

SEDGEHILL

weekly

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MESSAGE FROM MS CASSIDY

I'm writing this on the first day of the World Cup. Russia have just beaten Saudi Arabia 5 - 0, so not the closest of starts, but I'm sure things will get more competitive as the tournament progresses - in particular into the knockout stages.

I thought I'd take the opportunity to tell you about three competitions where Sedgehill students have excelled in recent weeks.

First, Oliver Bright in year 9 has been selected to represent London Schools at the English Schools Athletic Association Track and Field Championships' which will be held in Birmingham in July. Oliver is a regular runner for the England Junior Boys athletics team and so goes to the championships with high hopes, as well as our best wishes. I'll let you know how he gets on.

Second, Vocalise - our well known Sedgehill vocal group - recently won their way through to the next stage of Music for Youth, a national competition for musical groups. Coincidentally, they too will be going to Birmingham in July for the next stage of their competition. Fingers crossed, we're hopeful that they will make it all the way to the final at the Royal Albert Hall.

Third, our best mathematics students took part in the UKMT Maths Challenge earlier this term. Last week, we received their results and they secured four bronze certificates and two silver certificates.

At Sedgehill, we believe that competition is a positive driver for our students' development. Not everyone can perform at a national level, but all can benefit from a competitive environment. We'll be putting that to the test with our Sports Day later in the term when all of our students will have the opportunity to perform and draw out the 'best in everyone'.

PARENTAL SURVEY

A reminder that we have a parental survey on [surveymonkey.co.uk](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk)—we'd love to get your feedback to find out your thoughts about Sedgehill.

The survey can be found here:

<https://bit.ly/2ItTtfi>

The survey is only 12 questions long and should not take more than a couple of minutes.

Your answers will be extremely useful to us as we look ahead to the academic year 2018/19.

Thank you.

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 **Laura Parkinson / Zacaria Sabih**

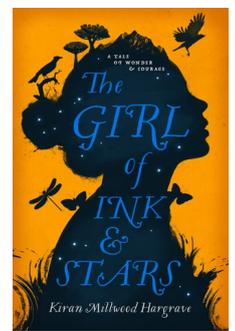
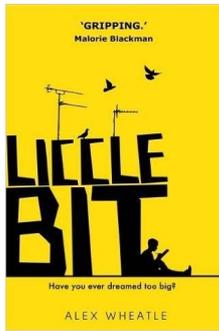
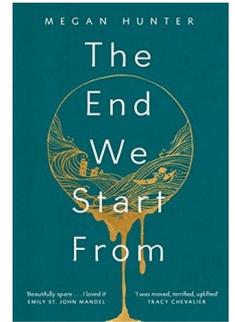
Year 8 **Aaliyah Williamson**

Year 9 **Endrit Haziri / Shamarah Oniri**

Year 10 **Farouq Ahmed-Johnson**

Sixth Form **Brydie Gregory / Georgina Nash**

Well done to all of the above students.



The Festival of Words - Sedgehill Library's annual celebration of the written and spoken word - returns on Monday with two weeks of events to inspire students.

This year, we have possibly our most exciting line-up yet:

- Monday 18th: **Vesna Maric**, author of *Bluebird*: a memoir of her time as a teenage refugee, visits to talk about her experience coming to the UK from Bosnia during the Yugoslavian Wars of the 90s.
- Tuesday 19th: spoken word artist **Anthony Anaxagarou** performs for a group of students and then runs a workshop to help them produce their own poetry
- Thursday 21st: children's author **Alex Wheatle** comes in to discuss his award-winning books set on a fictional south east London estate
- Wednesday 27th: Waterstone's Children's Prize-winning author **Kiran Millwood Hargrave** visits to talk about her books *The Girl of Ink and Stars* and *The Island at the End of Everything*.
- Thursday 28th: author **Megan Hunter** comes in to read from and discuss her book *The End We Start From*. This event is open to parents and the public too - so please come along. It starts with drinks and nibbles at 5pm in the library.

Also over the fortnight, students will learn in tutor time about words that once were part of the English language but have now disappeared from usage; staff will be sharing passages of some of their favourite books; and students will have the opportunity to take part in a book hunt, looking for books that have been hidden around the school - if they find them, they keep them!

Our final Festival of Words event - and possibly our most ambitious and most exciting to date - has unfortunately had to be rescheduled for 5-6th July, due to an exam clash. For this event - entitled ***Much Ado; Not Much Time*** - a small group of students will work together to put on a performance of Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing* in less than 48 hours. The performance will take place after school on Friday 6th in the playground (weather permitting).

Look out for reports from the first events in next week's newsletter.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 18—Friday 29 June Festival of Words

Thursday 28 June Year 11 Graduation, 5.30pm

Thursday 5 July Year 11 Prom, 7pm

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you have not done so yet, please go to www.fsm.lgfl.net to quickly and easily check your eligibility for free school meals. If you are eligible, the school also gains welcome additional funding known as 'Pupil Premium'.

Once you've entered essential details into the web site, the online application process links to the Department for Education system for checking eligibility and gives an immediate 'yes' or 'no' response, and will also notify the school.

If eligible, you are not obliged to accept the free school meals for your child should you wish to make other arrangements, but we do want to encourage applications as the additional funding gained would still benefit education provision at the school, allowing us to take on additional staff and invest in additional equipment, resources and activities to the benefit all children.

Sedgehill School

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

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 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.

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'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.

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.