

### "TURNING ASPIRATIONS INTO REALITY"

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#### From the Directors

Dear Parent/Carers

As the Christmas break approaches we would like to thank all staff, students, parents and our Strategic Advisory Panel for their hard work and support this term. There has, as always, been a huge number of opportunities for our pupils to extend their school life, through the curriculum, at lunchtimes and with workshops and school trips.

The students have worked very hard on assessments in the penultimate week of school, and our KS4 students have graduated in their Beauty course to achieve certification in Manicure and Professional Standards for Therapists set by the Guild of Beauty Therapists. Many students have entered a poetry writing competition following a ReWrite workshop, and we have submitted an entry by a Year 10 student following Digital Day.

Overall we have made progress in many areas, especially in improving the standards of attendance, punctuality, uniform and behaviour. There have been many high points and lots to celebrate since September and the students have been a credit to you and the school. Having said that, there is still much to do; we must sustain the improvements and really work to build on our successes and continue the push to improve attendance and punctuality.

The school continues to strengthen its curriculum offer, as well as facilitating personalised learning such as music mentoring, in January we partner with a gallery for students to compete in the Arts Award.

Finally, with the backdrop of uncertainty in many parts of the world, we encourage students to remember those less fortunate - We wish you all a safe, enjoyable Christmas break and best wishes for a happy and prosperous 2018!

Warm wishes

#### Directors

**Sophie Nelson**

**Kailash Kumari**

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Christmas Holidays start at 12.30pm on Thursday 21st December.

INSET Day is on Thursday 4th January, Target Setting Day is on Friday 5th January, so pupils' first full day back is on **Monday 8th January 2018**.

#### NEWS & EVENTS

As always, it's been a busy and packed term, here at PhoenixPlace. There have been many trips and visits since September.

Our students were invited to the Copperbox Arena for the Taekwondo Championships, where we saw British athlete Christian McNeish competing, as well as athletes from all over the world. We were lucky enough to meet Christian, and his sister Isabelle, who was taking part in the ladies competition!



Our Year 7 & 8 students were taken on a trip to the Southbank, recently, to see the Christmas markets. Despite the snowy weather, they enjoyed the experience & were rewarded for the Christmas cheer with a treat at Pizza Express!

Year 9 students were taken to Covent Garden by their Tutor Sheila, and teaching assistant Linda. The purpose of the trip was to teach the students about budgeting and public interactions, covering Maths and PHSE.

## NEWS & EVENTS

KS4 students attended the Skills London Careers Fair at Excel, where they were able to research and explore hundreds of different Further Education and Career options available to them after they finish secondary education. Students were able to research colleges, universities, companies and apprenticeships. The girls found the fair very informative and felt like it helped them to gain a better insight into options available to them.

Noor from Year 10 was the first winner of the PhoenixPlace Sports Stars Competition. Students competed against each other to race to the 'finish line', with the winner being able to choose a reward trip. Students were able to move up one space on the race track every time they completed a minimum of 30 minutes exercise a day. As the winner, Noor chose to have lunch at Nando's which she thoroughly enjoyed! Well done Noor! Who will be the next winner? On your marks...

KS4 students visited the Royal Observatory in Greenwich where they explored their interests in Astronomy and Art by visiting the Insight Astronomy Photographer of the Year Exhibition. Students were able to view photographs showing galaxies, the sun, the moon and the Northern Lights. They also walked around Greenwich, viewing the Cutty Sark, The Queen's House and walked through Greenwich University to view the architecture of the buildings.



Noor and Reanna in Greenwich, after a day's exploring

# Pupils' Work

In English, KS3 students were given the task of writing a Christmas story based on being trapped in a snow globe.

Below is the remarkable effort of Year 7 student Andriana.

*'One day, Billy woke up and went to the funfair with his friends. He went to the fortune teller and made a wish that he was in a snow globe. He used 1 dollar and got his ticket. The fortune teller said your wish will come true.*

*Billy loved snow. He had collected over 200 snow globes since he was four years old. When he was 4, his mum bought him his first snow globe. He took his first shake and saw all the snow floating about. He was very happy and was jumping up and down in excitement. Every year, Billy begged everyone he knew to buy him a snow globe.*

*When Billy got home from the funfair, he got into his bed. He fell asleep quickly and when he woke up in the morning, he tried to stretch but felt that his movement was restricted by something. He looked down and saw a black circle under him. He looked around and realised that there was glass all around him. He couldn't hear anything. It was so quiet!*

*Billy started to feel around with his arms and he felt something soft and cold. It was snow! Billy felt like he was heaven while he played with the snow, watching it float about everywhere when he threw it! After a while, Billy felt sad because he realised that his wish had come true. He felt sad because he was stuck in a glass bowl like a fish and it was very cold and lonely.*

*Just then, Billy's mum came into his room to tell him to come to breakfast. She couldn't find him! She started looking everywhere. Billy started knocking on the glass to tell his mum he was there but she couldn't hear him. She went out the room to look for him.*

*Billy felt sad that his mum never saw him and realised that his wish was silly because he was stuck in a globe and didn't have anyone around. He didn't like seeing his mum upset and he wished he could run around again.*

*After 3 years, Billy was still in the snow globe and realised this was where he would live forever. He wished he never went to see the fortune teller all those years ago as he was now going to be alone forever'.*

Our Year 10 and 11 students worked hard all term to pass their Manicure Course and Professional Standards for Therapists in the Guild Training International standard.

They had to attend every session and ensure they booked their own clients in, in order to be assessed on all they'd learned over the 12 week course. Huge congratulations to Noor, Reanna and Shardonay!



The Digital Day workshop further taught the students how technology impacts our lives and about careers in the digital sector.

They had to formulate ideas on how the digital world can benefit those in education and be used as a teaching tool.



# ACHIEVEMENTS



This section is our best section!

It is where we like to recognise the achievements of students throughout the term.

## ATTENDANCE

ATTENDANCE IS VERY IMPORTANT TO US. TO BE SUCCESSFUL YOU HAVE TO BE PRESENT AND TAKE PART.

WELL DONE TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO HAVE ACHIEVED THEIR TARGET ATTENDANCE % OR 100% ATTENDANCE

WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6
SHARDONAY BEAVERS	NOOR SHAHZAD	ANDRIANA SIMPSON	REANNA ELLIOTT	TONIANNE HILL	REANNA CAMPBELL

## WE VALUE READING

AT PHOENIXPLACE WE HAVE A PASSION AND DETERMINATION TO IMPROVE STUDENTS LOVE FOR READING, STUDENT COMPREHENSION AND, IN TURN, RAISE STUDENTS CONFIDENCE AND SELF-ESTEEM, SO HAVE DEDICATED TIME, THREE DAYS A WEEK, TO A ONE-TO-ONE READING SESSION.

THE WE VALUE READING PROGRAMME HAS SEVERAL AIMS:

- TO PROMOTE THE IMPORTANCE OF READING (NO MATTER WHAT LEVEL)
- TO IMPROVE READING ABILITY OF STUDENTS (FLUENCY & ACCURACY)
- TO IMPROVE STUDENTS COMPREHENSION SKILLS (STUDENTS ABILITY TO ELICIT & RECALL INFORMATION)
- TO MOTIVATE STUDENTS TO READ MORE!

THE PROGRAMME IS STILL PROVING VERY SUCCESSFUL AS WE HAVE SEEN AN IMPROVEMENT IN ALL STUDENTS' READING ABILITIES AND CONFIDENCE!

## ASSESSMENTS

EACH OF OUR STUDENTS HAS COMPLETED AN END OF TERM ASSESSMENT IN BOTH ENGLISH AND MATHS, IN THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS.

AS WELL AS SHOWING STAFF AT THE SCHOOL HOW OUR PUPILS ARE PROGRESSING AND DEVELOPING, IT PREPARES THE STUDENTS FOR EXAM TECHNIQUES AND PRACTICES, AND HELPS US TO SET TARGETS FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC TERM.



# SUBJECT reviews - WHAT WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING THIS TERM!

<b>English</b>	Trapped in a Snow Globe story, red herrings, writing mysteries, writing persuasive letters
<b>Maths</b>	Interpreting data & frequency, averages, square numbers, 3D shapes, multiplication & division, integers, decimals, negative numbers
<b>Science</b>	Animals: reproduction and offspring, bacteria and viruses, transport of oxygen and viruses around the body
<b>PHSE</b>	Social relationships, personal budget & financial planning, cyberbullying and bullying.
<b>PE</b>	The link between food & PE; sugar consumption and its effects on the body, the nutritional value of food
<b>Art</b>	Planning personal projects for GCSE and Arts Award
<b>Prince's Trust</b>	Career research, CVs, Covering Letters and Career Action Plans

## Useful Information

As we all know, the internet is an integral part of all our lives. It offers many positive opportunities. Just as we want to keep our children safe in the real world, we want to do the same in the virtual world.

PHOENIXPLACE is continuing its steps to ensure e-safety for all our students.

We are still tackling, head-on, the issues surrounding healthy eating, by striving to encourage our students to maintain a balanced diet.

Lunches served onsite are healthy, as we have chefs in Monday-Thursday, though we're allowed to have treats on Fridays!

### Spring 2018/2019 Term Dates

INSET Day - Thursday 5th January 2018

Target Setting and Review Day - Friday 6th January 2018

### Students Return

Monday 8th January 2018

### Half Term:

Monday 12th February 2018 - Friday 16th February 2018

### Terms Ends for students:

Thursday 29th March 2018

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