



E-NEWS FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2022



SIXTH FORM HAMLET THEATRE VISIT

After a long period of theatre closures, we were delighted that our sixth formers could watch a performance of Hamlet at the candle-lit Sam Wanamaker Theatre, part of The Globe Theatre, on London's sunny Southbank on Tuesday 8 February. Understanding multiple interpretations of the play is an integral part of the literature A level exam, and this modern, innovative performance made for much discussion as we headed home. It was a memorable afternoon which allowed students to have a truly immersive experience of Shakespeare's most famous tragedy.

A LEVEL ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY TRIP

On Tuesday 1 February, the sixth form art and photography students spent the day in London. The walk from London Waterloo, via the Golden Jubilee Bridge, provided an excellent opportunity for students to take photographs before arriving at the National Gallery in Trafalgar Square. Inside the exhibition, Dürer's Journeys: Travels of a Renaissance Artist, students were able to take photos of the exhibition and spend time sketching. After eating lunch in Chinatown, we then walked to the Photographers' Gallery to see the work of street photographer, Helen Levitt, along with the gallery's 50th anniversary display.



YEAR 9 PERFORM TAMING OF THE SHREW

The Shakespeare Schools' Theatre Festival is a cultural educational project that support young people to perform abridged Shakespeare plays in professional theatres. This year, Claremont Fan Court School were delighted to perform at one of the most outstanding regional venues in the South East, The Rose Theatre, Kingston. This year, we had over 20 Year 9 pupils taking part in the festival. These pupils have spent months learning lines and rehearsing during lunch, after school and at weekends, culminating in an exhilarating adaptation of 'Taming of the Shrew'.

WELLBEING WEEK

Pupils participated in Wellbeing Week between 7-11 Feb. During the course of the week pupils have been encouraged to look after their mental and physical health through taking part in fun activities. From having a boogie to let off steam, to using calming mindfulness to control anxiety, this week is all about helping our students live and think more positively.



U20S ENGLAND LACROSSE



Congratulations to upper sixth student and head girl, Jess F, who has been selected to attend the lacrosse home internationals as part of the England U20s squad this spring. This wonderful achievement has not been without bumps in the road after the internationals were cancelled due to the pandemic in both 2020 and 2021, however it is fantastic that Jess will finally have the opportunity to join the squad this year.

"I'm more than thrilled to have been selected to attend; travelling to Scotland with the U20 squad will be an amazing first international experience."

SINGING TEA

We had the pleasure of hearing a dozen pupils perform at our singing tea in the Great Room on Wednesday 2 February. A beautiful sunset from the mansion windows whilst the performances were in session made for a wonderful setting and the audience thoroughly enjoyed each performance, followed by an array of refreshments.

All the performers did exceptionally well and it must be noted that standing up in front of a live audience with just your voice to carry you requires confidence and this is not an easy task. Many congratulations to all those that participated in this event!





STEM CLUB MURDER MYSTERY

STEM club pupils enjoyed investigating a murder mystery in the Sir Sydney Camm science and technology building on Thursday 13 January. Following a terrible murder of Carl Monte, the host of a lavish New Year's Eve party, CSI Claremont sprang into action to solve this mysterious crime! Year 8 crime scene officers in full costume collected evidence left behind at the scene including a shoe print, fingerprints, and possible murder weapons. These were all recorded as evidence for further analysis.

Over the coming weeks pupils will explore the evidence using chemical, soil, footprint and fibre analysis. They will also investigate fingerprint techniques, to bring the perpetrator to justice. It was wonderful to see the activity so well attended and there was much excitement amongst pupils as they began to investigate the crime scene.

ASTRONOMY CLUB



We have been lucky with some bright, clear winter weather at Claremont recently. On Thursday 13 January we had some great conditions in which to get a closer look at the moon. Astronomy club pupils gathered together on the triangle at the end of the school day to peer through the school telescope. Pupils were able to catch a detailed glimpse of the surface of the moon, including its many craters as it shone brightly in the sky. They were also able to see Jupiter in the South Western sky, with three of its moons clearly visible in orbit around it.

VIOLIN DISTINCTION

Many congratulations to Rishi B in Year 12 who took his grade VIII violin examination in December 2021 and scored a very high Distinction with 95/100. Distinctions are not easy to achieve and performances must be at an exceptionally high standard for an examiner to award this. Alongside his other musical commitments in December as leader of the school orchestra, solo vocalist in the Carol Service, sixth form pantomime cast member and his A level studies; it is quite a remarkable achievement. Our congratulations to Rishi on this wonderful news to start the new year.





HOUSE UPDATE

As another half term flies by, we've barely had time to catch our breath from all of the heroic House action we have seen since we came back in January!

It may be a new year but you all certainly kept up the prodigious pace that you set in Autumn 2021 with an astronomical amount of points scored for all five houses in these last few weeks. We have had our artists dazzling us once again with some special Spring-themed Self Portraits, whilst Ms Howes has got our Year 7s and 8s penning some poetry with her incredible house Valentine's Day Card competition.

On a sporting front, we've also seen you doing battle on the Badminton court and at the Table Tennis table as you smashed, served and volleyed your houses up the points chart!

We even showed that we can be green with our competitions! Since January, you have been relentlessly recycling your empty pens and gluesticks in an effort to see which house can collect the heaviest amount of reusable stationary before half term. You have been SO impressive, that the Claremont Climate Crew have extended the competition so that we can continue to make a positive environmental impact whilst scoring some serious points.

There is still loads more to come so keep your eyes peeled on your house boards to see what events are coming up soon!

Thanks and have a great half term,

Your Heads of Houses

PTA SAVE THE DATES

FRIDAY 18 MARCH - QUIZ NIGHT

The annual PTA quiz night returns! Tickets will be on sale from Wednesday 23 February via Claremont Connect (details to follow).

FRIDAY 29 APRIL - RACE NIGHT

Pen this date into your calendars, folks, and be at the starting gates for the PTA's maiden Race Night at Claygate Village Hall. The PTA are asking for your support by sponsoring a race for £50, this will also secure valuable advertising space on our Race programme, and a plug by the Race Caller on the night! Please email Sabina on sabina.spiteri@gmail.com if you're interested, or know of any businesses who may be.

Jockey into position for a fun social night out, fish and chips, and place some bets on some sure winners to support your PTA. Please keep a look out for more details from the PTA in March.

FRIDAY 13 MAY - PTA SUMMER BALL

More details to follow...

SAVE THE DATE

Friday March 18th

CLAREMONT FAN COURT SCHOOL PTA



Tickets £17.50 per person

**TICKETS AVAILABLE THROUGH: CLAREMONT CONNECT (DETAILS
TO FOLLOW)**

TICKETS ON SALE WEDNESDAY 23RD FEBRUARY

TICKET PRICE INCLUDES CURRY

CASH BAR ON THE NIGHT

**TABLES OF 8 (ADULTS
ONLY)**

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CLAREMONT FAN COURT SCHOOL PTA SUMMER BALL



Friday May 13th

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