



AROUND THE PALACE

A Level Art Trip to Cass and Farnham Sculpture Parks



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Dear all,

This week we welcomed the ISI inspection team to the school. The sun shone at both Prep and Seniors and it was a fantastic opportunity to be able to share with them what an excellent school Old Palace is. They spent two days immersing themselves in the life of the school from Nursery through to the Sixth Form. We await the formal outcome of the inspection, which usually takes about 8 weeks, and we will be able to share this with parents once it is received. Thank you to all the parents, students and staff who took the time to complete the ISI survey in advance of the visit. As ever, our girls were excellent ambassadors for the school and the inspection team were fully of praise for the mature, confident and enthusiastic way they engaged with the visitors. Well done!

We were very pleased to welcome Father Andrew, Chaplain to the Whitgift Foundation, to the House assemblies in Chapel this week. With Founders' Day only a week away it was a great opportunity to for the girls to learn or be reminded of the purpose of the event and the history of how the school was founded.

The House assemblies also saw the Year 6 and the new Year 7 students welcomed to each House (Anselm, Hatton, Laud and Stafford) by the House Prefects. They are now proud owners of shiny, new House badges which they are wearing with pride around the school!

With another weekend of fine weather ahead I hope all Old Palace families enjoy a very pleasant and relaxing weekend.

Jane Burton, Head



On Thursday 12th September, we were visited by The Riot Act; a show with the objective of teaching children about road safety.

The show explored it from the perspective of three characters: Jo – a responsible girl entrusted with the responsibility of looking after her younger brother: Tom – Jo's impressionable brother, and Fran – a risk taker with a tendency to break the rules.

Although the show seems to be about Jo and Tom's relationship as siblings, it was actually focused on something more serious: road safety. Throughout the show we saw different habits that could potentially be dangerous e.g: wearing hoodies, and having headphones in while crossing the road, playing football near the road and walking into the road absentmindedly.

The show concluded when something shocking happened; Jo, the most sensible character, was hit by a car. This ending illustrated what typically happens if you mess around near or on the road.

Despite the shocking ending, the show was not meant to scare us; it was meant to educate us about road safety. After the show, we had a workshop exploring various ideas from actions that may stop us being careful in the road (like friends, earphones and devices) and things we need to be careful of such as not always giving in to peer pressure and influence.

All in all, this was a brilliant show that opened our eyes about road safety. On behalf of Year 7 I'd like to thank the teachers for organising this event and the cast of The Riot Act for putting on the show and hosting the workshop.

Lila, Year 7A



Art Installation

Next time you are visiting the Preparatory School, keep an eye out for the window that was designed and realised by a group of girls across the school.

This all started with the House Art competition to draw an image of what school means to them. With so many entries it was hard to choose, but with the help of Year 12 Art students and Mrs Broad they worked together to combine many elements into one final design, focused around the Four Pillars and the School crest.

On Saturday, 22nd June, a workshop was run where the competition winners worked with clay to turn the design into ceramics tiles. They learnt numerous new skills and by working together were able to make fast progress, particularly in cutting out the very fiddly Michaelmas daisies.

They added a border of their own hands and also chose a colour for the final finish. Once the tiles were made and bisque fired, the Senior girls returned to glaze them. It is always exciting to see them come out of the kiln after the glaze has been added, as some colours change quite dramatically at this stage.

Over the summer Mrs Broad then installed the Art piece ready for the new academic year.

Students involved were:

Lakshitha and Thakera	Year 12
Lily	Year 8
Grace	Year 7
Hareshni, Katie, Lara and Kara	Year 4
Advika and Riya	Year 3



News From ChemSoc: What Gives That Sherbet Lemon Sensation?



On Tuesday, students from Years 10 and 12 turned out in force for the first meeting of the Chemistry Society this term.

They learnt about the chemicals in sherbet that cause that fizzy, cooling sensation in the mouth and discussed the type of reaction taking place. They were then set the challenge to use these chemicals to lower the temperature of water to 8°C in 30 seconds.



Working in teams, they set about selecting the quantities to use and testing different ratios to achieve the target temperature. They learnt a lot about the importance of repeatability, which was quite difficult within the constraints of the apparatus they were given.

Excitement built as we moved to the judging stage. Each team demonstrated their reaction with students from the other year group

verifying the time and temperature measurements. Congratulations to winning team Madinah and Anna from Year 10 who achieved a very impressive 7.8°C at the 30 second point. It was a close fought competition with only 0.2°C separating the winners from the runners up.

Well done to everyone!

Year 10 Netball v Caterham



Well done to Year 10A+B Teams who played matches against Caterham on Tuesday.

The first matches of the season are always a challenge but the players worked really hard throughout. Great interceptions from the defenders and after some initial wobbles there was some good shooting from the shooters.

Jessica was named Player of the Match by the opposition for the B Team and Sara for the A Team. Well done to Alison for her first match as part of the team.

Year 4 Netball v Royal Russell

On Monday, the Year 4 teams got off to a great start with an exciting display of netball.

The B team had a fantastic match and worked extremely hard to come back from 1-0 down and secure a 3-1 victory over Royal Russell

The A team worked hard on driving into space, but couldn't quite convert the goals. Final score 3-0 to Royal Russell.

Well done girls!



Double Win At Caterham For Year 9

Well done to the A and B teams who claimed victories against Caterham on Wednesday. Both matches were played in great spirits and we would like to thank Caterham for hosting us this week.

The A Team match was competitive right to the end. The Old Palace team worked well together and communicated in the breaks about what was working well and what needed to be changed. This is a huge step in their development as a team – not blaming each other – and working it out together.

A fantastic 11 – 6 victory. Lily D was named Player of the Match.

Squad – Jessica, Lily, Zino, Kei Kei, Ruby, Natalia and Megan.

The Bs match was a low scoring game initially. Old Palace made some great interceptions and eventually spaced out to allow the game to flow. Lots of different combinations were tried out so well done to those who played out of position. Eventually the goals came – and the B Team won 4 – 1. Bethany (8) was awarded Player of the Match.

Squad: Jessica, Knightly, Tahalia, Nissi, Patricia, Lily, Bethany, Rebecca,



Classics Department Word of the Week 16/09/19



EXHAUSTED

Very tired; drained
From Latin: "ex" - "out" and "haurire" - "to drink, to drain" so fully translated means "drained out"

Senior Netball Practice



It was fantastic to see so many players at the first Senior netball practice after school on Monday. This is open to players in Years 10 -13 who want, and are selected to play, competitive school matches. The session was based on improved footwork around the court, passing the ball into space, changing direction and generally tidying up on basic skills that have not been used over the summer.

Senior players are great role models for the younger players and for them to be aware of how many players are keen to be involved right through the school is good. The notion that the older students interest in sport deteriorates as they get older is not always true. There is so much to be gained from being active even when you have lots of work pressures. Well done to our Senior students for this great effort!

Next Week...

Senior Open Events

Working Lunch

Wednesday
25 September
1pm-3pm

Introduction to Year 6/10+

Thursday
26 September
6pm-8pm

Have your say on Future Activity and Events in Croydon's Oldest Chapel



The John Whitgift Foundation is asking for views on what heritage events and activities the local community would like to see in one of the town's oldest chapels at Old Palace of John Whitgift School.

The Foundation has received first round funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) and is now putting forward a bid to acquire the full funding in order to restore the Chapel back to its former glory. As part of the bid and if successful, the Chapel will host a series of free heritage events, to promote the restoration and engage with the local community.

As a former summer palace of the Archbishops of Canterbury and dating back to the 12th century, the surviving building holds a series of important rooms, namely the medieval Great Hall, the barrel-vaulted Guard Chamber, the Chapel and Long Gallery. Old Palace's Chapel is an integral part of the Grade 1 Listed building, and the former private chapel of the Archbishops. The chapel is believed to have been rebuilt in the mid-15th century by Archbishop Bouchier and extended westwards by Archbishop Morton at the end of the century.

Within this three-year project, repair and improvement works to the Chapel will be undertaken, providing a dedicated access point and lift separate from the main school entrance, allowing increased public use of the historic Chapel, its 'foyer' and courtyard.

We are asking for feedback via our online survey on the kinds of events people would like to see, which will form our heritage programme. Some of the current ideas are a 3D Film, downloadable trails, activity/ school packs, heritage days, Guided tours, musical and literature events.

www.whitgiftfoundation.co.uk/content/old-palace-chapel-heritage-activity-survey

On completion of the Survey you will be placed in a draw to win a £100 shopping token.



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A Level Art Trip to Cass and Farnham Sculpture Parks *continued*

On the 8th of July, the Year 12 Art and Photography students went on a trip to Cass and Farnham sculpture parks. The parks were impressive due to the scale of some of the sculptures, as well as the effect of seeing the man-made objects against the natural landscape. Throughout the day, we sketched and photographed many of the sculptures in order to use as visual research and inspiration for our own A Level projects.

Phoebe R, Year 12 (now Year 13)



Year 11 End of Year Celebration

Year 11 had a very busy end to their GCSE year. Having completed their GCSE examinations, they returned to school for a range of sessions that introduced them to Sixth Form life and work-related learning.

Industry experts came in to the School and ran workshops as well as visits.

Part of this week also included their End of Year 11 celebration. Year 11 arrived at the South Bank in the centre of London on 3rd July to board *Royalty*, where they would spend the next four hours partying as they travelled a significant distance on the Thames, getting close to the Thames barrier and down to Richmond.

The weather was as glorious as they looked and they made the most of music and food as I am sure you can see in the pictures on the following pages. This was a wonderful way to celebrate the end of two years of GCSE's.

Mrs Broad







Year 13 Prom 2019

A flashback to the Year 13 Prom on the 5th July which saw students celebrate both the end of their A Levels and their time at Old Palace School.



Mrs Broad *Subject Leader – Art*



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FOR 14 - 19 YEAR OLDS

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Young Creatives

A place for young people to work together on design-based projects, developing creative skills, gaining industry insights and exploring issues and ideas that matter to them. Open to young people aged 14-19 years. No experience of design is needed to take part.

What's on offer?

Meeting once a month, Young Creatives will take part in 2D and 3D design and make projects based on ideas generated by the group. Joining conversations and workshops with designers and members of the museum team, they will gain industry and career insights and guidance on how to generate and develop their design ideas.

Young Creatives will be responsible for creating a printed publication in collaboration with a graphic designer, and the programme will culminate in a showcase lead by the group, supported by event curators at the Design Museum.



RA

Royal Academy of Arts

Antony Gormley

21 September — 3 December 2019

FREE entry for 17-25s



"The body is more a place than an object for me: the body 'in' space and the body 'as' space."

Antony Gormley RA

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