E-NEWS
SPRING HALF TERM 2023

CAREERS EVENING

Thank you to everyone who attended our careers evening this week. We are so grateful to our parent and alumni community who volunteered their time to pass on their pearls of wisdom to Years 10 and 11, as well as sixth form. There were a wide range of representatives from different career categories in attendance, including anyone from aviation to law. Several universities came along to discuss degree options to our pupils. There were also specialist talks about careers in medicine, UCAS applications and apprenticeship opportunities.

POETRY BY HEART SEMI-FINAL

On Monday 6 February, the semi-finals of the national poetry competition, Poetry by Heart, took place in the Great Room. In November, every child in Year 7 recited a chosen poem to their English teachers and 24 pupils were selected to go through to the semi-finals. It was an extremely enjoyable evening and the pupils recited their poems with confidence and energy, bringing their performances to life. An external adjudicator, Sian Rowland chose 3 winners to go through to the next round of the competition. These were Catherine W, Rosie H and Sasha W-L. Three pupils were also highly recommended - Aja D, Harry S and Viola J. All of the pupils should be very proud of themselves as the standard was extremely high and they entertained us with their wonderful recitals. Congratulations to all who took part.

YEAR 7 RENDITION OF MACBETH

Year 7 turned into witches, thanes and soldiers in a wonderful rendition of Macbeth. This was as a result of a weekly rehearsal since September and it was impressive to see how they mastered the language of Shakespeare. Instead of the traditional 3 witches, the stage came alive with 25 witches at the beginning, looking suitably frightening as they crept from out of the audience. A group of soldiers had also mastered how to fight successfully with swords and the stage was action- packed and full of life for 45 minutes. To help unravel the story, narrators unfolded the events whilst Macbeth and Lady Macbeth revealed their evil characters. The final scene resulted in Macbeth slain by Macduff and the whole cast hailing the rightful King-Malcolm.

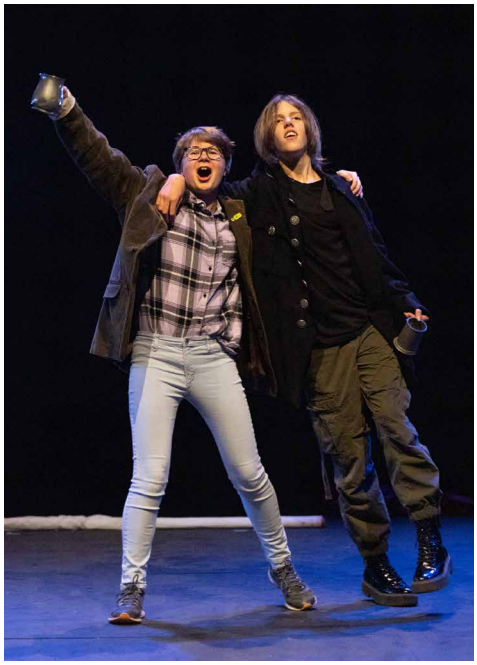
It really was a superb performance and all of the cast should be very proud of themselves.

YEAR 8 TAKE PART IN ESU

Year 8 pupils took part in round two of the English-Speaking Union's Performing Shakespeare competition, which encourages pupils to discover and express their excitement for Shakespeare, by inviting them to perform a monologue from Shakespeare's texts in whichever way they choose. Crucially, students must also introduce their performance, thereby enhancing their public speaking and engagement skills. We had a range of monologues from villains, heroes, lovers, to politicians and all pupils worked really hard on their introductions and performances, dedicating a lot of time to learning these by heart. Our three prize winners were Michela B, Fred W and Charlie B.

YEAR 9 PERFORM OTHELLO AT ROSE THEATRE

This year, 10 Year 9 pupils took part in the highly acclaimed Shakespeare For Schools Festival 2023. Claremont Fan Court School's production of Othello was unique in its delivery with many imaginative ideas to interpret this play. Pupils demonstrated creativity and talent with innovative adaptations of the scene from this timeless story. The energy and enthusiasm displayed by pupils is a testament to all of their hard work and commitment over months of preparation, culminating into an exhilarating adaptation of 'Othello'.



SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

LACROSSE COUNTY TOURNAMENT

Claremont had a fantastic day at the Surrey lacrosse county tournament last week with the U13A and B teams. The As got through to the semi-final against Guildford High School. They were winning 3-1 for the majority of the match but GHS came back to 3-3 at full time. It was then time for the golden goal. Claremont had the first shot on goal but it was saved and then GHS scored which took them through to the final. It was a very exciting semi-final and they played really well. The U13B team had a very hard pool against all A teams. All matches were really close, however they came 5th overall in the plate, beating Caterham Bs in the final! Well done to all involved.

END OF SEASON RUGBY MATCH

Congratulations to our XV rugby team for beating Dunottar 27-21 on Friday 27 January! Whilst the weather was a chilly 1 degree, the tension on the pitch was hot, as the boys battled out their finale game. Thank you for the many supporters who provided an electric atmosphere and supported Claremont at this end of season finale game.

FOOTBALL UPDATE

It has been a busy week where we have played friendly matches against Dunottar School and had some great encounters with lots of goals. Well done to all the pupils who took part and we look forward to an equally busy half term ahead with Saturday matches against Claire's Court, Halliford and Ewell Castle. We aew sure you would have all seen the sensational goal from Archie W (Year 13) in the 1st XI Super 8 match on Wednesday afternoon vs Salesian College Farnborough. The team were outstanding and hopefully will kick onto a run of good form for the remaining matches in our league in each week. Congratulations to Minnie F (Year 9) and Freya McG (Year 7) who have been identified as talented individuals and put onto The FA Women's England Talent Pathway. They should be delighted with their achievements, and it is testament to their hard work and dedication to football. Well done! We now have a confirmed 1st XI football match under lights on Saturday 18th March vs Dunottar. (venue and timings to follow)

SURREY FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Jagger D competed at the Surrey fencing championships with Cobham fencing club in January. He received a bronze medal for under 18s which is a fantastic achievement!

TENNIS LEAGUE MATCHES

On Tuesday 17 January, we hosted national league matches for tennis. Well done to Leo S, Ben S, Max G and Matthew S who came third in this competitive tournament. We are very proud of their efforts!

SURREY SCHOOLS GYMNASTICS

On Thursday 19 January, the U13 gymnastics team competed at the Surrey Schools floor and vault competition. The pupils were able to perform their floor routines for the first time this season and should be incredibly proud of their performances.

TABLE TENNIS COMPETITION

We attended the Surrey U/16 Table Tennis Competition on Tuesday 7 February. What a day it was as all the games were so intense. There was a very quiet atmosphere as the concentration was high. The students loved the competition. Special congratulation goes out to Michael D that positioned 3rd Place. Well done to Oliver P and Oscar C for attending the competition.

Further information and details regarding all sports acheivements this term are available via the school website:
www.claremontfancourt.co.uk/whats-on/news-and-views/

HOUSE UPDATE

We have had a great half term filled with house competitions at school! The pupils have got creative with house valentines card making competition as well as history house competition where pupils were able to create an illustration for specially designed coronation benches. Claremont pupils got to put their detective hats on for house code cracking competition and get sporty with house badminton competition. The house point scores between Esher, Longcross, Norwood, Radnor, Stanmore and Banstead are very close so there is still all to play for. There are lots of great house competitions coming up next term, including the brand new Claremont house music competition.

Have a lovely half term,
The deputy heads of houses

HOUSE CAPTAINS TEA

We were delighted to celebrate the election of our new house captains this half term. Pupils who had been awarded the role were invited for tea at breaktime with the heads of house, deputy heads and headmaster, Mr Brierly. We congratulate them on getting this position and hope that they enjoyed the cake!

Charity work

It has been a very busy half term doing charity work. Esher and Banstead house have been fiercely fundraising for Claremont 100 with cake sales and a mufti day taking place. A very popular chocolate sale was held last week that raised over £1,000! A huge thank you to Lindt for donating the chocolate for this event. We also recently donated 17 kitchen starter kits to homeless charity Rentstart, who are one of our Claremont 100 charities. A special mention goes to the efforts of Toby B in Year 9, who showed what a natural and enthusiastic fundraiser he is at the Christmas Fair. Shooting Star Children's hospice say that Toby has helped make a real difference for their children and have awarded him a Star Fundraiser medal this term. Congratulations!

Year 9 got involved with the First Give charity initiative which inspires schools to compete in groups to raise money and awareness for local charities. The winning team's award was £1,000 for The Grace Dear Trust. The Mayor of Elmbridge, Councillor Simon Waugh, and Grace Dear's father, Graham Dear, were both in attendance and were very proud to award the pupils the giant cheque.

Up coming events...

MURDER MYSTERY EVENING

Can you solve the murder in the mansion? Join us on Friday 3 March to uncover the truth! This immersive experience promises to be a dramatic and fun evening for parents in aid of Claremont 100. Tickets are available on ParentPay now.

CLAREMONT 100 - 10 KM RUN

On Sunday 19 March, a 2km to a 10km run challenge is taking place. At 9.00am a 10km run will start and the route will include a section around Claremont Gardens. We are so pleased that the National Trust have given the school permission to use their grounds. A challenging hilly course has been set up. At 10.30am the 5km and 2km runs/walks will start around the school grounds. Everyone is welcome from the school community, from runners to families bringing their dogs for a walk. The aim is to raise money for the Claremont 100 charities. More information about registering will be provided later but please keep the morning free in your diary.

CENTENARY BALL

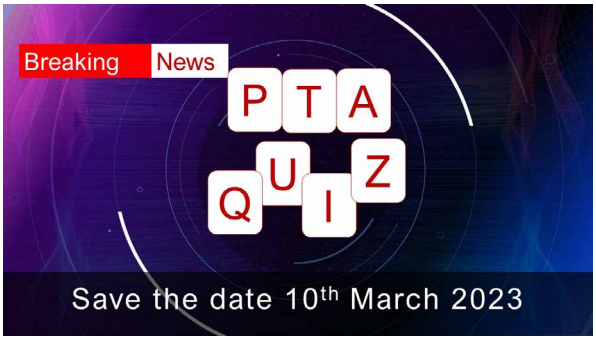
Get ready to transport yourself back in time to the roaring 20s at our commemorative Centenary Ball. Join us in celebrating 100 years of Claremont, dining and dancing until you drop! This promises to be a night to remember. Tickets for the ball will be going on sale Friday 24 February via Claremont connect. Don't miss out! Tickets are limited due to capacity and will be first come first serve.

IMPORTANT: Ensure you are signed up to Claremont connect before booking tickets on Friday 24 February as approval can take up to 48 hours. Tickets will be sold individually or as group bookings, tables of ten will also be available for purchase. Each ticket will be £125 for a memorable evening to conclude our centenary celebrations.

PTA UPDATE

Thank you for your continued support of PTA events.

The PTA are looking forward to hosting a whole school quiz on Friday 10 March. This event always sells out quickly so organise your team and come and join in the fun!



TICKETS FOR ALL PTA EVENTS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH: www.claremontconnect.co.uk/events