



# Bancroft's School

## e-Bulletin



**Monday 10 December 2018**

### News

- Iain Duncan-Smith, MP for Chingford and Woodford Green, spoke to the L6, as well as to U6 politics students, on Friday. He answered questions from a panel of Sixth Formers, covering his life before politics; his political longevity; his local priorities and views on current pressing issues. Following this, he invited questions from students and staff. It proved an interesting and enlightening visit, whatever your personal politics might be.
- Bestselling author and poet Sophie Hannah visited last week and gave a highly amusing talk about her writing; she also entertained members of the Literary Society by reading some of her poetry as well as an extract from her latest psychological thriller.
- Victoria Morgan-Couch (L6E) won the internal heat of this year's ARTiculation speaking competition and will now progress to represent Bancroft's in the Regional Round.
- Saturday saw the showcase finale of our Saturday Challenge which has run throughout this term. Year 5 pupils from schools in Havering, Walthamstow and Chingford have been coming into Bancroft's on a weekly basis. The Saturday Challenge sessions offer the participants the opportunity to use our facilities and to experience a wide variety of lessons from across the curriculum to enrich their knowledge. The Bancroft's pupils who have given up their Saturdays to help at the Challenge have been presented with Service Awards.

### Calendar and Forthcoming Events

- We are ending term with a Christmas Show put on by pupils and staff in the Great Hall. This will set us up for the holidays on a note of joy and celebration, whilst also raising funds for two charities which play a transformative role in the lives of children: one local to us, Haven House and the other, Aldea Yanapay, in Cusco, Peru, which was the focus of the trips in summer 2018. As this show forms part of the school day, there is no compunction on anyone to donate, but we are hoping that everyone will kindly make a donation of £5. If every pupil gave this sum we would cover the salary of the psychotherapist at Aldea Yanapay for another year and help Haven House continue their valuable work. Your son or daughter can donate by handing money to their tutor beforehand or by donating on the day. Alternatively if you would like to donate £5 or more via sundries on behalf of your son or daughter, please log into the parent portal and click on the link below:  
<https://learn.bancrofts.org/school-trips/peru-2018/fundraising-1/2019/christmas-show---sundries-form>
- Festive Accessories Fundraising Day is on Friday 14 December to support Save the Children; donations of £1 should be passed to tutors. This is a really good cause and a great chance to add to the festive atmosphere at our school Christmas lunch. This is not an own clothes day but a chance for pupils to wear normal uniform but with a Christmas twist. Ties and Jackets need not be worn; pupils can wear a Christmas or winter jumper or maybe jewellery and accessories (eg hats/scarves) with a Christmas theme or simply add some tinsel to their uniform.

**Monday 10 December**

All Day

4.00pm

2.00-8.00pm

**Week 1**

Senior Awards Assembly

Anti-bullying Ambassadors training

*Addition to the calendar*

Sustainability Society "Lettuce Eat" Movie Night (Old Lecture Theatre)

Tickets £4 including food.

*Addition to the calendar*

Fifth Form Drama GCSE rehearsal

**Tuesday 11 December**

4.00-5.00pm

4.00-8.00pm

DofE: U4 Bronze expedition induction

Fifth Form Drama GCSE exam

**Wednesday 12 December**

Middle School Awards Assembly

Please note the timing for the German Exchange as published on-line and in the printed calendar is incorrect. The Bancroft's group will visit Hassfurt in March.

**Thursday 13 December**

7.00pm

Junior Awards Assembly

All Saints Carol Service

**Friday 14 December**

12.30pm

P7 &amp; 8

3.50pm

Festive Accessories Day

*Addition to the Calendar*

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Show Fundraiser for Aldea Yanapay in Cusco Peru and Haven House

*Addition to the Calendar*

Term ends

**Christmas Vacation Dates****Sunday 16 December**

5.30pm

U12 Welsh rugby tour returns

**Tuesday 8 January 2019**

Back to school – normal time, Week 2

**Please note that Bancroft's will be totally closed, including the Bursary and Reception, from 4pm on Friday 21 December and will re-open on Wednesday 2 January 2019.**

## Sports Results and News

### Rugby

On Saturday the 8th December Bancroft's played Hockerill Anglo-European School. The 1st XV and the U15 teams lost, but there were wins for the U14, U13A and B teams and U12A and B teams.

The Player of the Season Award was given to Deven Solanki and Dan Davey was awarded the Fleet Trophy for Outstanding contribution to Bancroft's Rugby.

## Hockey

It's been the busiest of weeks to conclude a fantastic hockey season. There were Ho Ho Hockey fests for all year groups with a fabulous array of Christmas wear on display at Old Loughts.

The 1st XI played their last game of the season against New Hall and romped to a 6-0 win. The Removes' teams both beat Colfe's convincingly, 4-0 and 6-0, and also performed brilliantly against Brentwood on Saturday, with the As drawing 3-3 and Bs losing 3-6. Also on Saturday the U12s concluded their season with a 4-2 win against Brentwood, the B team lost as did the U14s. Result of the week, however, goes to the U15 team who won 10-0 at Brentwood and remain unbeaten since 2016.

East House won the Senior Inter-House competition and Claudia Joarder was named as Senior Player of the Year.

Well done to all those who have represented the school this year on the hockey pitch and thank you to all the coaching staff who make fixtures possible.

## Swimming

Last week's Junior, Intermediate and Senior gala against Highgate (and Haileybury's intermediate team) involved 30 members of the swimming team from Thirds through to Upper 6<sup>th</sup>. With an impressive 22 first place finishes and 8 out of 12 wins in the relay events, the swimming team enjoyed great success in the pool. Bancroft's won with a total of 158 points, against Highgate's 134.

## Sports Fixtures and Events

### Rugby

#### Monday 10 December

6.30pm Senior Rugby Dinner

#### Wednesday 12 December

12.30pm Rugby photos

#### Friday 14 December

6.30am U12 Welsh rugby tour departs (returns 16 December)

### Cross Country

#### Monday 10 December

1.50pm Removes' boys' Inter-House

#### Tuesday 11 December

1.50pm L4 boys' Inter-House

#### Thursday 13 December

1.50pm U4 boys' Inter-House

### Swimming

#### Monday 10 December

1.50pm Removes' girls' Inter-House

#### Tuesday 11 December

1.50pm L4 girls' Inter-House

**Thursday 13 December**  
1.50pm

U4 girls' Inter-House



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