



The Clarionette

10 Great Things this Fortnight

Edition No.6

11/11/16

- 1) On 13th October, 2 year 13 students were accompanied by Ms McGuiness to Auschwitz-Birkenau as part of their history course. The trip was organised through the LFA Project and students are half way through this four-part course in order to become Holocaust Educational Ambassadors (image top right)
- 2) Congratulations to Nariman Gira, Zoya Qaisrani, Octavia Akshay-Patel and Lydia Brown for winning the role model presentation competition set by JWT during their visit on 11th October. The agency were incredibly impressed by all Year 10 pupils who took part and really enjoyed their day with us.
- 3) On 19th October, a group of year 12 students took part in the 'Model UN' program hosted by Hertfordshire University. This involved using debating and teamwork skills to argue for and against topics of international importance as each group represented a different country's point of view. This provided the students with excellent and realistic experience of what a UN debate entails.
- 4) As part of Black History Month, Year 9 pupils were asked to choose a historic musician from before they were born and create a biography which would reflect their journey to success, particularly focusing on the struggles they may have faced as a black person in a time when segregation was still prominent. Students then performed a rendition from this artist and were judged by a former contestant on Britain's Got Talent.
- 5) We are delighted that our ex-pupil, O-T Fagbenle, appeared in the London Evening Standard recently when he won Best Actor in the Theatre Awards 2016 for his performance in 'Ma Rainey's Black Bottom' at the National Theatre, Lyttelton.
- 6) The end of September saw a range of activities at Claremont aimed at raising money for Macmillian. This included a cake sale organized by Claremont Parents Staff Unite (PSU) and a number of activities and cake sales run by the pupils and sixth formers. A total of £516.24 was raised for the charity.
- 7) On 21st October we were visited by the head teacher of Eastleigh Boys School in Nairobi- Mr Fred Awuor. Mr Awuor was in London to attend a school reunion organised by the school's alumni- many of whom emigrated to the UK in the 1970s. Mr Awuor was very impressed by everything he saw and experienced at Claremont.
- 8) On 3rd November a group of year 11 students were taken to visit Cambridge University. While there they had the opportunity to hear several speeches and lectures, including one on the history of physics and optics, and another on building images using different EM waves to detect, for instance, a solar flare. They were also able to take part in practical experiments and really experience what life as a student of physics at Cambridge is like.
- 9) Over half term - one of our Science laboratories had a complete refurbishment. S02 is now a fully kitted out laboratory providing up-to-date and excellent facilities for the study of Science at all levels.
- 10) On the evening of 8th October we opened our doors to welcome prospective year 12 students and their parents for our Sixth Form Open Evening. It was excellent to see such a good turn out and we look forward to welcoming the current year 11 students as they transition into the 6th form next year.



News in Education

This Week- Why Mock Exams are Important:

<https://www.theguardian.com/teacher-network/2015/dec/03/practice-makes-perfect-why-mock-exams-students-brains>

Other hot topics- Sleep Matters:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/parents/sleep_matters/





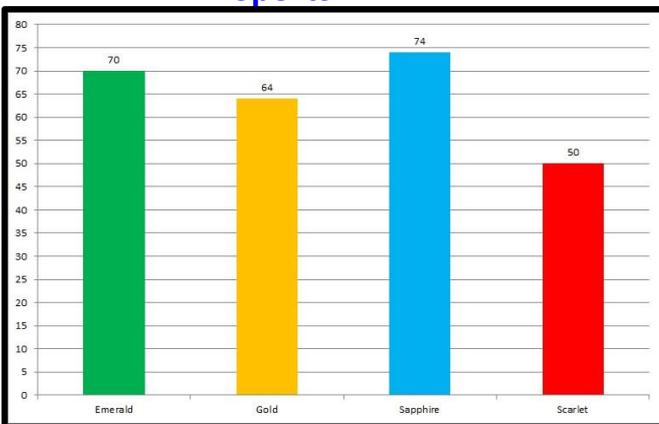
College Competitions

- We aim to bring you regular updates on our college competitions:

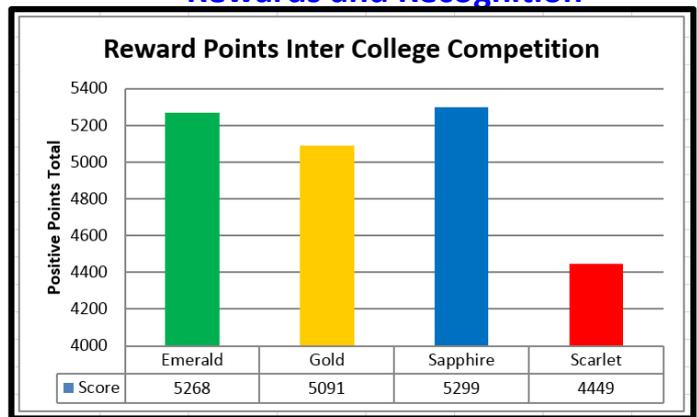
 - 1) Inter-college Sports
 - 2) Rewards points



Sports



Rewards and Recognition

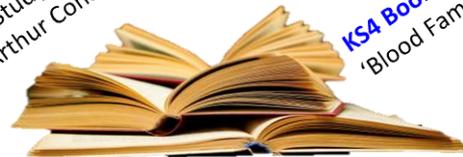


Round 2 of Inter College got underway on Friday with the Year 11s. Unfortunately the girls' competition had to be postponed due to the bad weather. The boys' tournament was a lively affair with Gold coming out on top. Emerald relinquish their lead and drop to 2nd after failing to enter a team.

Sapphire have taken the lead although Emerald are only behind by 31 points. Keep going Sapphire! Gold have had a huge boost of points but Scarlet are still trying to catch up. Can they catch up by Christmas?

KS3 Book of the fortnight
'A Study in Scarlet' by Arthur Conan Doyle

KS4 Book of the fortnight
'Blood Family' by Anne Fine



Pupil Commendations: Year 8

Hemali Patel 8.6- Very positive person. Consistently friendly, helpful and always willing to go the extra mile. Always has a smile and brings out the positive side to everyone.
Emima Toader 8.8 She is always helpful and willing to go above and beyond for the form, by helping their peers and always in excellent uniform.

KS5 Corner

Messages from our Senior Prefects

Preparation for those who have an interview as part of their university application has begun at Claremont. Being given key information by oxford and Cambridge tutors, when sent on a university interview preparation course, has allowed us to identify areas in which we need to improve and key skills that admissions tutors are looking for. Mock interviews arranged for us at Harrow school gave us a taste of what the real interview will entail and allowed us to experience this in a new setting, with an unknown interviewer, similar to that of the real thing. The mock interview was initially daunting but has taught us a great deal and has left us better equipped to tackle the interviews when they start.
Sawan Kotecha