



AROUND THE PALACE

First England Water Polo Cap for Sarah



Mrs Smith and the PE team are delighted to announce that Sarah M, Year 11, was awarded her first international cap and the honour of proudly representing England last weekend! She was selected for the England Under 19 Water Polo team to play in the North Sea Cup International competition in Swansea, Wales. At only 15 Sarah was one of the youngest members of the team, showing what a talented and up and coming goalkeeper she is. Sarah's coach has said *"she is a dedicated young lady training six times a week. It takes mental maturity to face older more experienced players. She will go far"*.

The games were all going to be tough, with the final game against Ireland expected to be the hardest of all. England played extremely well beating Scotland 13-6 and defeating a strong Welsh team 15-12 in a high scoring close game. The winners overall would be decided in the final game of the meet. England had to win against Ireland to become champions. England romped home with a fantastic 13-9 victory over the team from the Emerald Isles, becoming North Sea Cup Champions of 2019!

Sarah caught the Water Polo bug playing at Old Palace. She enjoyed it so much that she joined a local club. From there Sarah has gone from strength to strength. Mrs Tamplin and the PE team are proud to have given Sarah the opportunity to try a new sport and hope that many more girls will follow in her footsteps. Congratulations and well done Sarah!

Dear all,

Another busy week at Old Palace. It was really good to see so many parents attend the Welcome Evenings this week covering Reception through to Year 7. It is so uplifting to hear how the girls are settling in and enjoying Old Palace. One parent summed it up beautifully when she described how during the holidays she could not get her daughter out of bed at a reasonable time each morning and yet one week into the new term and she is up and about before the rest of the family. Long may that continue!

Thank you to the many families at the Senior School who have returned the permissions slips for their daughters to attend the Open Morning on Saturday 5 October. This is such a chance to showcase to prospective parents what makes Old Palace so unique and special and the involvement of our students is important as they are our best ambassadors. If you haven't yet returned the form then please could I ask you to do this as soon as you can.

Finally, with the South East due for some late summer weather I wish you all a pleasant weekend and with cricket emerging as such a popular sport amongst our girls, sitting alongside the wealth of other sporting activities across the school, let's hope that the England cricket team can level the Ashes series over the next few days!

Jane Burton, Head

A Classical Concert for Croydon presented by The Whitgift Foundation Schools

in harmony...

16 October 2019
7pm Fairfield Halls



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Crystal Palace Football Club

Bethany and Tahalia (Year 8) have recently completed their pre-season training for Crystal Palace Football Club. We look forward to hearing about their success over the coming season.



Chess Club



MINDFUL CHESS

Chess Club still has some spaces available. Please sign up and pay via Wisepay if you would like your daughter to participate.

Sessions are lead by an outside coach who was once 'British Chess Champion'!

Monday lunchtime from 12.45pm

Sports Leaders Level 1

Year 10 students enjoyed their first taste of leading within their Sports Leaders Session this week.

The students were given task cards that they had to deliver in three minutes to the rest of the group. They found this much more challenging that they thought they would and realised how important clear communication and organisation really is!



Well Done Jessica



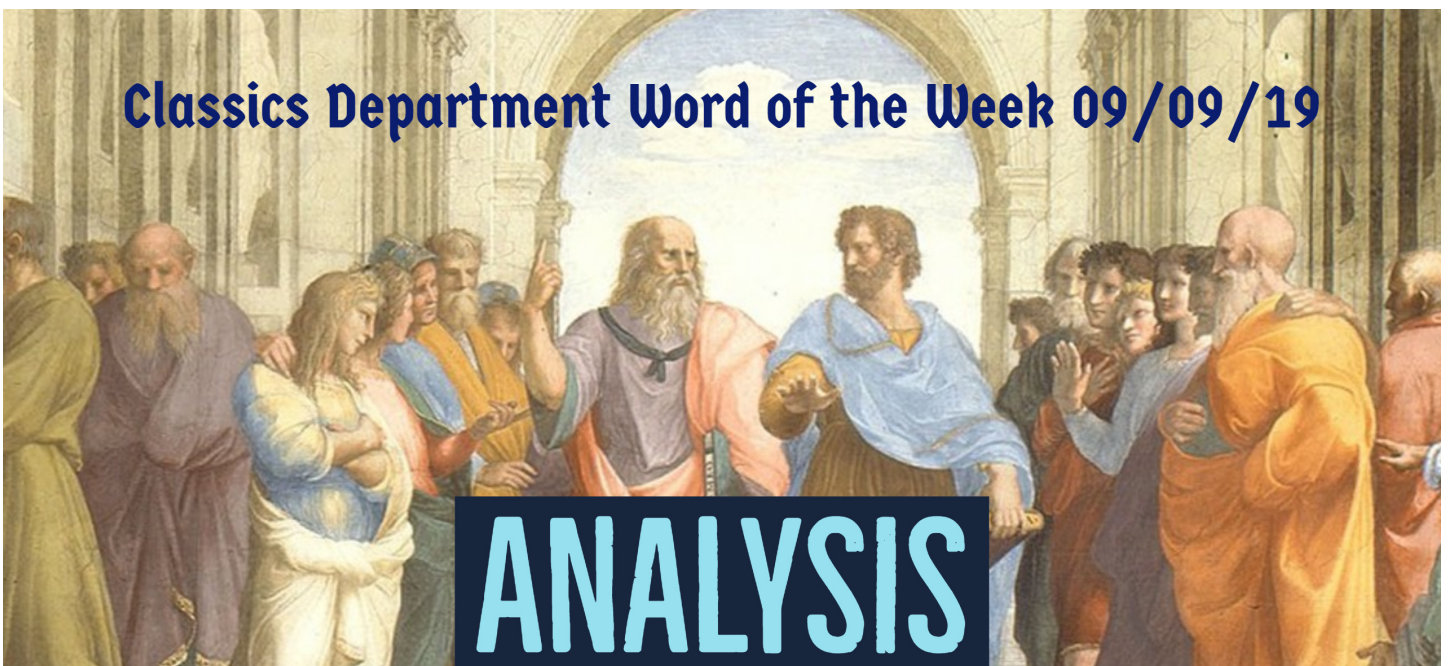
Congratulations to Jessica (Year 9) on an impressive 9th placing in a Pentathlon for Croydon Harriers, at the Surrey Combined Athletics Association Championships at the weekend. Well done! We are always keen to hear of student achievements in sport beyond school.

Activities Fair

The annual Activities Fair was held on Friday in Shah PE. The atmosphere was electric with students finding out about all the clubs on offer. We look forward to hearing all about the new skills that they will acquire through these clubs.



Classics Department Word of the Week 09/09/19



Detailed examination of the elements or structure of something.
From Greek: "ana" ἀνά - "up" and "luo" λύω - "loosen", together forming the word "analuo" - ἀναλύω "I unravel"



Well done to all the girls who competed in the first fixture of the season at Royal Russell. The girls worked extremely hard despite the conditions. Congratulations to Ellie Year 4 who achieved 1st place.

Ellie	1st
Akshita	2nd
Charlotte	3rd
Zarina	4th
Lola	5th
Rishita	6th

In Year 5, Marly finished 3rd and Daisy finished 5th.

Recommended Exhibitions For DT Students

National Maritime Museum, Greenwich **The Moon** Until 5 Jan 2020

You might have noticed that it's 50 years since the moon landings. The Maritime Museum's wide-ranging yet accessible exhibition forms a gentle reminder of just how remarkable space travel is – and burnishes our sense of wonder at our nearest neighbour.



*The Moon taken by Royal Observatory Greenwich's AMAT telescope
© National Maritime Museum, London*



LEONARDO DA VINCI: A LIFE IN DRAWING

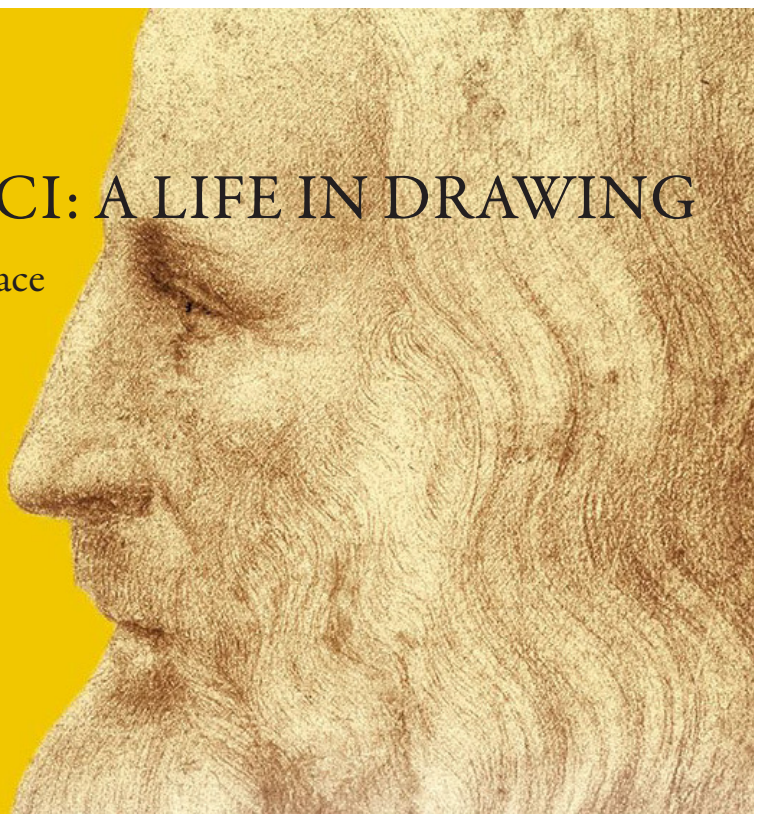
The Queen's Gallery, Buckingham Palace

Marking the 500th anniversary of the death of Leonardo da Vinci, the exhibition brings together more than 200 of the Renaissance master's greatest drawings in the Royal Collection, forming the largest exhibition of Leonardo's work in over 65 years.

Daily until Sunday, 13 Oct 2019

**LEONARDO
500**

Adult £13.50
Student £10.80
Under 17 £6.70



Old Palace PTA Invites you to their **Annual General Meeting**

Friday **27th September** 6pm

Ayckbowm Room, Senior School

Please email your confirmation of attendance and any nominations for the vacant roles to pta@oldpalace.croydon.sch.uk by Tuesday 24th September 2019.



Early MBA Award



During the summer holidays, I went up to London for a week to complete an Early MBA award.

An MBA, which stands for Master of Business Administration, is a degree that you can complete if you want to pursue a career in business.

An early MBA is essentially an earlier version of it for people aged 12-18. Anyone can sign up to take this course: you just need to go on their website and select when you want to take it.

Taking this course and getting this award has been a lot of hard work but so much fun. I have met so many new people and learnt so many new skills, such as networking, negotiating,

financing and how to write an elevator pitch. We also did a business simulation, where some of us were companies and some of us had to sell our products to the companies.

The room got a bit loud with everyone raising their voices, but we all learnt what the business world is like and it was fun to negotiate prices with everyone. We also learnt about inputting all our sales, profits and budgets into spreadsheets.

We received feedback and worked with professionals. This was an experience that I will never forget, and I learnt so much from it.

Aparnaa, Year 10

Year 5 Netball v Seaton House

Year 5 started the season with a terrific win against Seaton House.

Old Palace Year 5 A and B teams took on Seaton House on Tuesday afternoon and came away with a double win.

The A team took a while to find their feet but eventually finished with a 9-1 victory. Meanwhile the B team were converting shots from the first whistle and finished on top with a score of 7-0.

Well done Year 5.



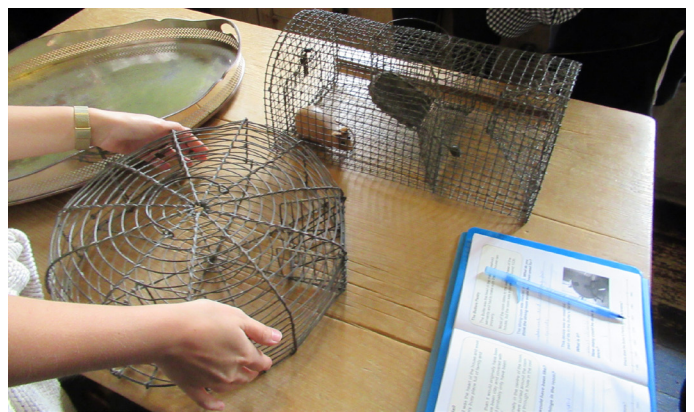
Year 9 Activities Day

On Wednesday, 3 July we (Year 9) went to Ightham Mote for Activities Day. It was a very historical and educational trip. I learnt a lot on the trip. Fortunately for us the weather was amazing, so we went on a walk through the beautiful fields and woods.

My favourite part was the walk as I got to bond with my friends and look at the beautiful scenery. I also learnt many new things at the house. For example, at the time the house was build, they didn't have minutes so the clocks only have hour hands.

Overall, it was an interesting learning experience.

Aparnaa, Year 9



Silver Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Congratulations to the Year 10 students who have completed their Silver Duke of Edinburgh! There are a number of students who are almost finished and I hope this will spur them on to finalise their paperwork.

The Silver DofE involved lengthy commitments to developing a SKILL, being involved in VOLUNTARY work and being PHYSICALLY active. The students also completed a three day expedition walk on the South Downs.

The DofE award scheme is a rewarding scheme to follow and students develop new skills as well as learning a lot about themselves. Aspects of it are quite demanding.

The new course for Bronze and Silver is being introduced on Wednesday at an Information Evening.

Well done to the Year 10 students!



PoD Schedule 2019-2020

Autumn Term 2019

	Year Group	Title	Staff Member	Room
Tuesday 17th September	Year 10 upwards	Northern Irish writing- more than the troubles?	KPR	Chester
Monday 14th October	All	Hanjie – Logical Picture Puzzles	EMR	Wells
Wednesday 13th November	All	Why do humans laugh? A rib tickling mystery...	ASE	Chester
Friday 13th December	Year 8 upwards	Cryptography	FNA	Peterborough

Spring Term 2020

	Year Group	Title	Staff Member	Room
Tuesday 28th January	All	The impact of sport on mental health	KFO/ ASM	Wells
Wednesday 12th February	All	Mad, bad and dangerous to know. Who was Clodius and did he deserve to die?	NMC	Durham
Thursday 6th March	Year 9 upwards	Jocelyn Bell Burnell and the Little Green Men	HFO	Peterborough
Friday 27th March	Year 8 upwards	Inside your head: the neuroscience of the teenage brain	ISI	Chester

Summer Term 2020

	Year Group	Title	Staff Member	Room
Tuesday 28th April	Year 9 upwards	The Physics of the human body	CTA	Courtenay
Friday 8th May	All	The Science of scuba diving	VRO	Winchester
Wednesday 20th May	All	50 countries and counting	VRO	Winchester
Monday 22nd June	Year 10 upwards	European cinema	PLB	Shah F