

# SEDGEHILL

weekly

6 OCTOBER 2017

## MESSAGE FROM MS CASSIDY

This week I want to tell you about the after school activities that we are putting in place at Sedgehill.

For Year 11, we are providing additional academic sessions after school, to help students prepare for their GCSEs next summer. The new GCSE, which was introduced last year, is more demanding than its predecessor, even more so since many sixth forms and universities will only consider a grade 5 or over as a good pass. As Year 11 move towards this challenge, we are therefore introducing academic masterclasses after school - with English on Tuesdays, Maths on Thursdays and other subjects on other days. All Year 11 students are expected to attend.

Supporting our students to achieve the best academic grades they can is only part of what we look to do at Sedgehill. We also provide a wide range of enrichment activities with extracurricular clubs available for all of our students who choose to participate. These clubs are a great way to learn resilience, become team players, practise their communication skills and generally build confidence. Developing these wider skills are important to happiness and success later on in life.

We are launching a range of sports clubs, including rugby, table tennis, badminton, and trampolining. There will also be drama club, chess club, origami club, cookery club, gardening club plus various art, music and dance clubs. These clubs are now being advertised within school and your children should look out for these and for instructions on how to sign up.

This enrichment activity is an important part of life at Sedgehill. Please do encourage your children to take part.

## INSTRUMENTS AT THE READY

All Year 7s received their free instruments from MiSST (Music in Secondary Schools Trust) last week and are now starting to learn how to play them in their music lessons.

Watch this space for details of their first performance in December.



## 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.

The following students have been presented with the award this week:

- Year 7 **Aleksy Kubarski**
- Year 8 **Valerija Bikovska**
- Year 9 **Sophie Ginn**
- Year 10 **Freda Igiogbe**
- Year 11 **Ceylan Ankach**
- Sixth form **Oumou Hawa Djawane**

Well done to all of the above students.

## FILM CLUB IS BACK

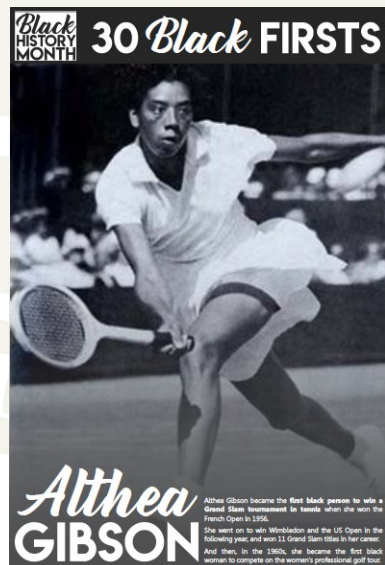
Film Club returns to Sedgehill this month. Every month, we turn the library into a cinema. This month, we're showing *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them* after school on Tuesday 10 October. The film will start promptly at 3.00pm, finishing at approximately 5.15pm.



## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

As this year marks the 30th anniversary of Black History Month in the UK, we're celebrating 30 Black Firsts this month: that is 30 people who were the first black people to achieve particular things, such as Sibusiso Vilane - the first black person to climb Mount Everest - and Althea Gibson - the first black person to win a Grand Slam tournament in tennis.

Students can learn about these and 27 other pioneers from posters around the school.



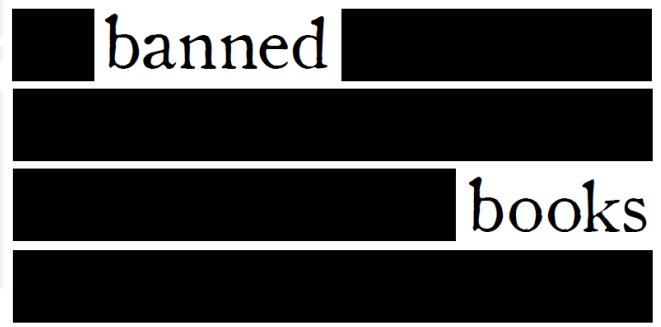
## YEAR EIGHT FOOTBALL



Congratulations to the Year 8 A football team who beat Bexleyheath Academy 5-1 in the English Schools Cup. Racing into a 4-0 lead at half time with Yohann Essoki and Tylah Wallace-Ming scoring two goals each, the game looked done. It certainly was when Ezekiel Earle then added to the scoring tally in the second half. Sedgehill conceded a late consolation goal, but still managed to win comfortably.

Sedgehill showed an immense team effort from the first whistle to the last, but the player who stood out throughout this game was Retega Agienoji, who was an absolute rock at the heart of the defence.

## NEW BOOK CLUB



We're starting a new book club in the library this year for Year 9s and 10s called Banned Books. Each month, we will read a book that has been banned at some point (although not ever in the UK) and then discuss why we think it was banned. Titles include *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *Brave New World* and *Fahrenheit 451*.

Anyone interested in joining us should see Mr Mees in the library.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Wednesday 18 October** Year 11 Information Evening

**Monday 23 - Friday 27 October** Half Term

**Thursday 2 November** Sixth Form Parents' Evening