



INTRODUCTION



By the time you read this letter I will be several thousand miles away in Nepal with 25 others from the Ewell Castle School community. This is our inaugural trip to Nepal and we are all very excited about the adventure ahead of us. We will be doing a 5 day trek to Poon Hill in the Annapurna mountain range, an elephant safari in Royal Chitwan National Park and a half day white water rafting but the key focus of the trip is to teach English to primary aged pupils in some local schools in the Kathmandu Valley. We have so far raised over £5,000 (our school charity this year) which we will take with us to use on specific projects in these schools. We will be trying to connect the wider school community by taking letters and drawings from our Prep School pupils to share with those we will be teaching and then, hopefully, bringing replies back with us. I am sure that you will hear many stories on our return.

Again, this has been a very busy term with much to celebrate. A key highlight has been the outstanding performing arts including Bugsy

Malone at the Epsom Playhouse - a real team success with the whole school coming together. There have also been very entertaining Prep School Words and Music performances; I even made a cameo appearance in one!

The Senior School Music Department has now taken up residence in the new Music Pavilion. This superb purpose built facility will enhance our already excellent music provision and pupils have been excited to start using the new equipment. We will certainly provide opportunities over the coming weeks for everyone to visit it. We now look forward to some further developments on all three sites.

Enterprise Week again proved to be a great success with Sixth Form students setting up 'pop up' businesses to raise money for charity. We have also enhanced the careers provision within the school through a Careers 'speed dating' event where Sixth Form students interviewed various local businesses as part of Careers Week. STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Week this year was for the whole school and involved a range of hands-on activities and tasks.

Over 70 parents, staff and friends enjoyed the PSFA Quiz on the 4th March and the Committee is now busy organising the PSFA Ball at Epsom Race Course on 1st July 2017. Tickets are on sale through Parent Pay and I look forward to seeing many of you there. The significant contribution played by the PSFA in supporting the life of the School cannot be underestimated and is very much appreciated.

Ms Bradshaw and I hosted a very successful presentation on the Growth Mindset to Prep School parents on Tuesday 21st March 2017. The Growth Mindset is a belief that an individual's qualities are "growable" and not fixed. Parents were given background information on the concept, examples of strategies to use with their children and stories were shared from several members of staff who have been trying it out this term. This is part of our Strategic Development Plan and we will be rolling it out to others over the coming months.

As always, there have been many other events, fixtures, activities and trips that are all highlighted in the Spring Term Review.

I would like to draw your attention to some changes to staff provision. Miss Eames will be leaving Ewell Castle School at the end of this term to pursue professional opportunities elsewhere. Mrs Fullbrook will be a new Prep School teacher from September and Mrs Evison has already joined us as the Lunchtime Supervisor at Chessington Lodge. Mrs Hewitt has taken on the full role of Prep School SENCo formally shared with Mrs Douglas.

Ms Walford is now the Head of Essex House and Mr White will be joining us after Easter as a new member of the PE Department and Head of Football. Mr Iddenden has been appointed as our Deputy Site Manager.

Miss Maskell has been appointed as a part time geographer to pick up Mr Bromley's teaching from September 2017. Mrs Wilson has resigned from the teaching of Maths although may

continue to be involved in school life in another capacity and Miss Garde has been appointed as our new Maths teacher for the new academic year. We say farewell to Mr March this summer who is moving for promotion to Head of Spanish at Epsom College and we welcome our new Modern Foreign Languages teacher Mrs Arganaraz. Ms Reid is leaving in July to pursue other interests and will be replaced by Mr Hall, our new chemist. Mrs Ikwemesi, our Chaplain, will be taking over from Mrs Hillman as Head of RS and Philosophy from September. Mrs Hillman will continue as part time Teacher of RS and Philosophy.

We wish both Ms Carrick and Mrs Sarmiento well as their babies are due later in the summer term and we are currently finalising maternity cover for the Head of Art and Photography. We welcome Ms Tekeste as maternity cover for Teacher of Design Technology in May. Mrs Double has now been with us since half term as our Art Technician.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all these members of staff

for their dedicated work with our young people and wish them all well in their future careers whether within Ewell Castle School or beyond.

Please can I draw your attention to a few highlights for the term ahead that you may wish to put in your diary....

- **Week beginning Monday 22nd May**
Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 internal exam week
- **Thursday 15th June**
Senior School Sports Day
- **Friday 16th June**
Pre-Prep School Sports Day – Nursery & Reception
- **Wednesday 21st June**
Prep School Sports Day – KS1 & 2
- **Monday 26th June**
Sports Awards Evening
- **Wednesday 28th June**
Prep School Prize Giving
- **Wednesday 28th June**
Ewell Castle Summer Festival
- **Friday 30th June**
Senior Prize Giving
- **Saturday 1st July**
PSFA Summer Ball at Epsom Race Course
- **Friday 7th July**
Terms ends

I am very pleased to inform you that we are introducing the new Schools On-line Calendar System (SOCS), which will be live from the 1st April 2017. You will be able to access this via the School website in the normal way but should find that this is a much more user-friendly system which will enable you to filter events in a variety of ways.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all senior pupils to use the Easter holiday wisely with plenty of revision and practice exam papers to ensure that they are fully prepared for the public exams next term. Study leave for Year 11 will commence on Monday 15th May and for Year 13 on Monday 22nd May 2017. Year 12 will have a week either side of half term from Monday 22nd May and are back in lessons on Monday 12th June 2017.

As we look forward to the better weather and longer days of the Summer Term may I wish you all a very enjoyable and restful Easter break.

Mr P Harris, Principal

SETTING OFF FOR NEPAL



YRS 12/13 BIOLOGY TRIP TO JUNIPER HALL



In January the Biology department took their AS and A2 students to Juniper Hall to complete various field studies in Box Hill. The scenery was superb and the

students collected some excellent data to analyse back in the laboratory.

Mr S Manley

YR 10 DT TRIP TO DESIGN MUSEUM

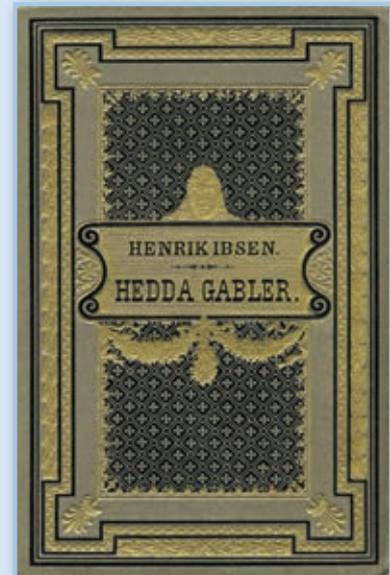
On Thursday 2nd February the Year 10 GCSE Product Design students visited the new Design Museum in Kensington. The visit included a self-guided tour of the "Designer Maker User" gallery as well as taking part in a guided workshop about designer chairs led by an Industrial Designer from the Museum. During this workshop, students had the chance to investigate design problems as well as modelling a paper version of the Vange's "Desile" folding chair.

This was an excellent opportunity for the students to see famous design products being showcased at the museum as well as being able to interact with how design has evolved over the years. There was also the opportunity to ask design related questions to an experienced designer who inspired them for their projects and resolved queries about design as a career.

Ms D Sarmiento



YR 12 DRAMA TRIP TO HEDDA GABLER



On Wednesday 25th January, the Year 12 Drama students went to see a live performance of Hedda Gabler by Henrik Ibsen. For this production, the modern playwright Patrick Marber scripted an updated version.

Whilst it was an interesting modernistic interpretation, in my opinion, being reset in modern day in a very sparse white living room, it lost the claustrophobic feeling of the original, in which the protagonist Hedda Gabler is a young lady with progressive ideas, suffocating under the constraints of a male dominated society.

However, as a master class in acting, there was a great performance given by Rafe Spall as Judge Brack. His masterly manipulation of Hedda featured subtle acting skills of voice, movement and swagger. He owned the stage space with a masterful presence and highlighted to our pupils the skills of refinement and subtlety required in acting.

Mr L Bader-Clynes

2017 SIXTH FORM ENTERPRISE

In the week before February half-term, the annual Sixth Form Enterprise Week took place. Plying their wares across the School, Sixth Form tutor groups sold all sorts from hot dogs to donuts; a race on a remote controlled car to milkshakes made with liquid nitrogen. Half an hour later, over £500 had changed hands. Teams were judged that afternoon as part of Sixth Form Enrichment, on their business strategy and financial

management. Keith's Hot Dogs won, with all proceeds going to a number of charities.

Mr J D'Souza



INTERMEDIATE MATHS CHALLENGE

Year 11	Award
Jackie Luo	Gold*
Sang Jun Kang	Gold*
Oliver Noon	Gold*
Nathan Simmons	Gold
Joseph Carter	Gold
Oliver Carter	Bronze
Sav Vignarajah	Bronze
Toby Wright	Bronze
Cameron Mason-Apps	Bronze
Jason Liu	Bronze
Paul Kim	Bronze
Dominic Hutton	Bronze

Year 10	Award
Jamie Campbell	Gold*
Jemin Park	Gold*
Lauren Body	Silver
Kelvin Cheung	Silver
Dilan Jayasena	Silver
Ed Roberts	Bronze
Ethan Moran	Bronze

Year 9 Award	Award
Taewon Kang	Gold*
Harry Park	Gold*
Orhun Isikoglu	Silver
Caleb Poulson	Silver
Joon Park	Bronze
Tom Williams	Bronze

* Moved on to second round.

MATHS FEST 2017

Thirty Sixth Form students went along to Maths Fest 2017. This featured some of the best maths speakers in the world. Students had a chance to meet and chat with maths celebrities. Maths Fest was organised by Matt Parker, a stand-up mathematician and featured Simon Singh, the best-selling maths author who delivered one of the most

interesting talks ever heard by most on "Maths Within The Simpsons".

The day consisted of multiple talks, which ranged from the production of the computerised scenes from the movie Interstellar to how binary code functions work and how this heavily links to Mathematics. It has certainly made mathematicians think more about complex maths and its

applications. The mathematicians enjoyed the complexity of the problems they were given to solve as it provided them with a stern challenge. It was a fantastic day out, certainly leaving them excited and ready to learn more maths! It was a day for sixth-form students to be inspired.

F Khan, 6DV



SIXTH FORM CAREERS NETWORKING CAROUSEL

A number of guest speakers, including many Old Ewellians, volunteered to talk about their careers at the Ewell Castle Sixth

Form Networking Carousel on Friday 24 February. This is a vital careers activity for the sixth form and we greatly appreciated their time and

professional expertise, giving students an opportunity to ask a range of questions about their working life.

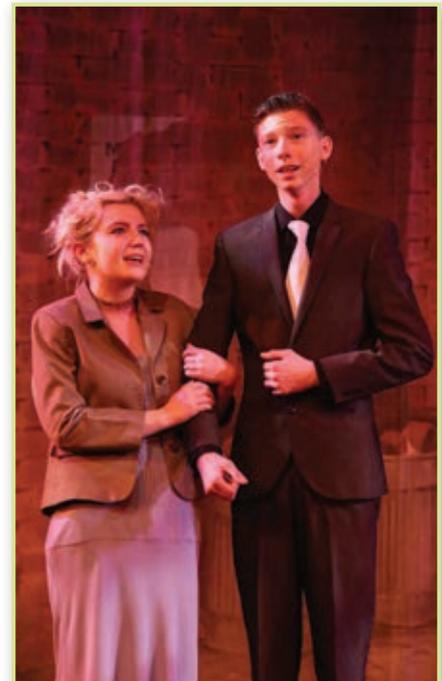


BUGSY MALONE

Following the rip-roaring success of *Oliver The Musical*, Ewell Castle School presented this slick, slapstick musical comedy, *Bugsy Malone*. *Bugsy Malone* followed the rivalry between two half-witted street gangs, led by Fat Sam (J Stace) and Dandy Dan (M Marchesi), not forgetting the suave and sophisticated Bugsy (I Conibear) himself. Along the way Bugsy found love in Blousy Brown (A Hillman), avoided the temptations of Tallulah (R Cottam) and befriended a cowardly boxer (A Webb), destined for stardom. Over 60 pupils, ranging from Year 6 to Year 13, took part in the production at the Epsom Playhouse, with a sold-out Thursday evening performance, with total

audience numbers in excess of 850. In support of their Year 6 peers, the entire Prep School body attended the matinee performance and provided a fantastic audience for the debut of the show. Highlights of the show included a stunning song and dance by Year 7 student, F Banham, as the downtrodden janitor, Fizzy. Not to be outdone, Year 10 student, J Banham brought back memories of *Rocky's* aged manager 'Mikey' in his portrayal of the boxing trainer, Cagey Joe. The entire production team are so proud of all of the cast and crew and look forward to building on this great success with future productions, which will be announced soon.

Mr B Essenhigh



FRENCH TRIP TO THE BRITISH FILM INSTITUTE

On 10th February, I took Year 13 (Fagan Aliyev, Ed Smith and Alex Moore) to Central London to participate in a French cinema forum as part of the A Level course. The topic covered was “la nouvelle vague” (“the new wave”), a movement of French cinema focused on exploring day-to-day life situations. The event took place in the BFI in Southbank and I am pleased to say that the students thoroughly enjoyed it.

During the morning, we were greeted by a presenter who spoke French throughout which helped the students immerse themselves

into the language. After a detailed presentation about the French cinematic world we were invited to watch a French film (“Bande de filles”) as an example of the modern day picture that contains elements of the “nouvelle vague” genre. After watching the film, students had the opportunity to participate in a question and answer session, in which Fagan was actively involved.

Overall, the event was both educational and enjoyable for the students and myself.

Mr A Osoz

HOUSE PANCAKE RACE



SKI TRIP 2017

A group of Year 8-10 students returned for the third consecutive year to the Saalbach Hinterglemm ski resort in Austria. Staying in a small town just down the road from the nearest ski lift, we stayed in our own guest house, Villa Olga. Our skiers skied all day, with special mentions going to our ‘mini instructor’ Christian Jones, our skier of the week, Oscar Luker, and our most improved beginner, Max Dunlop. In the evenings we ice skated, bowled, watched fireworks, swam and shopped – a busy trip for which we are now taking deposits for next year.

Ms K Wallace



CHARITABLE WORKS



There is no such thing as a quiet term for the Charitable Works Committee and this term has proved no different!! We have been supporting the School's main charity Nepal 2017 and with the trip fast approaching we have been doing lots of different fundraising events, for example, we have been having the bi-weekly cake sales which so far has raised just over £500. This figure is likely to rise as we have the Year 7 and 8 cake sales next term. Also the profits raised from the Sixth Form Enterprise day will be going to Nepal 2017. The house charity competition in which 1 and 2p coins are seen as positive points has really started to take shape and the level of competition

between the houses is quite intense, 1 house has put in a £50 note into the other houses pot as they know it is worth negative points. The house with the most copper coins in the jar at the end will be the winners. Once all three jars have been counted the final amount will be added to the Nepal total.

As well as fundraising for Nepal 2017 we have been supporting Leo the Lion, a charity set up by the Year 7's to raise money for WaterAid. Events for Leo the Lion have included all forms in Year 7 holding a cake sale raising over £200 and a fabulous cabaret evening set up and organised by the Sixth Form Students; this night included lots of different acts from all year groups.

The night was a huge success and raised just over £1,000 which is a fantastic achievement and credit must go to everyone involved in either the event or donating.

Ewell Castle had another first this term as we were invited to perform in the Surrey Schools Concert organised by The Children's Trust. As a school we have been supporting The Children's Trust for a long time and it was a real privilege to be invited to this event. Ewell Castle did a fantastic job and our 'entertainment' came from the fantastic cast of Bussy Malone singing songs from the musical. All proceeds from that event went towards the Children's Trust and will help them to continue their amazing work trying to rehabilitate children with brain injuries. Continuing with The Children's Trust theme we have encouraged students and staff to bring in some Easter Eggs which will be donated to the Children's Trust annual Easter Fair.

We would like to thank you all for your continued support and generosity this term and we look forward to next term where even more fundraising will take place.

J Miller, Joint Head of the Charitable Works Committee

ORLEAN'S HOUSE TRIP

Members of Year 8 enjoyed a day at very picturesque Orlean's House in Twickenham, on March 8th. The day commenced with a visit around the gallery which is held in converted 19th Century stables. The exhibition displayed a mixture of 2D work from abstract prints to Impressionist style paintings where the students chose a number of pieces of art to sketch from. These sketches were then used as a template for mono printing and dry point printing.

The dry point printing process uses specialist equipment and it was a

great experience for the students to try out: Small pieces of plastic-coated cardboard were scratched into with a compass, then ink was smudged into the design and wiped off giving a swirly effect. This card was placed on wet paper and pressed down via a huge printing press. Everybody produced a very impressive print!

In the spacious grounds, the group created some observational drawings looking at nature, inspired by Hundertwasser, the artist the Year 8's have been studying all term. Studies



of trees and close up impressions of daffodils were produced with lots of different mark making techniques to create texture.

Ms D Carrick

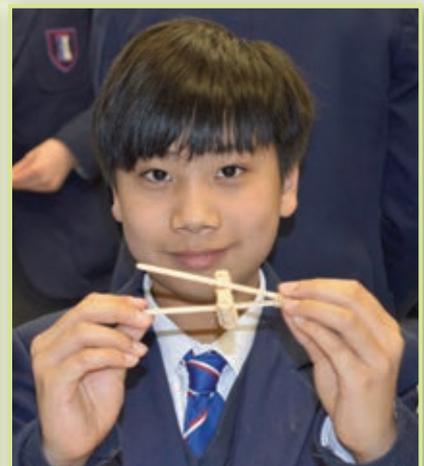
SIXTH FORM CHARITY CONCERT – LEO THE LION CABARET



On 2nd March 2017 this event started with the Year 7 bake sale, raising just over £200, and concluded with a highly successful Cabaret arranged by myself and A Webb. The Cabaret was held in the Budgell Hall, and consisted of acts from Sixth Formers and lower years, such as W Smith and F Banham, including group acts from the Girls' Choir, Guitar Ensemble, Barbershop and the Sixth Form Band. Tickets sold out and with 100 guests in the audience we raised £500 solely on ticket prices. With F Aliyev and M Jenkins as hosts, this was run by Sixth Form Students. During the intermission, F Banham and Z Fox sold self-designed Leo the Lion merchandise such as key chains and pre-ordered t-shirts, as well as a team of Year 7 students collecting donations. On top of ticket sales, around £450 was raised purely in donations. Overall, we raised over £1,100 throughout the course of the whole day. All of the proceeds have been sent to WaterAid in commemoration and honour of our Year 7 pupil, Leo Schuback, whom sadly passed away after being ill. This is a clear representation of Ewell Castle School, and how the student body supports and cares for each other.

M Hiza, 6DC

STEM WEEK



EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS



WARHAMMER



TEAM MATHEMATICS CHALLENGE

On Tuesday 7th March, Ewell Castle School took part in a Team Mathematics Challenge 2017. From Ewell Castle School four of us were chosen, two of us from Year 8 and two of us from Year 9, were selected to participate in this challenge. We were one out of twenty four schools in this competition. There were four rounds. The first round was to complete a set of ten questions in 45 minutes. It was very challenging and we got a score of 32 out of 60. The second round was to complete maths cross word known as a cross number which was very easy and Ewell Castle School got an impressive score of 56 out 60. Then the third round was a shuttle run which was hard. We split into pairs and once the first pair gets the answer then they have to give it to the other pair to find out the final answer. We got a score of

32 out of 60. Finally, it was the relay race. It was the best bit of the Maths Challenge. We did well and we got a score of 36 out of 60. Overall we came 13 out of 24. We enjoyed the

day and learned a lot. We thank Mr Nugteren for giving us the opportunity to participate in this maths challenge.



FOOTBALL SPRING TERM RESULTS AT 29TH MARCH 2017

For full Match Reports please visit the Ewell Castle School SOCS page <http://www.ewellcastlesport.co.uk/> - below are examples of recent Netball and Football Match Reports.

U12B

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goals Difference
0	0	0	0	0	0	0

U12A

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goals Difference
7	1	3	3	13	26	-13

U13A

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goals Difference
8	3	2	3	21	26	-5

U14A

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goals Difference
7	5	0	2	29	18	11

U15A

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goals Difference
6	3	0	3	21	14	7

2nd XI

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goals Difference
6	3	0	3	12	22	-10

1st XI

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goals Difference
9	3	1	5	17	17	0

Football Match Report - Ewell Castle School 1st XI vs Sutton Grammar School for Boys Boys-U18C.

Wednesday 22nd March 2017, venue: Away

A deserved victory against Sutton Grammar, after an early shock attack from with Sutton inside the first 30 seconds. Ewell were totally dominate during the game with the first goal coming from Nathan

who pounced on a dropped ball by the keeper, Otsan then opened his seasons goals by driving forward and scoring from the edge of the box and doubled his tally with a second half header. M Smith scored either side

of the break with his trademark long-range efforts to make the score 6-0. A disappointing final 10 minutes led to a late goal and the game ended the 6-1.

Mr P Roberts

NETBALL SPRING TERM RESULTS AT 29TH MARCH 2017

U12A

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goals Difference
10	4	1	5	78	77	1

U18B

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goals Difference
7	0	0	7	30	151	-121

U18A

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goals Difference
10	3	0	7	144	214	-70

Netball Match Report – Ewell Castle School Girls U18A vs Grey Court School.

Wednesday 22nd March 2017, venue: at Home

This much anticipated re match did not disappoint. The girls played an aesthetically pleasing and fast paced first quarter, leading 8-5 on the whistle. J Hillman and R Cottam both shooting with intent and

accuracy, the opposition made some changes in the next two quarters putting us under some pressure with their fast movement off the ball. Going into the last we were 2 down but the girls moved the ball well

and the accuracy of the feed into the 'D' enabled the shooters to 'let rip' on the goal, scoring 8 in quick succession. A brilliant win.

Mrs J Jones

ARTISTS OF THE TERM



Max Everest - Year 10



Caleb Poulson - Year 9



Beverley Nip - Year 12



Maya Boneva - Year 7



Joel Cooper - Year 11



Emir Ahmed - Year 8



Issy Bromley - Year 13

PHYSICAL THEATRE WORKSHOP

On 7th October 16 drama pupils took part in a 6-hour physical theatre workshop with 'Frantic Assembly', one of the world's leading physical theatre companies.

The company's work is extremely physical and demanding. The pupils learnt a huge amount from the experience and realised that being a professional performer demanded much more physical control, balance, strength and concentration.



They were expected to work at a much more energetic level than they have ever probably had to and they realised that being required to step-up to this more level of focus and commitment meant that the results of their dramatic work were

considerably improved.

They will be using these new physical skills vocabulary in their upcoming Devising projects for both GCSE and A-level.

Mr L Bader-Clynes



PSFA QUIZ NIGHT

Thank you to everyone who supported the PSFA quiz night, it was a great night and it was good to see so many people there. There was a fantastic range of quiz questions from anagrams to trivia which tested modern day knowledge as well as blasts from the past - my favourite was 'which question-and-answer game pits two players or teams against a single player', (the answer was 'Blockbusters'). The eventual winners were team 'We love Dan' - who were victorious

after a tense tie break. Thank you to our amazing quiz master Dan McClean, and everyone from the PSFA who helped out before and on the night - a special thanks goes to Jess Gunson, Katrina Hartman and Jannine Bosman.

Tickets for the Summer Ball are available on parent pay and are going fast - this year the event is being held at Epsom Racecourse, with magnificent views and live music!

Emma Mitchell, Chair PSFA

YEAR 12 ENGLISH TRIP TO STREETCAR LECTURE

In March, Year 12 English Literature students attended a formal lecture day on Tennessee William's tragedy of the deep south: A Streetcar Named Desire. Students travelled to the City of London to hear four lectures given by leading academics from UK Universities. The topics for the day included Poetic Tragedy, Memory and the Past, Nostalgia and Dramatic Structure.

Miss P Butterworth

DRAMA - TECHNICAL THEATRE MASTERCLASS

Mr Watkinson, who before becoming a teacher, worked for many years in the performing arts gave a Master Class for KS4 & KS5 Drama students on Set Design. He covered theatre spaces, the design process, examples of successful design and a resume of his own work.

YEAR 13 HISTORY TRIP TO LATE TUDORS CONFERENCE

Year 13 history students had the privilege to attend a set of lectures on the late Tudors at Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church in London. The day was split up into four different lectures with lecturers from Oxford, Royal Holloway, Cambridge and Bristol - we

were even given a lecture by the famous David Starkey who is one of the leading researchers on the Tudors.

M Robertson, 6DC

NEW MUSIC PAVILION - COMPLETED AND IN USE



MARY ROSE VISIT

Myself along with Mr Blencowe, Mr Manley and Mrs Hernandez took 41 Year 8 students to The Mary Rose in Portsmouth. This visit was in conjunction with work studied on The Tudors and in particular why did The Mary Rose sink? Students were given the opportunity to have a tour of the newly reopened museum. They were able to walk along a balcony over the top of the ship. They also had two workshops; one to assess the question why did the Mary Rose sink and one on Tudor surgery. In groups they studied the different methods of treatment and decided how they would treat patients with a variety of illnesses. The students and teachers all enjoyed this visit and gave us all a real feel for life on board the Mary Rose in 1545.

Mrs E Harrison



DUXFORD MUSEUM VISIT

On Tuesday 28th March the Year 10 historians visited Duxford to study the Cold War. We looked at

a range of military aircraft including the B52, the Vulcan and the B29. It was a great day and we learnt a lot.



YEAR 12 VISIT THEIR FUTURES....

On March 16, Year 12 students embarked on their journeys to university. UCAS, the university admissions body, held their annual Higher Education Exhibition at Brunel University. With almost every UK university represented there, Ewell Castle students wasted no time in exploring the courses and destinations that interested them most. Networking with the stall holders was interspersed with lectures on student finance and how to choose

and apply for a university place. A fun afternoon and a useful taste of what lies ahead for next year's university applicants.

The excitement and momentum from this visit will continue in school with a UCAS Evening for parents and students on Thursday 27 April and university preparation tutorials during the Summer Term.

On March 23, a number of Ewell Castle's highest achieving Year 12 students attended the Oxford

and Cambridge Conference at Epsom Downs Racecourse. The group agreed that meeting current students, lecturers and admissions staff in an intensive programme of talks, provided the perfect insight into exactly what these august institutions are looking for and how to prepare for a highly competitive university application. Truly a visit to inspire academic ambition backed by a lot of hard work.

Mrs E Lawrence, Careers Advisor

TATE MODERN ART GALLERY TRIP

The Year 10 artists and Years 12 and 13 photographers spent an exciting day out at the Tate Modern on March 22nd. We saw two very well-reviewed exhibitions; firstly, Robert Rauschenberg - a popular 1960's Pop Artist who paints large scale semi-abstract canvases, often with photos and prints merged onto the surface.

Secondly, the group visited the 'Radical Eye' which is a photographic exhibition on loan from Sir Elton John. His substantial collection was very impressive as he's been collecting photos

for decades some by famous photographers such as Man Ray and Brassai. The photographs were mainly portraits, some of which were of fellow artist such as Dali and Picasso.

As the 'Radical Eye' was exhibited in the new Switch House, we took this opportunity to travel up to the 10th floor and admired the panoramic view of London, overlooking the River Thames. As it was such a clear day we could see for miles!

Ms D Carrick

SHAKESPEARE LIVE

Year 7 were treated to a morning performance and workshop from theatre group Traffic Of The Stage, performing Shakespeare Live! This interactive performance included stage fighting, 'best stage death' awards, and an impressive 'Macbeth in 8 minutes'!

Miss P Butterworth

