Monday 24 June 2019

News

• The Bancroft’s team of Shivan Aggarwal (L4S), Zaki Lodh L4S), Shanuga Rubaraj (RE) and Anika Vijay (RS) performed superbly in the final of this year’s UKMT Team Challenge. Following their regional win last term, they faced 87 teams from all over the UK in the final held at the Royal Horticultural Hall in Westminster. Competing schools included teams from Westminster, Eton and City of London all of which have good track records in the competition. The Bancroft’s team won the overall competition to claim the trophy for the first time: incredibly well done to them and to Mr Tse for all his coaching help over the past months.

• On Friday, 21 June, our L6th had their Careers’ Interview Day. Twenty parents and/or OBs from different industries were invited to hold mock interviews with all L6th pupils. Each pupil had to apply for a job and fill out an application form including a personal statement. These were then sent to their prospective interviewer, who conducted the interviews. They were interviewed in groups of three and so were able to watch the other two pupils being interviewed. At the end, all pupils received feedback on their performance from their interviewer. During the previous two weeks, all L6th were invited to attend an Interview skills workshop held by Mrs Dean, Head of Careers, Innovation and Entrepreneurship. We hope that all pupils found the Careers Interview day a great learning experience and that it will be helpful in the future, when they will most definitely be called upon to have an interview. After the interview session they were able to engage with young OBs who are still at university about their experiences. The day concluded with a talk by Matt Latimer from Gap 360.

• On Thursday afternoon the whole year group enjoyed an afternoon of mathematical challenges and puzzles on Thursday for this year’s L4 Inter House Maths Competition. Well-done to School House who were the winners.

• Congratulations to all 53 members of the cast and to the backstage crew for giving us a most entertaining and exuberant evening of musical theatre last week with the Junior production of Bugsy Malone. The production was jointly directed by Mrs Whitbread and Ms Entwistle, with Mr Kelsall acting as Musical Director, Jemima Strong (U4W) choreographed the production.

Calendar and Forthcoming Events

• There will be no speech lessons next week as LAMDA exams are every day from 9am to 5pm. Exams take place as follows: Prep School Monday 1 July; Thirds Tuesday 2 July; Removes and L4 on Wednesday 3 and Thursday 4 July. Pupils must bring copies of both pieces to the exam for the examiner and should arrive at the exam room 20 minutes before their exam time.

• Our Summer Concert takes place on Tuesday 2 July at 7pm. There will be music outside before and drinks from 6.30pm. The Concert will feature Junior Jazz, Concert Band, Soul Band, Clarinet
Ensemble, Second Orchestra and other chamber groups. The highlight of the concert will be the entire 3rds’ year group choir for the grand finale. There will also be an opportunity to view the Art Exhibition of work by our Fifth Form beforehand. The 3rds choir made up of every member of the Third form will be the grand finale of the concert. No tickets are required for the concert.

- On Wednesday 3 July, we are excited to welcome John Dewy OB who will be speaking to our L6 scientists and geographers. John Dewey is Emeritus Professor of Geology at the University of Oxford. After retiring from Oxford in 2001, Professor Dewey spent five years as Professor of Geology at the University of California. He now splits his time between California, Ireland, England, South Africa, and New Zealand. His interest in geology was encouraged by John Hayward his housemaster at Bancroft’s, himself an amateur geologist. Professor Dewy is a structural geologist and a strong proponent of the theory of plate tectonics; he is widely regarded as an authority on the development and evolution of mountain ranges.

- Any parent/guardian of pupils in the Removes, L4, U4 or 5ths who would like their child to participate in the forthcoming trip to New York and Washington in October 2020 should hand in the £250 deposit by Friday 28 June to Mr Brennand.

- On Wednesday 3 July, 18 students will be taking part in a Young Film Academy workshop day in which they will learn film-making techniques and then create their own films.

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<td>12.30-1.10pm Classics Society “What was the greatest legacy of the Romans?”</td>
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<td>4.00-5.00pm Thirds’ Spelling Bee (Great Hall)</td>
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Monday 1 July

Week 2
DofE: Silver qualifying expedition, Black Mountains
DofE: deadline for Gold participants to have updated 6 month sections on to eDofE.
DofE: Silver qualifying expedition, Black Mountains
Senior Awards Assembly
7.30am-5.00pm
Thirds’ trip to Dover Castle

Tuesday 2 July

Middle School Awards Assembly
Rehearsed reading of Emilia Hitching’s (L6w) play To Charlie at the Dorfman Theatre as part of the National Theatre’s New Views competition.
8.30am-5.00pm
Thirds’ LAMDA exams
6.00-7.00pm
End of Year Art Show (The Courtyard Building)
7.00pm
Summer Concert (Great Hall)

Wednesday 3 July

Junior School Awards Assembly
8.30am-5.00pm
Removes’ LAMDA exams
9.00am-4.00pm
L4-L6 Film Academy Day
1.50-3.50pm
Modern Foreign Languages Showcase (Great Hall)

Thursday 4 July

8.30am-5.00pm
L4s’ LAMDA exams
8.45am
L4/U4 New Designers exhibition
12 noon
End of term (No school lunch)

Summer Vacation Trips
Thursday 4–Saturday 13 July
Girls’ netball and hockey tour to Barbados
Saturday 6- Friday 12 July
Open Water Swimming expedition to Montenegro
Friday 5-Thursday 11 July
CCF Army camp
Saturday 6-Friday 12 July
CCF RAF camp
Saturday 6-Saturday 13 July
Sea Scout Summer camp
Tuesday 27-Friday 30 August
DofE Gold practice expedition, Black Mountains

The academic year 2019-2020 begins on Wednesday 4 September

Sports Results and News

Athletics
Congratulations to the Removes and U4 who competed at the District athletics last week. The U4 girls won their age group and special congratulations go to Georgia Moncur, Holly Timmis and Kiera Murphy who came 1st in their respective events. The U4 boys came 4th overall and both Removes girls and boys came 2nd. It was a very successful day with some outstanding performances across the board to conclude the athletics season.

London Youth Games
Well done to all pupils who represented their boroughs over the weekend at the London Youth Games. The RedbridgeU14 hockey team came top of their qualifying group so making the finals on 7 July.
**Tennis**

Inter-House tennis competitions abounded last week with East winning the L4 and U4 girls’ events, School taking the U4 boys’ and 3rds girls’ titles, and West claiming the 3rds boys’ tournament. On Monday, the mixed U12/13 team had a very close fixture against Trinity, emerging as the 7-6 victors, and the U14 girls defeated Chigwell 12-6. Twelve pairs of boys took on Forest on Wednesday in a range of weather of conditions with their U12 and U14 teams proving a little too strong for us on the day; but the U13s only narrowly lost by 22 games to 23, and the U15s narrowly won by the same score line!

The week ended with a block fixture for the girls against Kimbolton School. The U15s and Seniors both drew their matches in a very well balanced fixture at West Grove. The U12, U13 and U14s played away in the very impressive grounds of what was Kimbolton Castle, the last residence of Catherine of Aragon who may not have had her ideal “love match” but several of our girls won their matches to love! Unfortunately, we did not quite have enough in the bank to secure an overall victory against them but all three age groups drew with the Stephen Perse School in this triangular fixture.

Anthony Wright (L4S) has qualified for the national finals of the Road to Wimbledon International tournament for the second year in a row. Anthony was one of four boys to qualify from the East regional playoffs, held in Cambridge. The finals will be held at the All England Lawn Tennis Club at Wimbledon in August and include 24 boys from the UK as well as eight from India, China, Hong Kong and Japan. Well done Anthony!

**Sports Fixtures and Events**

**Cricket**

**Wednesday 26 June**
2.00pm 1st & 2nd XI v Felsted (A, CM6 3 LL)

**Friday 28 June**
2.00pm 1st XI v Coopers’ Coburn (H)

**Saturday 29 June**
10.00am U12 v St Edmund’s College (A, SG11 1DS)
10.00am U14, U13 v St Edmund’s College (West Grove)
10.00am U15 v St Edmund’s College (H)

**Monday 1 July**
11.30am CRICKET WEEK
1st XI v MCC (H)

**Tuesday 2 July**
11.00am 1st XI v Essex U15 (H)

**Wednesday 3 July**
11.00am 1st XI v JK Lever XI (H)

**Thursday 4 July**
11.00am 1st XI v OBCC (H)
7.00pm Cricket Dinner

**Tennis**

**Monday 24 June**
4.15pm U12-U14 boys & girls v Seven Kings (West Grove)
Thursday 27 June
9.00am-6.00pm U13/U15/U18 girls’ East Region Independent Schools’ Championships (A, Queenswood School AL9 6NJ)

3.15pm U15 girls & boys v Highgate (West Grove)
Addition to the calendar

4.00-6.00pm U12/U14 West Essex Tournament (Theydon Bois LTC, CM16 7DT)
Addition to the calendar

Saturday 29 June
8.30am-1.00pm Girls’ inter-year doubles championships (West Grove)

Monday 1 July
1.45pm Removes’ boys’ inter house

Tuesday 2 July
1.45pm L4 boys’ inter house

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