

Headteacher's Message - Adele Christofi

This has been a very exciting week as Enfield has given us permission to open a sixth form! This is a wonderful milestone for the school and demonstrates that the borough has confidence in what we are doing as a school. We will therefore start our planning process to get our offer in place for September 2024. We will be starting small and will build capacity. The focus as stated in our proposal will be centred around vocational education, where students will be supported with their studies via industry based work placements. A huge thanks to parents, staff, students and governors who supported our application process. If you have a business setting that would be happy to offer a weekly work placement then please do get in touch as this would be a great way to support this initiative moving forward.

A number of our students attended the London Youth Games at the weekend as part of a London wide trampolining competition. I am pleased to announce that Kieran in year 9 secured gold for his event and the Enfield team securing silver overall. This is a wonderful achievement and shows the dedication and commitment for extra-curricular sport and the pride our students have for representing our school. Kieran is also one of our student coaches at our in-house trampolining club Bounce @ Laurel Park which takes place every Tuesday. All students are welcome to come along straight after school. The club then opens to the local community for a small fee from 4pm.

This week the local authority did a safeguarding review for us. They came in to have a look at our practice, speak to students, staff and get a general feel for the school. The borough were impressed with all of our practices and described our children as lovely with corridors being calm and the playground having a lovely atmosphere. It's great to see the work we are doing in the school being validated by external sources.

I had the pleasure of my Year 10 drama class performing extracts of An Inspector Calls to a Year 7 group. This was a great experience for the drama students and tested them in their ability to remember lines supported by vocal and physical skills. The Year 7s watched in awe and gave some superb feedback to the year 10s as part of the overall process.

Finally, I must remind parents that our school policy states that students will be given detentions if their children do not come to school fully equipped or are in the incorrect uniform. Our rules demonstrate our high expectations that we have for the young people in our care. Parents should also support their children from home and ensure they are fully prepared and equipped for school, meaning that their children will not receive detentions.

Wishing you all a safe and peaceful weekend.

Ms Christofi
Headteacher



**Next week
will be week 1**



FINANCE

DEFINITION

Noun:

1. the management of money by governments, large organisations etc
2. money provided by a bank or other institution to help buy or do something

SYNONYMS

- Economics
- Funds
- Revenue

SENTENCES

1. The use of IT in areas such as accounting and finance has grown at an astonishing rate.
2. We need to raise finance for further research.

ETYMOLOGY

The noun "finance" (1300-1400) French finer "to end, settle (a debt)"

Important Dates

FEBRUARY

Monday 5th February: Rudolph Walker Foundation Drama performance
 Tuesday 6th: Year 10 Geography trip
 Tuesday 6th: Health drop in clinic
 Wednesday 7th: Year 9 Parent's Evening
 Thursday 8th February: Speak Out Challenge Final

Wednesday 21st: Year 9 Options Evening
 Monday 26th: Beginning of Year 11 Mock exams

Tuesday 27th February: Year 10 London Careers Festival trip

Wednesday 28th February: GCSE Drama trip to Metamorphosis

Character Education focus of the week

This month's Virtue is **Creativity**

Creativity is being able to create and to use your imagination.

"Creativity is seeing what others see and thinking what no one else ever thought." - Albert Einstein



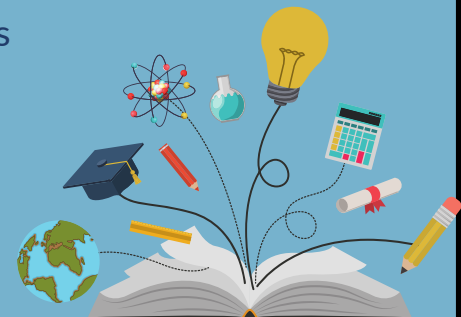
This weeks' value is **ambition**

How can Creativity help us achieve ambition?

- We often hear people use the quote 'Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.' This suggests that repeating the same actions will always lead us to the same results.
- In order to achieve something new or different, one must be willing to explore new approaches.
- Being ambitious and wanting to achieve new things means that we also need to be open explore new paths, to be creative and try new things.



Students will be presented this in assembly each week but please also speak to them at home



Headteacher's Award

At the end of each week, selected form tutors choose one student from their form for the 'Headteacher's Award'. In a special ceremony with Ms Christofi, she shares the 'story behind their success' with the winning recipients. The students also receive a special certificate and pin badge to commemorate the achievement.

Congratulations to the Year 9 and 10 winners from this week who received a great surprise to find out they had won these new prestigious awards!



Year 10 Winners

Ismail wins for excellence - Always respectful and kind to everyone around him. He is always on time and ready to learn. He shows the school values through his character and positive comments from his teachers.

Qusai wins for determination - for a much improved work ethic and attitude to learning.

Tom wins for determination - he is humble, responsible and has a positive attitude for learning. He is always on time for school, responsible and kind to other students

Ryan wins for ambition - For improved behaviour in form time and PSHE. Ryan is always ready to help and is building positive relationships with his form tutor. Ryan is displaying a more mature approach to his behaviour in school following our school's values (IDEA).



Year 9 Winners

Alex wins for integrity - he is a well respected student as he consistently shows maturity and diligence; he attentively helps the tutor group by distributing the reading books and then collecting them again at the end

Rocco wins for determination - For constantly showcasing what it means to be a role model. When faced with difficulty, Rocco shows maturity and understanding and always aims to find the logical solution. He is kind and determined enough to pursue his school work and his passion in music

Tristan wins for excellence - for improved behaviour in form time, PSHE and RE. Tristan is forming positive relationships with his form tutor and is displaying a more mature approach to his behaviour.

T allulah wins for integrity - for constantly doing the right thing. Being a supportive and considerate member of the tutor group, as well as being motivated and determined in her studies.

Micha wins for ambition - Always has a positive mindset and shows others kindness and respect, when comes to reading tasks always focus line by line in the form class.

Rudolph Walker Foundation Drama performance on Monday

For the past few months, a dedicated group of Year 8 students have been staying after school on Wednesday to work alongside the Rudolph Walker Foundation in preparation for their final performance. **Tali, Paola, Jedidah, Deniyah, Daniel, Kemil, Noble, Noblesse** and **Fernanda** and looking forward to performing their monologues to an audience on Monday night. Friends and families are welcome to attend!



**DON'T
FORGET!**

Breakfast Club is available every morning from 7.50am in our Bay Leaf Restaurant and is free for all



Top Character points this week!

Year 7

Esham, Favour, Adem, Alice, Alex C, Marianna, Dennise, Kania, Valentina, Safa, Amelia, Aida, Anna, Gabriel S, Ezgi, Ahad, Edwin, Shri, Joel, Ezekiel, Oliver, Khairiya

Year 8

Jasmine, Beyza, Aaron, Emanuela, Alessia, Mariana, Kadir, Haoxuan, Flavia

Year 9

Mehrab, James, Mary

Congratulations!

Year 10

Jayliah, Lara, Alexandra-Diana, Dimitri, Antelainta, Aithor, Melina, Georgi K, Edlira, Brielle, Tom, Lorenna, Nefeli, Siyar, Jasmin, Laura, Esma, Maria, Kristiana

Year 11

Ciprian, David, Yvonne, Marta, Jasmin, Madiha, Miruna

Jenny chosen for our Year 10 Speak Out challenge

After some very stiff competition, Jenny has been picked to represent Laurel Park at the Speak Out final. This will take place on Thursday at Enfield Grammar School. Best of luck Jenny!



Fire drill practised smashed out of the park!

This week we practised our fire drill, which saw our entire building evacuated in 3 minutes! Excellent work from everyone!





NEWS FROM THE PE DEPARTMENT



Keiran grabs gold!

Congratulations to Keiran who literally jumped for gold after winning his trampolining competition at Enfield Youth Games last weekend! Enfield also came third, with Trevaun and well as Keiran part of the team



All of this came about after Laurel Park received OSF funding and spent it on state-of-the-art trampolining equipment and expert coaching. Find out more in the article from Sports London below



Laurel Park School

London Sport recently visited Laurel Park School who received OSF Funding for new trampolines, safety equipment and expert coaching from the local trampolining club (Zenith Trampolining Club). Not only have they enhanced their facilities, but they've also created an engaging community club that happens weekly and even empowered their students to lead sessions for the younger years. This shining example illustrates how schools can leverage OSF Funding for not only school enhancement but also community enrichment.

“In all my experience of setting up funded community clubs, this one feels like it has real longevity” - Ally Tansley, Assistant Head at Laurel Park School

In the early stages of the initiative, the school identified a dedicated student, Keiran, who had never experienced trampolining until a year ago. Keiran's journey unfolded from entering the school trampolining competition to securing a spot in the London Youth Games squad trials. His passion and success not only transformed him into a skilled coach but also inspired a ripple effect among his peers.



Mud, sweat and tears of laughter for our Year 10 Geographers!

Year 10 Geography had a day trip to Epping Forest to explore the changing characteristics of a river as it travels downstream. There was plenty of mud which although some of us enjoy jumping in muddy puddles, some found it very unpleasant!

Year 10 Geography went to collect the primary data for their their field work investigation. They spent the day at the Epping Forest Fieldwork centre, where we visited the source of Loughton Brook, which was very near the centre, then we got back on the coach to measure the depth, width and speed of Debden Brook at the middle and lower course. This meant getting into the river and getting chilly! The Year 10s were great and collected data ready for writing up our investigation. The best thing is, Ms Nash, Mr Akubuko and Ms Anscomb are going back with the other Year 10s next week!



HEALTH DROP-IN CLINIC

FOR STUDENTS

Run by The Enfield School Nursing Team 0-19 Service



Location: Student Support room (A corridor)

Dates: Tuesdays - 6th Feb, 5th March, 26th March, 16th April, 14th May, 11th June, 9th July

Time: Lunchtime

Mental Health | Acne
Periods | Puberty | Hygiene
Healthy Eating | Sleep
Smoking/Vaping
Sexual Health | Vaccinations

all students welcome



Discuss **any** health concern with a nurse in a safe space.
Sessions are confidential. No appointment needed – drop by!

If you'd like some confidential health advice, and are unable to attend the drop-in clinic, please call the school nursing team on 020 3988 7300.

You will have received a letter regarding our new health drop in clinics that will be starting on Tuesday - these are drop in sessions that all our students can attend.

We are really grateful for the support from North Middlesex for making this happen

Headteacher commendations are now open!

At the end of the newsletter are some details about how you can nominate someone for a Headteacher's commendation.

Any previous nominations for students who didn't receive a commendation last term are carried over to this term so the more a student is nominated for outstanding reasons, the more chance they have of getting the award!



Please can you ensure your ParentPay lunch money account is topped up in advance to enable your child to visit the Bay Leaf Restaurant. Meals are £3 per day and therefore you should expect to top up £15.00 per week if your child visits every day.

LPS promotes Internet Safety Day

Next Tuesday is Internet Safety Day. Students were reminded in assemblies this week about how to make sure they keep themselves safe online as well as a dangers that technology can have on young people.

Our Safer Schools Officer PC Faires also came in to speak to our Year 8s about the digital footprint they can leave and the legal implications of online abuse.

Please see below for some useful weblinks and at the end of this newsletter are some reminders from our handbook about social media.



Wicked Writers Competition for Year 8 and 9

Do pupils in your school want to be the change when it comes to the environment?

All Year 8 and 9 students have been invited to enter this competition organised by the National Literacy Trust in partnership with Wicked the Musical. Some excellent prizes are on offer. Details are on Google Classroom and students should speak to their English teacher if they wish to enter



Careers Corner

Congratulations to Chidum who received an interview at the prestigious Imperial College London Mathematics School - we wish him the best of luck!

Congratulations to Vahid who was successful in his bursary application for InvestIN. He will now received 1:1 mentoring to help with his chosen career path in investment banking.

This follows in the footsteps of Aaliyah who started the same programme for marketing earlier this academic year



Useful weblinks for Safer Internet Day:

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/>

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers>

NOMINATIONS FOR HEADTEACHER'S COMMENDATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

Anyone can nominate a student for a
Headteacher's Commendation.

Staff, parents, other students -
complete this nomination form:



Criteria

Integrity - for hard work, honesty, making good choices, representing the school

Determination - for motivation, overcoming barriers, effort, self-discipline

Excellence - for Character Points, personal excellence, sporting / musical excellence

Ambition - for high aspirations (mock) exam results, assessment results



Bronze Award
Awarded 1st time



Silver Award
Awarded 2nd time



Gold Award
Awarded 3rd time

February 2024 Half Term Cycle Training

Join us this half term



journeys
& places



Journeys and Places are offering FREE February half term Learn to Ride and Basic Cycle Skills sessions for various age groups from Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February.

Sessions will take place at Raglan Primary School (Amberley Road Entrance), Wellington Road, Enfield, EN1 2NS.

For more information and to book your child's place please visit

www.bookwhen.com/enfieldcycling

**journeys
& places**



Join us this half term

journeysandplaces.enfield.gov.uk



Social Media

Would you give your child the keys to a car and let them drive on the road in London?

Of course not!

They are not mature enough, have not had lessons or tests. It would put them and others at risk.

Yet many parents give their children access to online features that can put them and others at risk when they are not mature enough, and have not been taught. Always ensure that you have control over the applications your child downloads to their devices. Before letting them download any ask yourself the following questions:

Will your child let you look at their device?

Have they been educated on what they can post, how to keep themselves safe?

What is the recommended age? We recommend that you use these as a minimum

Do they have the emotional maturity to use it safely?

Does it put themselves or others at risk?

Am I prepared to monitor their usage and have difficult conversations when they upset others or others upset them?

Are you familiar with the device's security settings, online safety basics, and cyberbullying?

Is the app legitimate? If so, what information does the app collect, and what does it do with that information?

Do you have control of the security settings?

How does the app make money?

Social Media

All apps have a minimum age rating. We recommend that parents do not let their child access any app that they are not old enough to have, and beyond this thoroughly research to ensure that they are mature enough to have it even if they are over the age.

18+



AMIGOSS

17+



WECHAT

16+



TUMBLR



WHATS APP



REDDIIT



Students at Laurel Park School should not have these apps.

13+



TIKTOK



INSTAGRAM



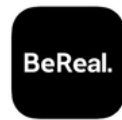
NGL



YUBO



SNAPCHAT



BEREAL



FACEBOOK



WINK



HOOP

12+



HiPAL



TRILLER



SIGNAL

Did you know?

Most apps have parental restriction you can add - including Youtube

Did you know?

Many apps track and share your location

Did you know?

Fortnite is rated 12+

Did you know?

1000 new apps are launched per day - chances are your child has many we have never heard of!

We recommend all our families sign up for free to www.nationalonlinesafety.com



They send weekly emails with online safety updates and parent guides like these:

