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Newsletter of Rooks Heath School Community



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Rooks Heath School achieves Centre of Excellence for Inclusion

BY MS M MANDERSON



It gives me immense pleasure to announce that Rooks Heath School has been awarded the Centre of Excellence Award for the Inclusion Quality Mark (IQM). This is a true recognition and celebration of everything we do (staff, students, parents and governors) to ensure that staff and students feel part of our amazing community. I hope you really enjoy reading our end of term newsletter. Inside, you will see a demonstration of some of the ways we blend a focus on academic achievement with student pride and worth. Congratulations to everyone for their input. I wish you and your families a great summer break. See you in September.

Science Week STEM Activity— The Spaghetti Challenge

BY MRS S UL-HAQ

For Science Week, students were challenged to build the tallest freestanding structure in just 18 minutes—using no more than 20 spaghetti sticks and 10 marshmallows. The structure had to stand firmly on its own and couldn't be propped up, held or suspended from the ceiling.

Students in Year 7 and Year 9 rose to the challenge with the tallest structure measuring 59cm! Students compared shapes that held up the structure well, discussed the challenges they faced in the task and discussed the role of engineers. Everyone was fully engaged and achieved something tangible at the end. All student reviews were positive, with some asking for more lessons like this more often.



Presentation on ICS by NHS General Manager

BY MS M THOBHANI

Year 13 Applied Scientists undertaking Diploma course are listening to General Manager (retired) from Northwick Park Maternity unit on her presentation delivered on 10th May about Integrated Computer System to optimise patient care for their assignment in mandatory unit 4.



Jack Petchy Speakout Challenge

BY MS M MANDERSON

One of the highlights of our Summer Term was the Regional Finals of the Jack Petchy Speakout Challenge.

I am immensely proud to be the headteacher of a school where we already value oracy via our literary drive and with our diverse population, with our mechanisms such as the Student Council, Student Support Hub and Call It Out strategy, we hear the voices of many here at Rooks Heath. I am also extremely proud of our student performers: Miguel, Maisie, and Janaina in Year 10. A very well done to Ms Green who took over coordinating the events for the very first time, and thank you to members of staff who came in support of the school. Congratulations to Nabaa Sheikh who did us extremely proud to achieve 2nd place.

You can catch Nabaa Khader's full speech here: [Nabaa Khader, Who Am I?, JPSpeakOut](#). Please also view the following link for images from the evening: [Speakout Challenge Images](#).

Junior Mathematical Challenge Awards

BY MS S SRITHARAN

Abdullah Quershi (Year 8) has qualified for the Junior Kangaroo Challenge follow-on round, which will be on Tuesday 14th June 2022. Well done to everyone for their achievements!

3 x Gold, 4 x Silver, 11 x Bronze

BiY - Best in Year

BiS - Best in School

Year Group	Student Firstname	Student Lastname	Total	Certificate
Year 7	Anisha	Akilan	75	Silver
Year 7	Jenisha	Akilan	63	Bronze
Year 7	Caetano	Allain	80	Silver
Year 7	Aarav	Gupta	58	Bronze
Year 7	Bianca	Jblonska	53	Bronze
Year 7	Afnan	Mohammed	58	Bronze
Year 7	Kavya	Patel	84	GoldBiY
Year 7	Dimansa	Thabrew	57	Bronze
Year 7	Rayyan	Uddin	63	Bronze
Year 8	Dhavan	Ashish	55	Bronze
Year 8	Shane	Dissanayaka	91	Gold
Year 8	Siddharth	Madapusi Vijay	53	Bronze
Year 8	Denis	Nedelcu	80	Silver
Year 8	Abdullah	Qureshi	113	GoldBiS
Year 8	Aarya	Rastogi	69	Silver
Year 8	Neha	Suresh	64	Bronze
Year 8	Mekavi	Thamilvanan	63	Bronze
Year 8	Anaskan	Yogeswaran	63	Bronze

Year 11 Prom in Pictures



Social Media

Keep up to date with the latest from Rooks Heath School on our following Social Media accounts:



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streettag.co.uk



Sports Day—Year 8



Sports Day—Year 10





Sports Day—Year 9



Cultural Day 2022



Brazilian Music Workshop



Farewell to Mrs Lister

We sadly bid farewell to a very well-known teacher – Mrs Adelaide Lister. Mrs Adelaide Lister has worked at Rooks Heath School for an incredible 45 years and for each of the 4 headteachers who have led the school. Wow.

The wealth of knowledge, expertise and skill this woman has is incredible. Mrs Lister has mastered the rare art of rising to senior leadership and maintaining an excellent standard of pedagogy, teaching and learning. She has not lost her touch at all. You would think the time to retire might be a difficult one, but Mrs Lister, known for teaching maths predominantly, is as much a Science teacher as she is Maths.

Mrs Lister graduated from the University of East Anglia with a B.Ed. Honour's in modules including curriculum theory, development of behaviour and science in education and ecological energetics! Clearly, she has applied this to her own self as the bionic woman on the dance floor. Those who were present at the last Christmas party can testify to that!

Mrs Lister has been many things including:

- ◇ A Head of Computer Studies
- ◇ A Head of Maths
- ◇ A school PD tutor
- ◇ A chartered London Teacher
- ◇ SLT
- ◇ Associate Deputy Head including a secondment to the IoE to be a PD tutor for beginning teacher
- ◇ A consultant manager and as a PiXL Associate an aide to many other schools up and down the country.

What a repertoire!

Mrs Lister, we hope we have not seen the last of you. Keep gloating about your retirement, you deserve this and enjoy it fully. We look forward to hearing about how you are getting on.

Thanks for the 45 years you have dedicated to children at Rooks Heath School.

All the very best Mrs Lister.



Thank you!

Thank you!

National Book Token Competition

National Book tokens are running their annual competition where schools can win £1000 of book tokens for their school. As if that's not enough, the person nominating could win £100 of book tokens for themselves—the more people who nominate the school, the higher the chance of us winning!

Please follow this link to cast your vote: <https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>

To enter the competition, please fill out your name, email address, postcode, your relationship to the school, and of course Rooks Heath School as your nominee! Winners will be drawn on Friday 29th July and announced in September 2022.



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Y9 Trip to Sky

BY MS R MOHAMMED

The Year 9 Media students had a fantastic trip to the Sky Academy Studios on Friday 10th June. They put their teamwork and creative skills to the test to create a fantastic news report on celebrity culture and the influence of TikTok.

The tour of the facilities gave them an insight into the possibilities of future career options and exposed them to industry standard equipment. This trip brought the group a whole load of fun and joy!



Oxford Uni Trip

BY MISS H AFZALZADA

On Thursday 19th May the Year 10 Most Able students went to the University of Oxford to explore the campus and gain a better understanding of life at university, including the application process!

Here are some comments from students who had a great time:

“Being able to see first-hand the life of an Oxford student was very inspiring and exciting and I’m grateful for this opportunity.” - Nabaa Khader 10G.

“The trip to Oxford was very fun and informative. It made me consider potentially attending. The lecture was very motivational, the food was amazing, the university was very beautiful.” - Anisa Sheikhmohamud 10V.



Harrow College

Vocational Workshops

BY MR P PARKINSON

On Wednesday 25th May, 30 students from Year 10 took part in a series of vocational and enrichment workshops at Harrow College. Students had the opportunity to learn more about careers in Business, IT, Hair and Beauty, and Science. The practical activities allowed the students to experience what it would be like to work in these industries and provided a valuable chance to think more about their education and career paths beyond their GCSEs.

Staff at Harrow College commented on how engaged, confident and well-mannered all our students were. Thank you so Ms Subra for organising the trip, and to Mrs Wright and M Joseph for stepping in at late notice to supervise.



Latin Year 8 Trip

BY MS O OLIVERO

Thirty Year 8 students of Latin enjoyed a brilliant day in Central London at the British Museum. They were given a guided tour to explore artifacts from Roman Britain, and they also had the chance to investigate different rooms and eras such as Ancient Egypt and the mummies. Some of the pictures you can see here are from a lookalike challenge which the students undertook in a room full of Roman statues... Thank you to Ms. Hussain and Mr. Harman for coming on the trip too!



Key Dates 2022-2023

Autumn Term

Term begins: Thursday 1st September

Half term: Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October

Term ends: Friday 16th December

Spring Term

Term begins: Tuesday 3rd January

Half term: Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February

Term ends: Friday 31st March

Summer Term

Term begins: Monday 17th April

Half term: Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June

Term ends: Friday 21st July

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Public Exams

**INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS, PARENTS and
CARERS REGARDING PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS**

All candidates sitting public (external) examinations at Rooks Heath School must be aware of the regulations.

These regulations and a full exam timetable can be found on the Rooks Heath Website.