

SEDGEHILL

weekly

16 MARCH 2018

MESSAGE FROM MS CASSIDY

This week, I wanted to set out some of the recent highlights of the extra curricular programme that we provide at Sedgehill. This is a really important part of the school's offer to students and something we set a lot of store by.

Our London location means that we have ready access to a full array of cultural opportunities. We work hard to draw on these for the benefit of our students. In recent weeks, our Year 10 and 11 GCSE Music students were lucky enough to visit the Royal Festival Hall to see the London Philharmonic Orchestra perform. Our GCSE and A level drama students went to the National Theatre to see the sell-out hit *Network*, starring Bryan Cranston (star of the TV hit show *Breaking Bad*). Having tried and failed to get tickets for this, this made me very jealous. And, at the start of February, our Year 11 Art students took part in a workshop at the Courtauld Art Gallery, touring the gallery with two art historians.

We also take advantage of opportunities closer to home. Again in the last few weeks, we have had Year 9 students taking part in Lewisham's International Women's Day celebrations; others performing at the Lewisham Live Festival on Catford Broadway; and Year 12 and 13 students have enjoyed a workshop with the Greenwich and Lewisham Young People's Theatre, learning more about the working lives of a range of professional performers.

There will be many more trips and opportunities coming up in the second half of the school year. Please do encourage your children to take full advantage.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Good luck to all of our Year 10s, who are off on work experience from Monday.

We have students with placements in a wide range of industries, including banks, theatres, nurseries, law firms, hairdressers, architects, restaurants, hospitals, engineers and farms. Most placements are in south east London, but we have several going into central London, a few in Kent, one in Sussex, and even one in Wales!

We are sure that all of our students will represent Sedgehill impeccably and we look forward to hearing how they get on when they return to school for the Bridge Conference on Thursday 29 March.

If anyone has any questions about work experience, please do not hesitate to contact Alex Mees, Work Experience Coordinator, at amees@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 **Brenda De Freitas**

Year 8 **Nevaeh Juilen**

Year 9 **Charli Dickenson**

Year 10 **Joshua McFarlane**

Year 11 **Paige Salmon**

Sixth Form **Zak Hallett**

Well done to all of the above students.

NEW PREFECTS



This week, the Year 10s selected to be Sedgehill's new prefect team were given their prefect ties in assembly. The prefects were chosen from those who completed a detailed application form, having been nominated and seconded by two students and two members of staff.

When we return to school after Easter, these 32 students will take over prefect responsibilities from the outgoing prefect team. We wish them all the very best in their new role.

BALLET BLACK



24 of our students from Year 7 up to Year 13 were treated to the fantastic opportunity to watch Ballet Black rehearsing two of their dances - 'The Suit' and 'A Dream within A Midsummer Night's Dream' - thanks to ex-Sedgehill Performing Arts Coordinator Ms Hand, who now works at The Barbican.

Ballet Black is "a professional ballet company for international dancers of black and Asian descent [who] aim to bring ballet to a more culturally diverse audience by celebrating black and Asian dancers in ballet".

Paige Nelms (Year 7) had this to say:

"The dancers were fabulous and their costumes were beautiful. It was a fun experience."

JACK PETCHEY AWARDS

Five Sedgehill students (right, with Deputy Mayor of Lewisham, Alan Smith) were presented with awards at the 2018 Jack Petchey Achievement Awards on Thursday 15 March 2018. The awards "recognise outstanding young people between the ages of 11-25 throughout London and Essex".

We are very proud of all students who received an award - including those who unfortunately were unable to attend the ceremony to receive their awards. We are also very proud of the Sedgehill students who were chosen to sing at the ceremony.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Monday 19 March | UCAS Next Steps information evening, 5-6pm |
| Monday 19 - Thursday 28 March | Year 10 Work Experience |
| Monday 26 March | Duke of Edinburgh's Award Update Evening, 5-6pm |
| Thursday 29 March | End of term |

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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.