

SEDGEHILL

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MESSAGE FROM MS CASSIDY

In the last few weeks, I've highlighted our main priorities for the year, including the introduction of our new teaching and learning policy, the Sedgehill 7, and our push for a disruption free learning environment. This week, I want to tell you about our other major focus for the year - year 11 performance.

I said last time that new GCSE's are currently being introduced this year. These are more demanding than their predecessors, with many sixth forms and universities only considering a mark of 5 or over as a good pass - harder than a grade C on the old exam. To perform well will therefore not be an easy task and we are determined to provide our students with the support they will need to do that.

So that we can provide this support in a properly targeted way, all year 11 students were assessed last week in Maths and English. We are using this information to identify targeted intervention where appropriate. A range of support will be available. There will be additional academic sessions for all year 11 students after school - English on Tuesdays, Maths on Thursdays and other subjects on other days. Those students who we think will benefit most will then receive intensive one-to-one lessons in maths. They will be taken out of normal lessons to receive an extra 10 one hour lessons in maths - one a day for two weeks. We have enrolled onto an online maths tutorial course called Hegarty Maths, where students can follow video tutorials on individual topics - both at school and at home. And we have appointed an additional language assistant to support year 11 students studying French and Spanish.

We are meeting with Year 11 parents on Wednesday 18th October to explain in more detail how we will support their children over the coming months and to explain what they need to do to maximise their potential at GCSEs. I look forward to seeing those concerned then.

MEET LEWISHAM'S NEW YOUNG MAYOR...

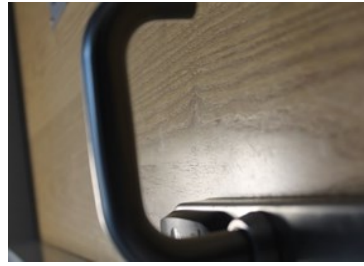
Hot off the press is the fantastic news that Laurelle Henry has become Lewisham's 14th Young Mayor - huge congratulations to her as she embarks on a very exciting year.

On Thursday, the 25 candidates gathered in the council chamber of the town hall to hear the result. In a nail-biting format, first 21 students were given certificates, leaving the top four candidates in suspense. Fourth place was announced, then third and still Laurelle was in with a chance. Finally, Laurelle was revealed as the winner with 1223 votes.

Sedgehill's Tekisha Henry - last year's Deputy Young Mayor - proudly handed over the medallion and Sir Steve Bullock presented a certificate.



PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB



Year 9 & 10 Photography Club has now started and the students have been getting to grips with digital SLR cameras, specifically looking at framing and composition.

Last week, they were set the A-Z Challenge, looking around school to find letter shapes in objects and spaces.

Next week, we will be looking at how to edit images in Photoshop in order to enhance the appearance of the letters.

TORRIDON SCHOOL FAIR

Maggie Gregory (Year 8) writes:

Last Saturday, a selection of prefects and student representatives helped out at Torrison school fair. We helped out mostly on the burger and cake stalls - and some of us even got to help out on the bouncy castle! It was fun to meet some of the parents and students at Torrison School and to represent Sedgheill.

ANOTHER WEEK, ANOTHER 5-1 VICTORY

Tyrese Garvey (Year 11) writes:

Year 11 played their first match of the year, against St Mary Magdalene Academy in the ESFA U16 Premier League cup. It was a tough game and both teams had good chances to score before Aiyden Mckoy broke the deadlock with a fantastic goal after a wonderful pass by Dennis Osei to take Sedgheill into the lead at half-time. In the second half, St Mary Magdalene Academy levelled the score, only for Dennis to put Sedgheill School back in front with a wonderful run and finish. Dennis grabbed his second not long after, followed by another from Dylan Akue. To top it all off, Aiyden scored with a brilliant free kick to finish the game 5-1. The Man of the Match was right back Tupac Garvey.

YEAR 7/8 DRAMA CLUB

Ava Drew (Year 7) writes:

This club is an awesome way to express yourself in a theatrical way. As a Year 7, I'm new to this school and still learning how to understand the ways of other children and the drama club has made me feel much more confident and I have made new friends through it. Also, the Year 10 students who run the club, called Lauren, Elvie and Oliver are amazing teachers! If you feel like you need confidence, this is the place for you.



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