



INTRODUCTION



Again, this has been a very busy term not least with the interruption of snow and ice. We have had much to celebrate with a key highlight being the outstanding performances of 'Guys and Dolls' at the Epsom Playhouse. A real team success with the whole School coming together. There have also been very entertaining Words and Music performances by the Preparatory School. The introduction of 'Lunchtime Live', a short recital by pupils in the Music Pavilion every Thursday, has been much enjoyed by staff, pupils and visiting governors. As a delightful ending to the Spring Term, I also attended the superb Year 4 production of 'Puss in Boots'.

Many of you will know that the Castle basement changing rooms are desperately in need of renovation and you will be pleased to hear that we have now received planning permission to upgrade them with work due to start at the end of the Summer Term.

Enterprise Week again proved to be a great success with Sixth Form students setting up 'pop up' businesses and raising £832 for charity. STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Week involved the whole School in a range of hands on activities and tasks.

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

As you will be aware, I recently announced that I will be taking up the post of Head Master of Birkdale School in Sheffield in January 2019. I have really enjoyed working with the dedicated staff on the exciting journey we have been on together to develop the School and I am, of course, fully committed to making further progress over the next two terms. The Governors will be looking to appoint my successor during the Summer Term to ensure a smooth transition. I have every confidence that Ewell Castle School, with its unique vision and ethos, will continue to flourish and support each child in achieving their potential.

I would like to draw your attention to a small number of other staff changes. We welcome Ms Carrick back following her maternity leave and thank Miss Donoghue for leading the Art and Photography Department during this time. As many of you will know, Mr D'Souza will be stepping down from being joint Head of Sixth Form from the end of this academic year and you will be pleased to learn that Mr Getty will be taking over this responsibility from September 2018. He in turn will be stepping down from being Head of Design Technology and Ms Sarmiento will be taking this role on from September. Mr Clark has taken on the role of Lunchtime Supervisor at Glyn House in addition to his role as Sports Teaching Assistant.

I would like to thank the PSFA for organising a very enjoyable and entertaining 'Comedy and Curry Night'. A first for us and judging by its success, a must for the future. The very popular Easter Egg Hunt at

Glyn House and Easter Bunny visit at Chessington Lodge were also arranged by the PSFA. I would like to invite you to the annual PSFA Summer Ball which returns to the Castle this year on Saturday 7th July 2018. Tickets are available on Parent Pay.

Many of you will have watched the amazing footage of the 'Blue Planet' and been dismayed by the horrendous damage that plastics are doing to our oceans. With this in mind, and following current political will to address this issue, from the beginning of the Summer Term we will no longer be selling bottled water in the Dining Hall. We would ask that pupils bring in their own reusable water bottles and use one of the many places around the school to fill this up as necessary.

We regularly have feedback from pupils and parents regarding school lunches and in order to provide the best service possible we have decided to change the system. From September 2018 pupils will either be able to have a contract lunch for the term or will have to bring in a packed lunch. We will not be offering the pay-as-you-go system for lunch, however, it will remain for breakfast and the Sixth Form café.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all Year 11 and 13 pupils to use the Easter holidays 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 14th May and for Year 13 on Monday 21st May.

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

LAMDA

In April, pupils from Years 6-10 will complete their LAMDA examinations at school. The candidates have been working hard to learn two contrasting monologues to perform in front of the examiner. Workshops have been running in the Senior School over the last few months to prepare pupils; they have developed character profiles for each monologue and have a thorough knowledge of the emotional journey of each character. The examiner will ask about the play from which their monologue comes from in addition to questions about characterisation.

We wish all our LAMDA candidates the best of luck for their exams!

Mrs L Jones

TRIP TO NEASDON TEMPLE



Year 7 visited the Neasdon Temple on 16th January and were treated to a film, a look around the Mandir

and allowed to witness an Arti ceremony.

Ms V Ikwuemesi



SIXTH FORM ENRICHMENT

On 26th January Dr Peter Vardy visited the School to spend the afternoon with the Sixth Form. A renowned British academic, philosopher, theologian and author who has been described as “one of the leading experts of religion and values education in Britain, Australia and New Zealand” led students in a fascinating & stimulating discussion.



WINTER BALL

This year's Winter Ball took place on Saturday 13th January 2018 at Glenmore House, Surbiton. Thank you to everyone who donated a raffle prize or auction lot, bought a Winter Ball raffle ticket and or bought a ticket



to the Winter Ball and to those who successfully bid for an auction lot.

We raised nearly £6,000 for performing arts at Ewell Castle

School. Thank you very much, your support and generosity is really appreciated.

INDIA DAY

On 18th January Year 9 took part in India Day, looking at various aspects of the country's diverse culture. Pupils took part in various activities in order to learn about Indian history, language, religions, dance, architecture and food through cookery, dance, DT, Art,

Mathematics and games including the ancient Indian board game, Snakes and Ladders.

Thank you to all the teachers who got involved and helped make the day a success.

Mrs R Owen



NETBALL TRIP

On Monday 22nd January the Year 7 and Year 8 girls went to watch a live netball match. This match was England Roses vs Australia Diamond's at the Copper Box, Stratford.

We left school at 5pm, setting off from Ewell West train station. About 40 minutes later, we arrived at Waterloo station, however we still had not finished our journey. Our final destination was 8 tube stops away.

We finally arrived at the Copper Box arena in Stratford. It was a fantastic venue! We walked through the Olympic village which was inspiring. You could even smell the chlorine of the Olympic swimming pool!

All 13 of us ventured into the arena where we sat down to a great view



of the game, enabling us to cheer England on. The arena was huge, fitting 7,500 people inside. The game was incredible. I could not believe the speed at which they managed to receive and pass the ball.

The final result was 50-46 to Australia which was very close.

Thank you so much Miss Speed and Mrs Jones for this fantastic opportunity!

Livvy B



PSFA

Thank you to all the Year 7 and Year 8 pupils that came to the PSFA Disco in February – the DJ got everyone dancing including Mr Manley (who did a very good YMCA!) and the tuck shop was appreciated by all. As it was so successful we have put a Year 5 and Year 6 Disco in the diary for the end of the Summer term – further details after the Easter break.

We hadn't planned for snow in March but what an amazing Comedy & Curry night! Thank you to the 100 folk that came and gave their support – we were entertained by five hilarious comedians including our very own compere James! Thank you as well for all the lovely feedback on the comedy and food – it's always nice to hear especially for 'a first of its kind event'! To top it all we raised an amazing £650! A massive thanks goes to Tracy Dale who organised the event, Lisa Salmon, Clodagh Brown, Clare Alford, Patrick Alford, Tracey Wilkins and Nicole Brown who all made it possible on the night!

Tickets are now available on ParentPay for the 'Cocktails and Dreams' Summer Ball which is back at the Castle this year on Saturday 7th July, early bird tickets are available until 28th April for a reduced price of £65 (from £75) – which includes a welcome drink, 3 course meal, half a bottle of wine, music from a DJ and Band!

Key dates for your diary:

Tuesday 27th March – Pre-prep / Prep School Easter Egg Hunt

Wednesday 20th June – Sports Day Bubbles and Pimms

Saturday 7th July – 'Cocktails & Dreams' Summer Ball in the Castle Grounds

Tuesday 10th July – Year 5 and Year 6 Disco

Emma Mitchell, Chair PSFA

'A WILD NIGHT OUT' WITH PAUL GOLDSTEIN

We were delighted to host "A Wild Night Out with Paul Goldstein: Tales & Images from the Poles to the Plains" on Tuesday 23rd January. Paul is one of the UK's most respected wildlife photographers and he kindly offered to share some incredible stories and photographs from his travels. The evening also

included a pupil photography competition for pupils aged 5 to 18 where he was impressed by the high quality of the pupil photo entries.

Thank you to everyone who made donations during the evening; all monies raised went to Paul Goldstein's chosen wildlife charity.



GCSE AND A LEVEL KEYNOTE CONFERENCES 2018

The Keynote Music conferences provide A Level and GCSE students with practical, engaging and motivating examination study skills to improve their grades.

Our students travelled to London to listen to three highly experienced examiners share their top tips on successful examination technique and revision strategies: Simon Rushby, a professional composer specialising in J-, K- and C-Pop; Richard Bristow, a published author of various revision guides, and Emma Sees,

an experienced Head of Creative Arts and examiner.

The students learned how to apply subject knowledge to exam questions, were given inventive ideas for creating original compositions and were particularly taken by the impressive performances by students from other Schools. A valuable and productive day was had by all; we look forward to next year's conference.

Mrs V Edwards

INTERMEDIATE MATHS CHALLENGE 2018 - RESULTS

Gold Certificates

Jamie Campbell
Jemin Park
Dilan Jayasena
Minsuk Lee
Taewon Kang
Harry Park

Silver Certificates

Samuel Elson
Edward Roberts
Ben Dunckley
Thomas Williams
Orhun Isikoglu

Bronze Certificates

James Wilson
Kelvin Cheung
Talha Niaz
Harry Davis
Tahir Ballantyne
Armaan Jiwa
Alessandro Chinasamy

Test results for the students below are not yet available and will follow in due course.

Maclurin (Yr 11)

Jamie Campbell

Hamilton (Yr 10)

Minsuk Lee
Taewon Kang

Pink Kangaroo

Jemin Park
Dilan Jayasena
Harry Park

DRAMA TRIP TO 'A COMEDY ABOUT A BANK ROBBERY'

On Thursday 1st February Years 9 to 13 saw 'The Comedy about a Bank Robbery' at the Criterion Theatre, London. It was a fantastic production full of energy, slapstick and physical theatre. The pupils very much enjoyed

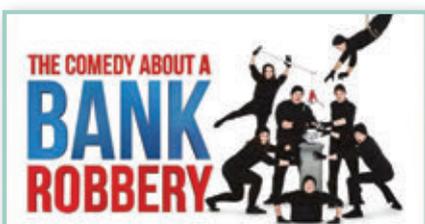
the production. They were laughing throughout the whole performance.

If you and your family want to go to see an enjoyable piece of theatre, I would highly recommend this production.

For our pupils taking GCSE and A-level Drama the performance provided them with lots of stunning production elements to critique, such as acting, directing, lighting, sound, set and costume.

For Year 9 pupils it provided a great foundation for writing about the Evaluation of Live Theatre.

Mr L Bader-Clynes



ENTERPRISE WEEK

Well done to our enterprising Sixth Formers who by organising this year's Enterprise Week, raised £832.00 for charity. Thanks to everyone who bought something from one of the various stalls.





2018 SKI TRIP

February half term saw 28 students visit the Saalbach Hinterglemm Austrian ski resort for a week of skiing and alpine entertainment. In addition to skiing, we swam, bowled, watched the local team play ice hockey, quizzed and ice-skated. Huge progress was made by all of our ski groups, who all competed in a slalom competition on the trip's penultimate day. Particular congratulations to our medal winners: Marnie Harris, Kamran Seward (Bronze); Edie Davis, Cassian Short, Fin MacSherry (Silver); Chris Han, Kiy James- David, Matthew Burbridge

(Gold)... and Matthew also won the prestigious gold cup for fastest time of the day.

Deposits are now being taken for the 2019 Ski Trip.

Ms K Wallace



HOUSE PANCAKE RACE



ENGLISH TRIP TO ROMEO AND JULIET

Year 10 travelled to Holy Trinity Church in Guildford to see the Guildford Shakespeare Company's 'Romeo and Juliet.' The matinee

performance boasted an impressive setting, which symbolically got darker and darker as the action moved towards its tragic end.

Highlights for the audience were the angrily Scottish Lord Capulet and the innocent Juliet - opinion was divided on whether Romeo was believable or slightly irritating and all were surprised that the politically correct director had changed Juliet's age from 13 to 16. An enjoyable afternoon for some who are now studying the text for GCSE 9-1 English Literature and some who attended for pleasure.

Ms K Wallace



PARLIAMENT VISIT

On 26th February, the A Level Politics students enjoyed a trip to the Houses of Parliament. On a snowy day, we enjoyed visiting all three chambers within the Palace of Westminster. In particular, The House of Lords and the House of Commons were highlights, because we were able to stand in the benches where the Peers and MPs sit.

Following the tour, we learnt about voting systems by doing a group activity where we all stood as candidates in an election. We had to come up with party manifestos - a particularly successful one was the nationalisation of Nandos!



We were lucky enough to have this interrupted by Chris Grayling (MP for Epsom and Ewell and Transport Secretary) who opened himself up

to questions. Overall it was a very enjoyable and successful trip.

Ollie C

ARTISTS OF THE TERM - SPRING



Ted Boulting Williams - Year 9



Mohammad Masood - Year 7



Eloise Warren - Year 11



Beverley Nip - Year 13



George Ahrens - Year 10



Andriana Argyrou - Year 8



Max Bowen-West - Year 12

NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK AND SIXTH FORM CAREERS CAROUSEL

March was a busy month in the Careers Department. 5th – 9th saw National Careers Week and National Apprenticeships week, marked in school with assemblies and activities for all year groups. Year 7, 8 and 10 explored what is at risk if we stereotype careers by gender. They were introduced to a number of influential women working at the top of their professions in engineering, law enforcement, higher education and even farming. Our students should look outside the confines of gender to find their dream jobs in careers that harness what they do best. Year 7 & 8 went on to create a colourful display of mini-posters outlining their career ambitions. Year 9 looked at the most popular career choices they had made using 'Fast Tomato' careers software and compared this to the most readily available jobs in London and the South East. Year 11 used the week to continue planning their work placements for Work Experience Week in June. What an exciting range of employers they have already lined up! Delayed by the bothersome snow, the Sixth Form eventually enjoyed networking with career role models at the Sixth Form Careers Carousel on 16 March. Year 12 and Year 13 students met and questioned representatives from a wide range of careers; some parents, some old boys and others, friends of the school.

Mrs E Lawrence



ART TRIP TO TATE BRITAIN

On Monday 5th March the Year 10, 11 and 12 art students travelled up to the Tate Britain to view the "All Too Human" exhibition. Artists' works on display included Lucian Freud, Francis Bacon, Paula Rego, Jenny Saville and many more in an exploration of 20th Century paintings. Students were able to sketch from various artworks and also view the permanent exhibits in order to inform their own studies.

Many thanks to the students for

their enthusiasm and to Ms Carrick for her help.

The "All Too Human" exhibition runs until 27th August 2018.

Mrs E Shepherd



YEAR 12 CLASSICS CONFERENCE

On 6th March the Year 12 Classics students attended a great conference in Central London. Themes that were looked at included the role of the Gods in the Odyssey and the concept of a Homeric Hero.



Mr J C Blencowe

SPORTS RESULTS

For full Match Reports please visit the Ewell Castle School SOCS page <http://www.ewellcastlesport.co.uk/>

Football

| Teams | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | Goals For | Goals Against | Goal Difference |
|-------------|--------|-----|-------|------|-----------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1st XI Boys | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 15 | 10 | 5 |
| 2nd XI Boys | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 22 | -17 |
| 3rd XI Boys | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 22 | 6 | 16 |
| U15A Boys | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 16 | 22 | -6 |
| U14A Boys | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 10 | 1 |
| U13A Boys | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 21 | 18 | 3 |
| U13A Girls | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 19 | -16 |
| U12A Boys | 6 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 13 | 31 | -18 |
| U12A Girls | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 |

A recent Football match report is included below.

Ewell Castle School 1st XI vs Radnor House Twickenham

On: Wednesday, 17 Jan 18

Venue: Away

Ewell Castle started brightly and on the front foot with the pacey Andrew Thomas causing Radnor's full back plenty of problems. The breakthrough came when a free kick was awarded in a dangerous position and Matt Smith converted with aplomb. Shortly after, the lead was doubled in fine style. Marcus Daly got in down the channel and lofted a delightful cross to the far

post where Will Harding waited to head the ball in. Radnor regrouped and started to get into the game and only an important save from Ed Cribb allowed Ewell to get to the interval with their 2-0 lead intact. The second half was one way traffic and further goals from Thomas, Smith, Cameron Mason-Apps and Lucas Coker saw Ewell run out comfortable winners.

Mr T White



Netball

| Teams | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | Goals For | Goals Against | Goal Difference |
|---------|--------|-----|-------|------|-----------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1st VII | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 82 | 121 | -39 |
| 2nd VII | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 35 | 61 | -26 |
| U13A | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 47 | 155 | -108 |
| U12A | 7 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 65 | 125 | -60 |
| U12B | 7 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 33 | 81 | -48 |

A recent Netball match report is included below

Ewell Castle School 2nd VII vs Reed's School Girls-U18D

On: Wednesday, 07 Mar 18

Venue: Away

An excellent match today highlighted the improvement the girls have made from the beginning of the season. A fairly even first quarter of 2-2 later turned to a Ewell dominating the court. The second quarter Lilly Webb showed outstanding shooting and movement around the shooting circle

bringing the score to 9-3. Defensively Ewell remained strong throughout with some confident interceptions from Rosie bring the 3rd quarter to 16-7. The final score reflected the determination the girls put into the game ending at 20-8.

Miss S Speed



HOUSE FOOTBALL

Congratulations to Essex House for winning the House Football competition. Results for the A competition: 1st Castlemaine, 2nd Essex, 3rd Raleigh. Results for the B competition: 1st Essex, 2nd Castlemaine, 3rd Raleigh. Overall results: 1st Essex, 2nd Castlemaine, 3rd Raleigh.



6TH FORM VS STAFF NETBALL



IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM VISIT



The Year 10 historians visited the Imperial War Museum, Duxford to consolidate their learning on the Cold War. The American Hanger gave the opportunity for the pupils to see the huge B52 bomber as well as the infamous U2 spy plane. The historians were also able to see a section on the Berlin Wall, influential in the Cold War. The day also

allowed the pupils to see numerous tanks and planes which have been used throughout the past 100 years. The trip was finished off with the class being able to get inside a Concorde.

Overall a fantastic visit.

Ms L Wilkinson

UCAS EXHIBITION

On Tuesday 13 March, Year 12 students visited the UCAS University Exhibition at Surrey University. 158 universities from across the country were represented. There were inspirational talks, topical seminars, application process advice, and interactive stands. At the very beginning of their UCAS journey, Year 12 began to find out what life is like on a university

campus, to ask current students what it's really like to study a certain subject and to address some burning questions that Google just can't answer. There really was something for everyone, with plenty of stalls showcasing the new range of apprenticeships which are the modern alternative to university.

Mrs E Lawrence



CHARITABLE WORKS

It has been a fantastically busy term for the Charitable Works Committee.

As well as our ongoing 'Cake off' competition to raise funds for the Sunnybank Trust, we also have Help the Ouse charity competition, a Sixth Form dinner and we have collected Easter Eggs for the Children's Trust. Our annual trip to the Children's Trust to deliver the Easter Eggs will be in the last week of term and we have, as always, been invited to their Easter Fair on Saturday 31 March 2018 at their national specialist centre in Tadworth.

I am so proud to head up a school society that is committed to making a positive difference in the lives of others and one that will raise thousands of pounds over the academic year.

The house competition, which closed on the last day term was very successful with students and staff strategically placing notes and coppers into the various jars.

The Dinner was a huge success with over £450 being raised in a single

night. Special mention must go to Ben McManus, Margot Hiza and Naym Ali from the Sixth Form, and Ed Roberts and Patrick Alford from the Senior School, who took over much for the organisation. Their collective dogged determination to make the event such a success really paid off. Dorothy Watson from the Sunnybank Trust came with an ambassador and they had an amazing time. Dorothy will be coming in to school in the summer term to talk to the Sixth Form more about the charity and we have also been invited to help them on a Thursday afternoon. It is so wonderful to see the smallest acorn of an idea first proposed at a CWEC meeting last year begin to grow into such a massive Oak.

Thank you for all your support this term!

Next term we will have the quarter, semi and finals of the Charity 'Cake off' competition.

Ms C Hoddell

CHARITY CAKE SALE

Well done to Roderic for making such an amazing cake for our charity cake sale on 19th January.



STEM WEEK

Pupils took part in a variety of educational activities during our STEM Week from 12th - 16th March. Activities included investigating how to make the most effective paper helicopters, designing and building a catapult, constructing balloon towers and discovering which materials are best at absorbing liquids to make an effective 'astro-nappy'.





BIG BANG SCIENCE FAIR

Students from Year 10 and Year 12 attended the Big Bang Science Fair in the NEC Birmingham. Upon arrival we were greeted by Formula 1 cars, Red Arrows and hundreds of stands showing cutting edge science and technology from major companies, universities and some schools. There were many interactive displays including a running track where you could compare your time with that of Usain Bolt and a leg on which you could perform keyhole surgery. There was also careers advice and networking opportunities for those looking to pursue a career in STEM.

Mr T Hall



INTRODUCTION TO SHAKESPEARE



Year 7 were treated to an interactive workshop in the Spring Term to complete their 'Introduction to Shakespeare' module. The students learnt about the difference between a Shakespearean Comedy and Tragedy, joining the actors to show off their knowledge.

Ms P Butterworth

ART CARICATURE WORKSHOP

On Wednesday 14th March the Year 7 students took part in a caricature workshop lead by Steve Marchant, the curator of the Cartoon Museum.

Steve showed the students how to simplify facial features and gave step by step instructions on how to draw Winston Churchill, Nelson Mandela and Donald Trump. The students achieved some great likenesses! Then the students drew Steve and the two most successful won a caricature of themselves by him.

Many thanks to all the students for their enthusiastic participation and to Ms Carrick and Mrs Rowe for their help.

The cartoon museum makes a fantastic day out and Steve also runs cartoon workshops during school holidays which might be a great idea for Easter!

www.cartoonmuseum.org for more details.

Mrs E Shepherd



GUYS AND DOLLS

Following the rip-roaring success of *Oliver! The Musical* and *Bugsy Malone*, Ewell Castle School presented *Guys And Dolls*; an oddball romantic comedy, at the Epsom Playhouse, with two shows on Wednesday 21st March and a Gala Evening Performance on 22nd March. Gambler Nathan Detroit (Naym), tries to find the cash to set up the biggest craps game in town while the authorities breathe down his neck; meanwhile, his girlfriend, nightclub performer Adelaide (Isha Belle), laments that they've been engaged for 14 years and haven't tied the knot. Nathan turns to fellow gambler Sky Masterson (Jack) for the dough, but Sky ends up chasing the straight-laced missionary Sarah Brown (Chloe). *Guys And Dolls* takes us from the heart of Times Square to the cafes of Havana, Cuba, and even into the sewers of New York City, but eventually everyone ends up right where they belong. All of the cast did a superb job tackling this epic but tough show, with special mention to great performances by Ted as Nicely Nicely; Isaac as Benny; and Music Captain, Edward, as Arvide. Over the three performances, more than 900 people managed to catch this extravaganza, including invited guests from Epsom Primary and St. Christopher's Pre-Prep, who got to meet the cast afterwards. Thank you to all of the cast, crew, staff and parents of Ewell Castle for your support.

Mr B Essenhigh

