. As an assembly, the young people help to organise and run projects that tackle issues faced by young people in Croydon.

A team of students represent Old Palace on a range of these projects, and Sumaiya in Year 11 is the current CYA Chair. We are therefore very excited that Sanjana in Year 10 is currently campaigning for election to be the next CYA Chair.

Here's what she had to say:

*Applying for the Chair of the CYA has been a very exciting experience. Having to make up an application and a*

*video to convince others was definitely something new to me and has given me skills I can carry into the future.*

*After submitting this with my initial pitch as to why I should be Chair, I had to write and deliver a speech to other members of the assembly, which was slightly nerve-racking but something that gave me the ability to show my confidence and really connect with others. Even though the process has been challenging, I can honestly say I have really developed as a person in terms of my confidence and my ideas, and would encourage others to take opportunities just like this.*

*I would like to thank Sumaiya for inspiring for me to get involved, Dr Furniss for helping me in the initial stages of the application, and my Dad for helping me film my video countless times! Now I just have to wait!*



## PSHE First Aid Course

Kim Bednarz, our Health Officer, led a practical First Aid session where we were able to take part in activities to practice our first aid skills including: CPR, how to use a defibrillator, using Epi-pens, and how to effectively cover wounds using dressings, bandages and how to tie a sling.



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## Maths Puzzle Fun

Can you find the value of a crown and the value of a ring?

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{Crown} + \text{Crown} + \text{Ring} = 8 \\
 \text{Ring} + \text{Ring} + \text{Crown} = 7 \\
 \text{Ring} + \text{Crown} = 5
 \end{array}$$

Answer on page 8

## Year 11: Bethany



As my footballing season comes to an end with an away game against Southampton, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to my form tutors and the school for their unwavering support enabling me to juggle my hectic football schedule and academics in preparation for my fourth coming GCSE exams.

Footballing wise, I would like to share that I have been called up by England to attend an England U16's football camp on the 30th May 2023. It is every player's dream to play at the highest level and represent your country.

I am very excited and cannot wait to grasp this opportunity in my footballing journey and fly the old palace banner. To the young aspiring footballers out there, through hard work and commitment, you can achieve such a milestone.

Please keep going and make yourself, parents, relatives, friends, as well as the school proud.

**Bethany**, Year 11

## Illustration Club

Illustration Club has been learning how to create monoprints this week. It's a printing process that involves rolling out ink on to a piece of plastic, placing paper on top, then pressing on to the paper so that the ink transfers on the other side. The students created some lovely results!



## Year 11: Tahalia Plays in Surrey County Cup Final



It was a rainy morning on Sunday 23rd April and my team, Crystal Palace, was excited to play in the Surrey Cup Final against AFC Wimbledon.

In the first half, I was in goal because our goalkeeper was recovering from an operation. After two minutes we opened the scoreline. I made a couple of saves, but we dominated the first half with our good composure and great organisation. The first half ended 3-0 to Crystal Palace.

In the second half, I came out of goal and played left centre back. I went up for a corner, controlled the ball and then volleyed the ball straight to the back of the net. We scored another goal! The final score was 5-0 to Crystal Palace!

**Tahalia**, Year 11

## Year 9 & Year 10: Athletics

A small group of Year 9 and Year 10 athletes attended a friendly meet at Croydon High on Wednesday after school.

The event was to give students the opportunity to try out a number of different activities ahead of the season.

Well done to all those who took part – no specific details of the times, heights and distances as yet – but hopefully a positive experience and good practice for the upcoming Croydon Athletics.



## Maths Puzzle Fun page 6 Answer



The crown = 3



The ring = 2

Last winner was Kemafo in Year 7.

## Join us at the OPA Summer Reunion



**Saturday, 17 June 2023**  
at 12noon | £25.00 per head

- Welcome Drink: 12 noon
- Lunch: 12.45pm
- Tour of Old Palace: 2.00pm
- Tea: 3.00pm
- Finish: 3.30pm



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