



Chestnut News

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

On Wednesday OFSTED published their annual Raiseonline report for Chestnut Grove which analyses the academy's performance in relation to national trends. I am delighted that for the 8th consecutive year we have been placed in the top 25% of schools nationally for the progress of our students. Our students have outperformed national benchmarks in nearly every category. I am incredibly proud of our students' achievements and of the hard work and dedication of our teachers.



At the recent Presentation Evening I was delighted to be presented with a cheque for £5,000 from the Friends of Chestnut Grove (FoCG) which will go towards our Chestnut 21 fundraising drive. The FoCG has been instrumental in raising much-needed funds for the school and I would like to thank all of the members for their dedication to Chestnut Grove. In particular I would like to express my gratitude to the former chair, Rachel Merchant, who has worked tirelessly to raise the profile of the FoCG and has been behind successful events such as the recent quiz night. On Friday 20th November the FoCG held its AGM and elected a new chair, Dawn Thomas. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Dawn and I look forward to working with her over the coming year.

NEW BUILD

We will be losing the school car park from mid-February and are looking for car parking spaces for members of staff who have no alternative but to drive into work. If you live or work locally and have a driveway or parking space which is available during the day we would love to hear from you. Please contact the Business Manager, Steve Wallis on swallis@chestnutgrove.wandsworth.sch.uk to discuss either donating your parking space or hiring it out for a small fee.

Mr C Kingsley
Headteacher

Term ends of Friday 18th December at 12.20pm Students will be dismissed at the end of period 3.

The new term starts on Monday 4th January 2016

HEALTH CURRICULUM - AUTUMN TERM

Year group	Autumn term	
7	1A Social Health: CONFLICT 1A.1 Definitions of conflict 1A.2 Physical and Emotional bullying 1A.3 Cyber bullying 1A.4 Sexual bullying 1A.5 Anger management 1A.6 Resolving conflicts 1A.7 Conflict Assessment	1B Mental Health: IMPRESSIONS 1B.1 Identity 1B.2 Self Confidence 1B.3 Team Work 1B.4 Autism and First Impressions 1B.5 Online identity 1B.6 Making a good first impression 1B.7 Mental Health Assessment
8	1A Mental Health: SELF ESTEEM 1A.1 Positive self esteem 1A.2 Causes of low self esteem 1A.3 Celebrities and self esteem 1A.4 Social media and self esteem 1A.5 Toys and self esteem 1A.6 Depression and anxiety 1A.7 Assessment Self Esteem	1B Social Health: VIOLENT RELATIONSHIPS 1B.1 Reasons for bullying 1B.2 What is bullying? 1B.3 Dealing with bullying 1B.4 Domestic violence 1B.5 Forced marriage 1B.6 Human trafficking 1B.7 Abuse
9	1A Social Health: RELATIONSHIPS 1A.1 Family relationships 1A.2 Breakdown in family relationships 1A.3 Sexual relationships 1A.4 Homosexual and heterosexual relationships 1A.5 Age differences in relationships 1A.6 Loss of relationships 1A.7 Assessment relationships	1B Physical Health: SEXUAL HEALTH 1B.1 STDs 1B.2 Risky sexual behaviour 1B.3 Contraception 1B.4 HIV / Aids 1B.5 Teen pregnancy
10	1A Physical Health: ADDICTION AND THE BODY 1A.1 Defining addiction 1A.2 Smoking 1A.3 Alcohol 1A.4 Drugs 1A.5 Causes of addiction 1A.6 Communities and addiction 1A.7 Assessment Addiction	1B Social Health: HUMAN RIGHTS 1B.1 Importance of working 1B.2 The NHS 1B.3 Asylum 1B.4 LGBT and Gender 1B.5 Benefits and society 1B.6 Crime and gangs (crime prevention morning run by the Metropolitan Police)
11	1A Mental Health: EMPLOYMENT AND EXAMS (IAGS) 1A.1 Exams 1A.2 Career pathways 1A.3 Applications 1A.4 Job Interview 1A.5 Appropriate behaviour in the workplace	1B Physical Health: HUMAN REPRODUCTION 1B.1 Sexualisation and the media 1B.2 Preventing pregnancy 1B.3 STDs 1B.4 Choices surrounding pregnancy 1B.5 Effects of pregnancy 1B.6 Looking after a baby

PEER MENTORS



As part of anti-bullying week, Chesnut Grove peer mentors were asked to deliver an assembly to Ravenstone Primary School. Peer mentors Kacey Elder, Zainab Siddiqui, Casey Seed and inclusion ambassador Ruby Mendoza attended Ravenstone on Friday 20th of November. The Ravenstone students from Years 5 and 6 were excited, curious and only too willing to take part in the assembly. The enthusiastic students all had their hands up, wanting to take part and answer questions.

After the assembly, Chestnut Grove Academy peer mentors were asked to take part in a question-and-answer session with Ravenstone's peer mentors, who were in years 3 to 5. There was laughter, a lot of serious questions that the Year 3 to 5 peer mentors had thought to ask and lots of fun. Everyone enjoyed themselves and cannot wait to meeting up in the New Year.

YEAR 7 PARIS TRIP MARCH 2016

Given the recent sad events in Paris, Ms Ortuño would like to give parents of Year 7 students on the Paris trip an update.

During the trip we will be staying in a secure PGL residential centre approximately one hour outside Paris. We spend a day and a half in Paris, returning to the PGL centre at the end of every day. At no point do we use public transport as we have our own coach which drops us off and picks up for every excursion.

As there are still over three months until the trip we anticipate that the situation will have improved significantly in that time. However, we take the safety of our students extremely seriously and will of course keep you updated with any changes.

FOOTBALL BEYOND BORDERS

Students in Year 9 and 11 were recently rewarded for improvements in attitude, focus and progress with a trip to Archbishop Lanfranc School to meet premiership footballer Ramires Santos do Nascimento.

The Chelsea star has won virtually every major club-honour in Europe and received a bronze medal at the World Cup finals.

He agreed to meet with participants from Football Beyond Borders who had shown improvements in their general attitude and progress.

21 players from Chestnut Grove were fortunate enough to make the trip to meet the star. They were able to take part in a Q&A, have a training session and take 'selfies' with the Brazilian.



Despite being extremely cold, Marko, 9 Turner, remarked 'It was really fun meeting him, I'm glad Football Beyond Borders gave me the chance to be here today, I just want to carry on improving at school so I can get more opportunities like this.'

Students in the FBB programme meet once a week, after school to complete one hour of homework, followed by one hour of football, conducted by FA-trained coaches and former football scouts.

You can find the clip on youtube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZGKHZDOr1KQ>

ICE CLIMBING : BTEC SPORT Y13

On Tuesday 17th September, the Year 13 BTEC group took part in an ice climbing session at the "vertical chill" indoor wall in Covent Garden. The students were completing part of their coursework required for Unit 10, in which they have to gain experience in 2 outdoor/adventurous activities. The group had already had a number of sessions on a regular climbing wall, but the techniques required for the ice wall were completely different.

After getting kitted out in warm weather gear, mountain boots and crampons, we headed into the climbing area which was set at a cool -6 degrees. Our coaches then took us through the basic techniques and let us loose on the wall. After two-and-a-half hours we exited the climbing area, bruised and sore from a punishing first attempt at climbing on ice. It was an amazing opportunity for the students and one I can wholeheartedly recommend. Just be prepared for two days muscle soreness post-climb. It also costs £50 per person so a big thanks to the PE department and sixth form for funding the trip.

James Hallsworth (PE Dept)



Y13 BTEC Class



Stefan Mekki in action

JACK PETCHEY AWARD CELEBRATION

Katie Tegg – 11 Turner

Work Experience - TK Max - Real passion for the job. Katie fitted into the team brilliantly. She stayed late to finish her work. She was the best work experience person we've had. Katie knows the tills, the shop floor and the fitting rooms. We would definitely offer her a weekend job, she is miles ahead of other students we have had in the past.

Katie took her friends to 'Afters' the ice-cream parlour in Tooting on 13th October 2015. Thank you to Mr Sharpe for accompanying the group!



Joseph (10 Turner) and some of his friends, accompanied by Ms Durban enjoy lunch at Nandos this week to celebrate Joseph's Jack Petchey award for assisting a member of the public. Congratulations Joseph!

PYGMALION SUCCESS



Our sincere thanks to the students who played at the Christmas Fair on 27th November. Jazz band and steel pans were brilliant and really set us in the festive spirit. Special mention goes to Tiarnen for his particularly festive outfit.

Our first ever carol concert will be on 3rd December at St Mary's church in Balham and we hope to see you there for a good old sing-along! Tickets are £10 for adults (includes a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie) and £5 for under 16s. The community choir will be performing for the first time at this event.

Year 7 students and our other music groups are frantically rehearsing for the Christmas Concert on 17th December. We are really looking forward to sharing their hard work with you. Tickets are available for this event from the performing arts office and are £3 for adults and £2 for concessions. This is always a very busy event and we do expect to sell out. Please purchase tickets in advance and ensure students return their reply slips.

...and finally, my sincere thanks and congratulations to Ms Verber and the upper school students who took part in Pygmalion. It was an exceptional performance and we were immensely proud of the hard work they had put in. Auditions for the whole school show will be in January and rehearsals for the dance show are now well underway.

We look forward to seeing you at one of our events over the coming weeks

Ms Durban & the Performing Arts Team



Bag2School



We are now nearing the end of our Bag2School campaign. Over the last month we have collected bags from all of the houses. I have a growing collection in my office!!! Please note that if you have missed your 'day' and still have clothes that you would like to donate, please do send them in on **Monday 7th or Tuesday 8th December** – if these are clearly labelled they can still count towards the house competition!



NO DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER TUESDAY 8th DECEMBER!

FESTIVE FUNDRAISING

You may be aware that we have set up an account with Easy Fundraising. This is a way in which Chestnut21 can get donations without you actually doing anything! As you are doing your Christmas shopping, buying food for the big day or booking your holiday in the sun to escape our dreary winter, please try purchasing this through Easy Fundraising.

The link to our page is <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/chestnutgroveacademy/>

So far we have raised £90 thanks to parents and supporters using this! Please also support Chestnut21 where you can through the Friends of Chestnut Grove! Their Christmas Carol Concert and Christmas Raffle are also raising funds for the campaign!

Thanks
Sharon

FRIENDS OF CHESTNUT GROVE : CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Each student has been given raffle tickets to take home from the Friends of Chestnut Grove. We would really appreciate it if you could sell them to family and friends!

Tickets are £1 each (or £5 per book). We are urging parents to help to fundraise whilst also gaining the opportunity to win from 22 amazing prizes (all donated) including:

£100 meal voucher for Foxlow restaurant, £80 for Lamberts, 2 tickets to see Rudimental in concert, 2 tickets to see Peter Andre in concert, £50 Franco Manca voucher, £50 Bodean's voucher, family ticket to London Eye and £85 Soccer School Voucher with Chelsea Football Club and more..

The draw will take place during the interval of our Winter Concert on the 17th of December 2015 at Chestnut Grove Academy.

Please send your child in with any ticket stubs and/or unsold tickets along with the corresponding cash collected in a sealed brown envelope into the box provided at reception by **Tuesday 15th December**. PLEASE ENSURE THAT A CLEAR NAME AND CONTACT NUMBER IS WRITTEN ON EACH SOLD TICKET STUB, AND THAT ALL SOLD STUBS ARE RETURNED BACK – ONLY THOSE RETURNED CAN BE ENTERED INTO THE DRAW.

HOUSE NEWS

TURNER

Another excellent half term for Turner. Congratulations on achieving 97% attendance 8 Turner.

This half term Head of house commendations have been awarded to Alfie Clayton, Jack Buckley and Debra Nelson who, between them, embody the schools ethos of resilience and contributions to the school community through self improvement as well as contributions to music and sport. Very well done to you all!



KAPOOR

Attendance

7 Kapoor – 97.55%
8 Kapoor – 96.46%
9 Kapoor – 95.81%
10 Kapoor 96.48%
11 Kapoor – 95.63%

Total House attendance is 96.41% - House with the highest %

Total number of Vivo points – 1900 – Currently in first place

Ms Fletcher received 3 'kindness postcards' from Kapoor students last week – thank you to those students – the cards were a lovely surprise and much appreciated!

Uniform – Is being worn smartly!

Well done to the Kapoor students that are consistently in the right place, at the right time doing the right thing!

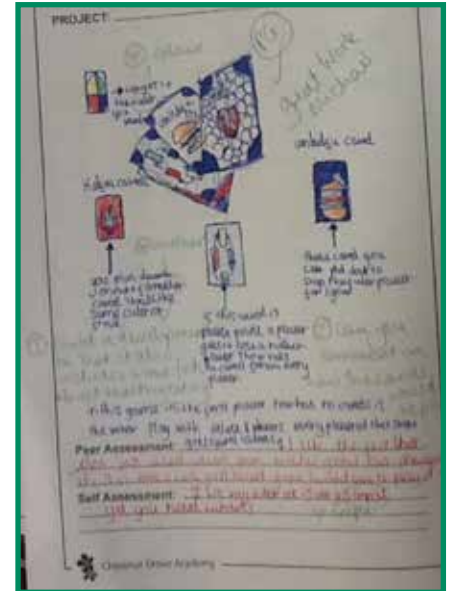
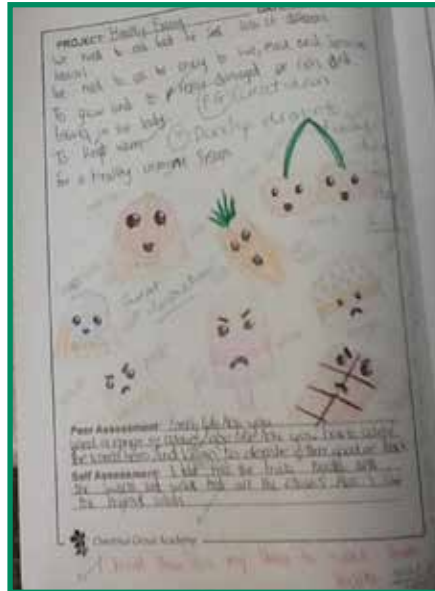
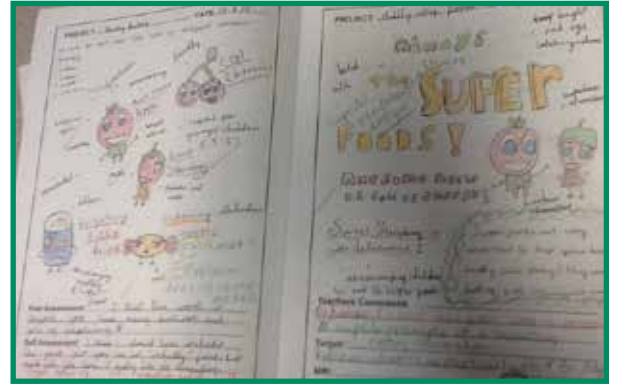
Ms Fletcher

HEPWORTH

Students in 7 Hepworth have been designing board games based on healthy eating for the past few weeks. Below are some examples of the fantastic work they have produced based on this theme. Well done to Maisie, Michael and Sydney whose work is shown.

Also, I'd like to wish 11 Hepworth good luck with their mock exams which are taking place in the next few weeks.

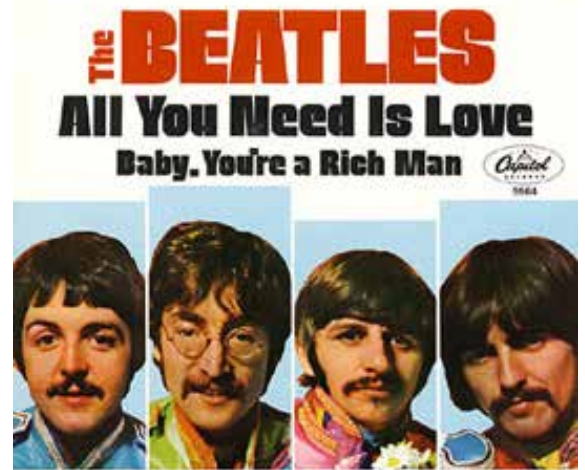
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KAHLO

This week is assembly Kahlo were remembering the victims of the Paris attacks by listening to The Beatles, 'All you need is love' and thinking about the power of music, whether a national anthem or pop song, to show community spirit and resilience. It was first performed by The Beatles on Our World, the first live global television link. Watched by more than 400 million people in 25 countries, the programme was broadcast via satellite on 25th June 1967. The BBC had commissioned The Beatles to write a song for the United Kingdom's contribution. The band was asked to come up with a song with a message understood by everyone. Their manager Brain Epstein commented, "The nice thing about it is that it cannot be misinterpreted. It is a clear message saying that love is everything."

Ms Fisher



DA VINCI

Ms Verber would like to congratulate Kiara Rhoden Henry and Luca Halford who have both received Headteacher's commendations for outstanding improvement in attendance and Tyra Campbell who received a Headteacher's Commendation for outstanding English work earlier this term.

Well done to all the many Da Vinci students who have 100% attendance. Da Vinci House overall attendance for this year is currently at 95.95% - let's get it back up above 96% Da Vinci!

9 Da Vinci, in particular, has maintained superb attendance and behaviour this year so far - congratulations to Ms Holding and the whole of 9 Da Vinci who will be receiving a reward breakfast to congratulate them.

BLAKE



"Congratulations to the students in 7 Blake for winning Blake's breakfast reward. We had a lovely tutor time celebrating their fab attendance.

Tutors in Blake have also been asked by me to nominate students who have made them PROUD since the start of term. These students will shortly be receiving a letter from me to say well done and I have been really impressed with the number of students who tutors felt deserved to have a special recognition."

Ms Robinson