



The Clarionette

10 Great Things this Fortnight

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- 1) On Monday 19th June we had our final Deep Learning Day of the academic year. In spite of the difficult conditions with 33 degree heat, all pupils threw themselves into the activities with the usual enthusiasm and perseverance true to the Claremont spirit! Some pupils learnt how to save a life, others designed and tested Lego cars, whilst a mini Olympics was organised for Year 8. The activities provided a real enrichment experience and opportunities outside of our pupils' normal curriculum.
- 2) We once again shadowed the prestigious Carnegie Children's Book award (now in its 80th year) which represents the best in Children's writing .The shadowing group was organised by Mr Francis, Mrs Powell and involved a cohort of students from years 9,10 and 12 as well as guest teachers every week including Mr Molloy. With 8 books on the shortlist it has been challenging at times. Now finished, the winner was announced on Monday 19th June at our final meeting - '**Salt to the Sea- by Ruta Sepetys** – a great work of historical fiction.
- 3) On Friday 16th June we had 27 year 9 pupils involved in their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award qualifying expedition. There were two DofE assessors present throughout who were there to make sure that all participants passed the 20 conditions set by DofE. We travelled to Amersham station where groups began the first of their two day hikes. All pupils represented Claremont superbly and demonstrated great enthusiasm towards the qualification as well as all five Claremont values, especially perseverance (photo right)
- 4) Following on from the teams' success of recent weeks, on the 19th of June Claremont hosted the U14 Brent Singles Championship to identify the best individual player in Brent. Claremont pupils were hugely successful in this, with Davina Khimani (9.8) being crowned Girls Brent Champion, and Thilina Abeysinghe (9.3) boys runner-up.
- 5) On Tuesday 27th June, year 9 Art Students sat their unit 1 GCSE exam, with 5 hours of intensive work on their projects beginning the foundation for their Art GCSE qualification.
- 6) Following a two day intensive self-commissioned review from our School Improvement Partner (SIP) on 15/16th June we have written confirmation that she agrees with our self-evaluation of **Outstanding** in Teaching and Learning and Behaviour For Learning. This is a testament to the consistent hard work, effort and talent of our staff and pupils.
- 7) Wednesday 28th June saw our annual University Taster day for our year 12 pupils. We had some top class academics visiting us and delivering lectures in their fields of expertise, to give students a taste of what to expect at university. The taster day was open to the whole of year 12 plus some students in year 10 and 9. The creative writing lecture was so inspiring that it has encouraged one of our members of staff to sign up to do a Creative Writing Masters with the university of Hertfordshire, where the guest lecturer was from. Good luck Ms Savinkina!
- 8) On Monday 26th June 80 Year 8 students were given the opportunity to take part in a STEM challenge, learning about the engineering mega project HS2. They were given the task of designing a lego prototype train as well as a model of the train chassis before pitching the idea. The pupils excelled with the independence and thinking skills that the task required (photo bottom right)
- 9) As part of the Student Voice Eco-initiative, Year 7 raised a substantial amount of money for new bins for the school and created a wonderful fashion show completely out of recycled materials. Year 7 & 8 girls also enjoyed a wonderful table tennis competition! More eco-activities take place next week inspired by Claremont's Student Voice.
- 10) As we go to print, we have a number of pupils currently on residential educational trips this weekend, including: Year 10 trip to Belgium with the history department (29th June-2nd July), where pupils will have the opportunity to visit trenches and war memorials, feeding into their GCSE history curriculum; Approximately 40 year 7 pupils are currently in Normandy, spending 4 days (From Wednesday-Sunday) with members of the French department. While there they will have the opportunity to make cheese, milk goats and visit the Unesco site of the Tapestry of Bayieux, which feeds directly into their Year 8 French curriculum- all while practicing speaking and understand French (photo below right)



This will be the final Clarionette of the academic year. There will be a full end of term Clarion published in two weeks where you can read more about some of our top headline stories, as well as much more. We wish all parents and pupils a fantastic summer break and we look forward to bringing you more Claremont news in September!

News

This week's topic: DfE have published a new factsheet for parents on the new GCSE grading scale:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/620547/GCSE_Factsheet_parentFormatted_1.pdf

Important online safety information:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-40382876>





College Competitions

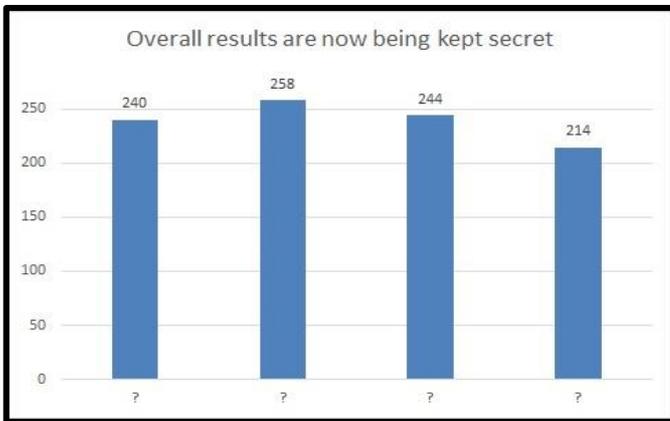


Upcoming key dates:

5th and 6th July: Lower School Musical
 5th July: Year 11 Prom
 17th July: Charity Day
 18th July: Sports Day
 19th July: Presentation Morning and Last day of term for pupils



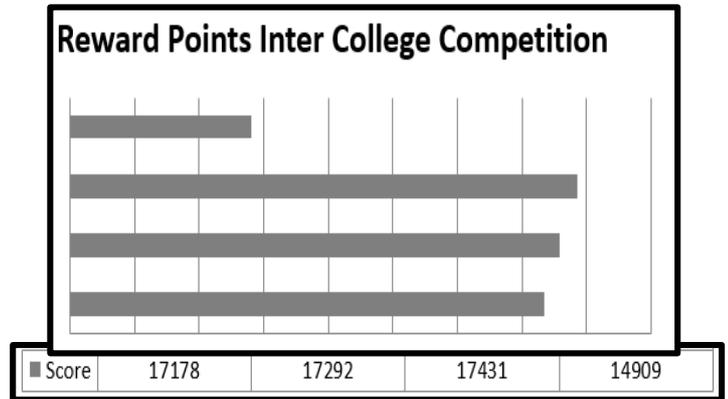
Sports



Sports Inter College has now come to a dramatic conclusion. It was the closest competition the school has ever seen and the Year 7 results proved vital in dictating which college takes home the trophy. Well done to Emerald boys and Scarlet girls for winning their competitions of Friday. Final results will be announced in the coming weeks.

Rewards and Recognition

Reward Points Inter College Competition



As you can see the final scores in the Rewards Points Inter College are all very close. Well done to all participants from all colleges for all of their hard work this year. The winners will be announced in the upcoming end of year Clarion - Ms Green

Pupil Commendations: Year 10

Darius Rus and Abdul Abdi (10.2) they were exemplary as Poetry Ambassadors when George the poet came in to visit. They greeted him, showed him around and helped make sure his visit was a success.

Leshan Herath (10.1) was selected to play for the Cricket U15's team (in cricket terms this is the highest youth level nationally) Leshan has been selected to play in Middlesex's game against the Welsh U15 national team!

KS3 Book of the fortnight
 'The Enemy' by Charlie Higson

KS4 Book of the fortnight
 'My Brilliant Friend' by Elena Ferrante



KS5 CORNER

On Monday 19th June all of year 12 were given help with writing their USAS statements, through an overview session with Mr Burns and then help from English teachers in the initial stages of writing the statements.

While the current year 12 were on a one week study leave last week for their mock exams, they have now returned and have been busy sitting the exams this week.

Meanwhile, the sixth form opened its doors this week to the new cohort of year 12s beginning in September with Orientation day on the 29th June for our current year 11s making the transition into sixth form next year.