



## E-NEWS

### OCTOBER HALF TERM 2022



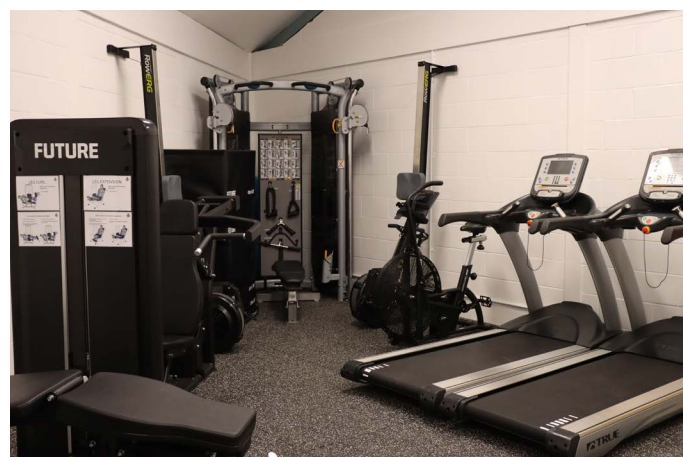
## OUR CENTENARY

September marks the first month of the new academic year but it also marks the first month celebrating our 100th year as a school. We will be celebrating 100 years of excellence with a number of events over the course of the year. To mark the start of the celebrations, school captains, headteachers, our bursar and the head of development came together at the start of term to raise our centenary flag. We are looking forward to celebrating this momentous year with you all. Please do take the time to visit the school website and explore our newly added centenary pages where you can find out more on upcoming centenary events, charity work planned for the year, watch and listen to the very special '100 voices' page, a new school archive site and purchase Claremont Fan Court School centenary gifts.

You can find our centenary pages here: <https://www.claremontfancourt.co.uk/our-centenary/>

## YOUNG DESIGNER COMPETITION

Two GCSE textile design students and one A level textile student were chosen as finalists in the Young Fashion Designer (South Centre) Competition 2022. The competition was very strong this year the judges had to select from many entries from schools and colleges in the South of England. The students went to Kent College on Saturday 8 October for the finals. The students put up a display of their work and were judged on their sketchbook, design development boards and final outcomes. Katie D received an award for sustainable design and Maria E received an award for textile manipulation in the GCSE design category. Also, Eve D received an award for textile manipulation in the A level category. Congratulations!



## NEW FITNESS SUITE

We are pleased to confirm the new fitness suite opened this term and we have received very positive feedback from the first groups of pupils who attended their induction sessions. This exciting new facility will be available to Years 11-13 for use on an individual basis under the supervision of PE staff at all times. Years 7-10 will also have the opportunity to use some of this equipment as part of their timetabled PE lessons from time to time. We are excited this facility will offer pupils the opportunity to work on their personal strength, conditioning and rehabilitation training in a safe and inclusive environment.



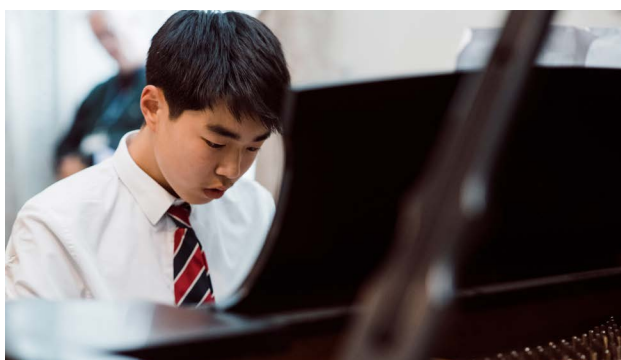
## YEAR 7 ONE DAY FILM SCHOOL

Our Year 7's became film directors for the day in September! The 'one day film school' team building day, run by the company Young Film Academy, taught pupils the basics of filmmaking, film history, editing, screenwriting and even fight choreography (a definite crowd favourite). They were challenged to make short films in small groups, which were screened at the end of the day with an Oscar presented for best picture. The standard was very high, so it was a tough decision... the Best Picture Oscar was awarded to 'War Lovers'. It told an engaging, entertaining story which was technically superb: the judges were particularly impressed by the excellent performances and high standard of camerawork, editing and sound design. Congratulations to the winning team – we hope to see them at the (real) Oscars!



## NATIONAL POETRY DAY

In celebration of National poetry day, on 6 October Year 8 enjoyed poetry workshops led by KIMBA a travelling poet. KIMBA's sessions aim to nurture and develop students' skills and enthusiasm towards reading, writing and poetry – our Year 8 pupils produced some fantastic poetry and also managed to share it with their peers. They refined their knowledge about poetical devices and confidently shared themes which evolved into collective verses. We are proud of their participation in KIMBA's workshops and their passion for the written word. The English faculty look forward to some future performances from our budding inhouse spoken word artists!



## PIANO TEA

The music department recently hosted a piano tea, the latest in our informal teas and what a delightful afternoon we had. Eighteen talented pianists had the privilege to play in the Great Room. The participating pupils represented a cross-section of standards across all three schools playing their various pieces to parents, alumni and staff. This was followed by a delicious tea with cakes and biscuits! A big thank you to all those involved in this event and to our peripatetic teachers.





# #HELLOYELLOW

On Friday 7 October, Claremont Fan Court School invited pupils and staff to wear yellow to raise awareness around mental health and to support the vital work of Young Minds UK charity. The day was a wonderful success and it was fantastic to see so much yellow on show throughout the school, from yellow bows in Nursery to smart yellow ties in the sixth form.

Fundraising events included Senior School pupils getting their nails painted yellow by our volunteer sixth formers and enjoying a delicious hug in a mug (hot chocolate) at breaktime. There was also a danceathon where pupils worked on their physical and mental health by learning a new dance routine.



## Clubs



### STEM CLUB

STEM club is back! Our scientists kicked the year off by examining moss in distilled water. Amongst the murky green liquid, they discovered all sorts of wriggling microorganisms. Some pupils enjoyed this experiment so much they have put a microscope on their Christmas list!

### EXPERIMENTAL DRAWING CLUB

This art club brings pupils together at lunchtime to release their inner creativity. Pupils have the freedom to draw or paint whatever they like in the calm atmosphere of the art room. Sixth form volunteers are on hand to assist the younger Year 7 pupils, while an art teacher gives advice on techniques. Year 7 love this club because their imagination has no limits when there is no brief to stick to.





## YEAR 11 AND 13 STUDY SKILLS WORKSHOP

On Thursday 6 October, Years 11 and 13 took part in an engaging study skills workshop ran by Positively You. They are an educational company who run exam buster workshops which are designed to inspire young people to revise in fun ways. The entertaining and motivational speaker, Dave, got our students involved in mini memory quizzes and guided them through how to schedule an optimal revision timetable. This left our pupils feeling empowered to take control of their exam experience and drive their own success.



## SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS



### HOUSE GYMNASTICS COMPETITION

On Wednesday 12 October, pupils took part in a house gymnastics competition. Friends and family were invited along to watch our pupils showcase their skills. Tasks included a mixture of vault jumping and dynamic floor work. Well done to all of the pupils involved and many congratulations to Radnor who were the over all winners of this event.



### PUPIL RANKED 8TH IN UK IN WAKEBOARDING

Many congratulations to Rafferty B for his recent achievements in wakeboarding. Recently he competed in the National Championships in the New Forest Wake Park in the 12-14 age group. Raff, at the younger end of the age group, did 2 great runs and went through to the next round where he ended up coming 8th in the UK. This is such a huge achievement for him considering he only started riding a year ago. Well done Raff!







## INDUCTION DAYS

It was wonderful to welcome our new Year 7 pupils to the Senior School in September... and for the first time into six houses: Banstead, Esher, Longcross, Norwood, Radnor and Stanmore. Each house is named after a notable location in which the school has resided during our 100 year history. We also welcomed our sixth formers by doing a taiko drumming team building session. This was a great way to warmly (and loudly!) welcome new students to our school.



## *Trips*

### YEAR 9 TRIP TO BROOKWOOD CEMETERY

On Tuesday 11 October 117 pupils from Year 9 visited Brookwood cemetery near Woking in support of their study of World War One. The cemetery contains over 5,000 war graves from both world wars from countries in the Commonwealth and the USA. Pupils found the visit brought home the scale of loss in both world wars, and the fact each casualty had been a real person with a family and a personal and unique background.



## PTA UPDATE

The PTA AGM was held on 27 September and agreed to allocate £6,000 to each school (Pre-Prep, Prep and Senior) based on last years successful fundraising. On Friday 7 October, the always popular Quiz Night was a great success with tickets selling out within 48 hours. We plan to host another Quiz Night early in the Spring Term. On Friday 9 December the PTA and school will be jointly hosting a whole school Christmas Fair. Further details to follow but expect all the usual fun stalls for the children, a number of shopping stalls for parents and of course a visit from Santa! Thank you to all for your support this term.

**TICKETS FOR FUTURE PTA EVENTS ARE AVAILABLE AT:**

[www.claremontconnect.co.uk/events](http://www.claremontconnect.co.uk/events)

## CHRISTMAS FAIR

*We warmly invite you to attend our Christmas fair.  
We hope you can join us during this festive season!*

FRIDAY 9 DECEMBER . 3.15PM - 5.30PM