

'Cleverer and kinder every day'



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Principal Welcome

Another great week. One of my highlights is that applications for a place in year 7 for 2021 have increased by 70% when comparing the same point this time last year and we still have 22 days until the deadline. Next week we continue with our science mastery classes for local year 6 students. These are proving very popular as are our art lessons. We are also holding two more weeks of our socially distanced open mornings which we invite all year 6 parents to attend. These will run from 9.10 am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 12th October until 26th October.

Our anthology of poetry, letters and art has now been published and aligns with Black History Month celebrations. It addresses the theme of tackling racial injustice and there are some very beautiful words and images. A copy of this can be found on our school website.

Our mission is to provide an education that transforms lives and helps our students live happy and fulfilling lives. To do this, we must give them a careers education that allows them to make choices and aspire to follow a career that they will enjoy. We believe that it is much easier to pursue a career if you have seen someone who has that job themselves. To support this, we have arranged for all year groups to have visiting speakers from a range of careers: the film industry, museum work and an insight into life at university. All staff are also being trained in how to support their tutees in how they make informed choices about careers and the qualification and courses they will need.

Mr Tim Dainty, Principal



Enrichment



This week we launched our enrichment clubs for all students and it was great to see our students engaged, having fun and being creative. Here are some of the clubs we have on offer:

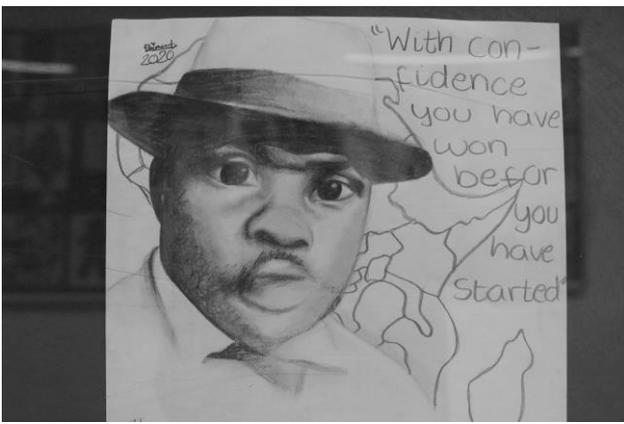
- Chess
- Gardening Club
- Magic Tricks
- Be Her Lead
- Football Boys
- Visual Culture
- Basketball
- Debate Mate
- Spoken Word
- Music Technology
- Football Boys
- Latino Aspirations
- Table Tennis
- Debate Mate
- Spoken Word
- Wacky Science
- Black History
- Duke Of Edinburgh
- UK Maths Challenge
- Endeavour Magazine



Celebration of Black History:

This week we continued our celebrations of Black History with a particular focus on the contributions made by notable men and women throughout history.

Below are some amazing portraits created by Danine in Year 10 of Marcus Garvey and Harriet Tubman:



For English, we had Mr Champion (Head of English) teach an exciting and engaging lesson this week for our Year 10 students on the topic of Tone. Using press coverage from the day of windrush, original 1948 BBC transcripts and cinematic footage (from the then released film Empire Windrush), Mr Champion taught students how to read and assess different types of texts. The lesson objective was to be able to show understanding that tone could be used to change the meaning of a text

Here is what two of our students had to say (Uriah and Carla) of the lesson:

“Our English lesson today was really great. We completely understood the different types of tones used in the various press coverage, how it changed over the course of the day and what different messages were being portrayed.

It made us realise how important phrasing is and tone is when conveying a message. It needs to be authentic and true so that readers can form a true perception of an event.

Mr Champion made the lesson relatable, engaging and enjoyable!”



Macmillian Cancer Support



To raise money in support of Macmillian cancer support, our house captains and their teams of students and staff, rallied together to raise money for McMillans day by selling daffodil bulbs.

It was a wonderful day of school community spirit!