



HEADLINES

Democracy at work

As you will have read in last week's issue of The Link, David Slade in year 11 is currently standing as a candidate in the 2018 Croydon Young Mayor election.

The Young Mayor will represent the views of young people and encourage them to create opportunities for them to contribute on a range of issues. The key mayoral functions being to listen and act on the views of young people in Croydon, to encourage young people to be active citizens and to champion democracy.

I met with David a few days ago, to discuss his nomination and the preparatory work required, I could not help but be impressed with his passion and commitment. We wish David all the best in achieving this ambition of his.

Sunil Chotai

Wanted

Chemistry Technician

36 hours per week,
term time only

£16,018 per annum

For further details please see our website: www.cdarwin.com

Breck Foundation

This week Lorin LaFave, the founder of the Breck Foundation, came into school to raise awareness of staying safe whilst using the internet and gave a very honest and insightful presentation at the Year 9 and 10 assembly. Her son was killed having been groomed through an on-line gaming site.

The session gave students a number of strategies to help them to keep themselves safe on-line

The assembly certainly provoked discussion and we hope some pupils have carried on conversations at home about the assembly and this very important and relevant topic. If you would like any further information please visit www.breckfoundation.org.

Miss Curwood

Student selected for World Scout Jamboree



Ciara Fleming in 11NYe has progressed through a rigorous selection process to win a place at the World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia in 2019.

She will be undertaking some fundraising both in and out of school to help her to get there and she wrote this account of how her application progressed.

Roughly two months ago, I sent off a form to apply for the World Scout Jamboree 2019 in West Virginia - and now, I am one

of the nine Girlguiding members in the London and South East Contingent who will attend.

It was an intense selection process, believe me, with 51 initial paperwork applicants having to be whittled down to a group of 24 extremely strong candidates. I was so excited to have got so far at this point that I even changed my birthday plans to go on a selection weekend - the second stage of the process.

This weekend was the first time I met anyone else who had signed up for the Jamboree, and it was a real shock. I was much less experienced than almost all the girls there, even though I was the eldest, one of the few Year 11s and the only sixteen year old in the camp. I was sure that I was at a huge disadvantage because of my lack of knowledge compared to those much younger than me.

The weekend tested our suitability for the Jamboree on a range of levels. We had to think under pressure through surprise tasks like 'plan and perform a 60 second speech in the next five minutes' or 'quick, what's tent in Spanish'. We proved our teamwork skills and our ability to work with all different kinds of people by pitching and striking a ten-man tent in an hour.

The 24 hours we spent at this camp were intense, but fun. I made new relatively local friends who share my music tastes and got a feel of how it would be at the Jamboree next year with people from all different countries and cultures.

When I got my acceptance email, I cried.

The Jamboree itself is for ten days in West Virginia - a whole ten days in which I will be living on a campsite with approximately 50,000 other young people. There are miles of zip wire, rock-climbing walls and white water rafting rivers for us to use and there will be cultural days and meetings in which we can mingle and exchange our life experiences with others. I might even be able to use my stilted French to communicate.

The UK Contingent is spending a total of three weeks (essentially backpacking) in America including attending the Jamboree with a whole host of yet to be revealed events. All I know so far is that there will be a visit to a big city like New York or Washington.



But, of course, such an amazing camping adventure does not come free and is not cheap. Within the next 18 months I need to fundraise a total of £3,900. A large sum, but achievable if enough people support me.

Over the next year or so, I will be hosting a whole array of events in order to fundraise, including selling glowsticks at the forthcoming Dance Competition and other yet to be confirmed arrangements.

Thank you for any and all support families and staff can give me.

Ciara Fleming

Events, Fixtures and Educational Visits

Monday 29 January to Friday 2 February

- 1 February 2018**—Intermediate Maths Challenge
2 February 2018—Year 7 Cinema Night
3 February 2018—U13 Girls Kent Cup semi final at—Spectators welcome

Forthcoming events: spring term

- 5 February 2018**—Dance Competition Final
7 February 2018—Year 8 Parents' evening
8 February 2018—Early closure at 2:10pm
12 to 16 February—Half term
19 February 2018—Year 12 drama trip to see *Hanna*
20 February 2018—*Beauty and the Beast* cast perform at the Bromley Schools Festival of Music
23 February 2018—GCSE PE conference
26 February 2018—Sixth Form geography residential to Bournemouth
27 February 2018—Year 9 Enterprise Day
28 February 2018—Year 13 drama trip to see *The Birthday Party*
1 March 2018—Year 8 Options Evening
7 March 2018—Year 9 Parents Evening
17 March 2018—Nuclear Race mud run challenge
22 March 2018—Year 12 and 13 English trip to see *Measure for Measure*
24 March 2018—8:30pm Earth Hour—turn off your lights to support climate action
26 March 2018—Year 12 and 13 drama trip to see *The Plough and the Stars*
27 March 2018—Year 12 and 13 Parents Evening
28 March 2018—Dance trip to performance of *Sutra* at Sadlers Wells
28 March 2018—Governors Open Morning
3 to 13 April 2018—Easter revision sessions
1 May 2018—Year 10 Drama trip to see DNA
2 May 2018—Year 10 Parents Evening
16 May 2018—Year 7 Parents Evening
18 May 2018—Key Stage 3 netball tour
6 June 2018—Dance trip to performance of *XENOS* at Sadlers Wells
13 June 2018—Year 6 into 7 Induction Evening

Pupils for Praise

Duty pupils of the week ending
19/01/2018

Nyah Tomlinson-Allen, Ben Burgess,
Isabelle Antepim and Tobi Abiodun
from 8 GQU
Mrs Mills

★ **History Star of the Week** is awarded to Emma Zeelie in 8JSn. Emma has truly proved herself a star in history. The effort which she puts into her homework and the enthusiasm which is shown in the lessons make her a joy to teach. A recent homework, in which she designed a website on the impact of the Industrial Revolution, was especially noteworthy. Well done Emma.

Mr Lamb

Supporters wanted

Congratulations to our U13 girls football team on reaching the semi-finals of the Kent Cup. They will now be playing Harris Falconwood at home on our 3G pitch on

Saturday 3rd February.



Kick off is 10:00am. Both the girls and I would welcome any support. Please do come and cheer us on from the sidelines if you can.

Miss Curwood

PARENTS EVENINGS 2017/18

- Year 8:** 7 February 2018
Year 9: 7 March 2018
Year 12: 27 March 2018 [2]
Year 13: 27 March 2018 [2]
Year 10: 2 May 2018
Year 7: 16 May 2018

YEAR 8 PARENTS' EVENING AND REPORT COLLECTION on Wednesday, 7 February 2018 3:15pm – 6:15pm

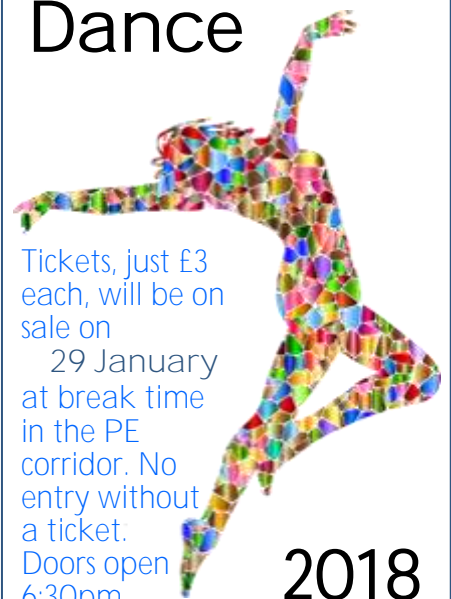
This is an opportunity for pupils and their families to come and speak to staff about their progress. Oz Schoolwear will be present selling school uniform and PE kit. Governors will be present and refreshments will also be available courtesy of the Friends.

RE M I N D E R Early closure - Thursday 8th February

School will close at 2:10pm at the end of period 5 on Thursday, 8 February for the Bromley Schools Collaborative INSET. The day will be a normal school day with afternoon registration and period 5, with dismissal at 2.10pm. The bus services have been informed and the 664 and 684 school services will operate a revised timetable. If students use the 464, R8, 320, 264 or other services, these will operate on the timetables published on TfL. There will be no after school clubs, revision or fixtures. All students are expected to be in school on time on Friday 9th February for a normal school day.

Mr Jones

Dance



Tickets, just £3 each, will be on sale on

29 January at break time in the PE corridor. No entry without a ticket. Doors open 6:30pm.

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