

SEDGEHILL

weekly

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MESSAGE FROM MS CASSIDY

I am writing this in the midst of the 'Beast from the East' with snow settled on the ground outside and more continuing to fall. The last time I remember snow like this in London was back in 2009, when the trains and buses all came to a halt - and most of the schools also closed. Fortunately it has not quite got to that stage as I write, but we remain on watch.

Other than the snow, the big event this week was a 'review and support' visit by a joint team from United Learning and Lewisham. They visited over 30 lessons, met three student panels from different year groups, and reviewed a range of exercise books from across the school. They were particularly complimentary about our students' conduct and behaviour in lessons, with one of the review panel members remarking that behaviour was impeccable. They didn't see any disruption in any of the lessons that they visited throughout the day. And they noted on the extent to which they saw evidence of extended writing in exercise books.

Looking ahead, next week is a big one for our year 11 students, with the start of their mock exams. This is a very important staging point for year 11 as they head towards their GCSE exams. It will give them and their teachers an accurate assessment of where they need to focus their efforts ahead of the summer. We have been working hard with students to refresh their knowledge and I hope that you will also encourage them to revise at home over the next few days.

Hopefully, the next time I write, it will feel more like spring!

YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING

Due to the inclement weather this week, Year 9 Options Evening had to be postponed.

It will now take place on Thursday 8 March from 5-7pm. The deadline for returning options forms remains the same: Monday 12 March.

The evening will provide an invaluable opportunity to speak to teachers from all of the options subjects and get useful information about the courses available for GCSE.

Choosing your options for your GCSEs is clearly a very important decision and so this evening has been set up to ensure that decisions can be informed and carefully thought-through.

We assume that all parents will be coming - if you are likely to have any difficulties, or would like more information, please do not hesitate to email Machel Hewitt, head of Year 9, at mhewitt@sedgehillschool.co.uk.

PERFECT STUDENTS

Perfect Student is presented to the student from each year group who has, in that week:

- 100% attendance;
- 100% punctuality;
- gained the most achievement points.

This week's Perfect Students are:

Year 7	Cherece Josephs
Year 8	Maria Binzaru
Year 9	Shamarah Oniri
Year 10	Ellie Johnson
Year 11	Eren Erdel
Sixth Form	Brydie Gregory

Well done to all of the above students.

LGBT HISTORY MONTH



We had some very popular and thought-provoking discussion groups on a range of LGBT issues in the library this month. It was inspiring to see so many students wanting to talk about important and sensitive subjects and keen to stand up for people's rights.

As a result of these discussion groups, we have decided to set up an ongoing group called 'Sedgehill Equality' which will meet monthly to discuss not just LGBT issues but also issues that affect women, ethnic minorities, people with disabilities and other minorities.

Watch this space for further information.

UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS

We are delighted to be able to say that every Year 13 student who applied to university this year has now received at least one offer.

Particular congratulations to the following students who have received four or more offers:

Olawale Agbolade	Business with Marketing
Sherelle Burbeck	Psychology & Criminology
Ahmet Cavuslar	Finance
Macario Costa	Sport Psychology
Hannah Dimtsu	Sports Therapy
Joao Garcia Santana	Business Management
Taye Georges	Psychology
Redon Gollaku	Sports Coaching
Melisa Karabeyaz	English
Francis Lawrence	Film Production
Darnell McKenzie	Computer Science
Elizabeth Oginni	Marketing
Ahmet Sackan	Graphic Design
Nathan Sakhabuth	Sports Coaching

YEAR 10 DRAMA

Year 10 Drama GCSE students have spent the past six weeks creating original, thought-provoking pieces of drama which challenge the audience to see different forms of dystopia. Here are some photos from their performances this week:



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 8 March Year 9 GCSE Options Evening, 5-7pm

Monday 12 March Year 9 GCSE Options deadline

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Attendance Procedures



Students are EXPECTED to:

- Attend school regularly
- Arrive at school on time.
- Be punctual to lessons
- Bring notes to school to explain any absence

Parents are EXPECTED to:

- Ensure that their children attend school whenever possible.
- Ensure that their child leaves for school with enough time to be punctual.
- Informs the school of any absence.
- Book medical appointments outside of school hours wherever possible.
- Not book any holidays during term time. These will be marked as unauthorised and are likely to be subject to a fine.
- Support the school sanctions if students are late.

If your Child is Absent from School

1. Contact the school on 020 8698 8911 and follow instructions to connect the Attendance Voicemail Service.
2. Leave a message stating your child's name, form, reason for absence and expected return date to school.
3. If your child is absent for longer than 2 days, please contact the Attendance Team with an update.

If your Child's Attendance is 95% and Below

Absences below 95% WILL NOT be authorised unless you provide any of the following:

1. Letter from hospital/doctors confirming an appointment.
2. Copy of prescription or prescription label on medication.
3. Letter from a professional body stating the reason for absence.

If your Child is Late to School

1. Contact the school on 020 8698 8911 and follow instructions to connect the Attendance Voicemail Service.
2. Leave a message stating your child's name, form, reason for late and expected time of arrival to school.

Late Detentions

1. If your child is late to school he/she will receive a 1 hour detention that day.
2. Persistent lateness will result in further actions including, but not limited to:
 - Punctuality Report
 - Punctuality Mentoring
 - School and Parent Meeting

We will ONLY accept reasons/notes relating to lateness from parents which are of exceptional circumstances.

Monitoring Process

The Attendance Team will closely monitor students and may take the following actions:

- Send letters home
- Invite parents for attendance meetings
- Parenting Contract
- Fixed Penalty Notices
- Panel Meetings
- Refer to the Local Authority for Persistent Absence.