

SEDGEHILL

weekly

8 DECEMBER 2017

MESSAGE FROM MS CASSIDY



It is nearly Christmas and the end of my first term as Headteacher at Sedgheill. This will be my final newsletter of 2017 and I write it having just completed a walk around the school. As usual, this filled me with huge pride. I saw lots of students who were working hard in disruption free classrooms - focused, engaged and dedicated in their work.

Our students have represented us brilliantly to the wider community in the last couple of weeks of term: Laurelle Henry gave her inaugural speech as young mayor of Lewisham in the Town Hall's council chamber; a group of musicians sang Christmas carols to raise money for charity at Bellingham Green; Year 7 & 8 played their violins at assembly in front of parents and a representative from MiSST who were all very impressed; a group of Year 9s took hampers to a local old persons group.

This week was a busy one with many students performing magnificently in the Christmas concert, and next week will be busier still. We will celebrate the end of term with reward assemblies, all students will have the opportunity to watch our school production of 'Cinderella on a Shoestring', and there will be Christmas lunch on Wednesday. We will end the week with Christmas Jumper Day on Friday, when all students can wear their Christmas jumpers in return for donating a pound to Save the Children.

Our thoughts, of course, now turn to 2018. It will be an important one for us, as we continue to progress in our journey towards creating one of the best schools in London. I know there are things that I want to improve on in 2018, both as a person and as a Headteacher. I am sure I am not the only one. So the message I leave everyone with next week is this:

Have a wonderful rest and holiday and I look forward to welcoming all our students back in January, ready to be the best they can be in 2018.

FINAL WEEK OF TERM

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch will be available in the canteen on Wednesday 13 December. It will cost £2.30 so please make sure students have sufficient funds on their ParentPay account.

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 15 December is Christmas Jumper Day and students are invited to wear a Christmas jumper in return for a £1 donation. All money raised goes to the charity Save the Children.

Last Day of Term

School will finish early on Friday 15 December: all students will be dismissed between 12.00-1.00pm.

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 **George David**

Year 8 **Aleks Sallaj**

Year 9 **Rodi Ayrikan**

Year 10 **Liangji Yu**

Year 11 **Abashine Tharmaraj**

Sixth form **Lauren Dane**

Well done to all of the above students.

MUSIC FOR YOUTH

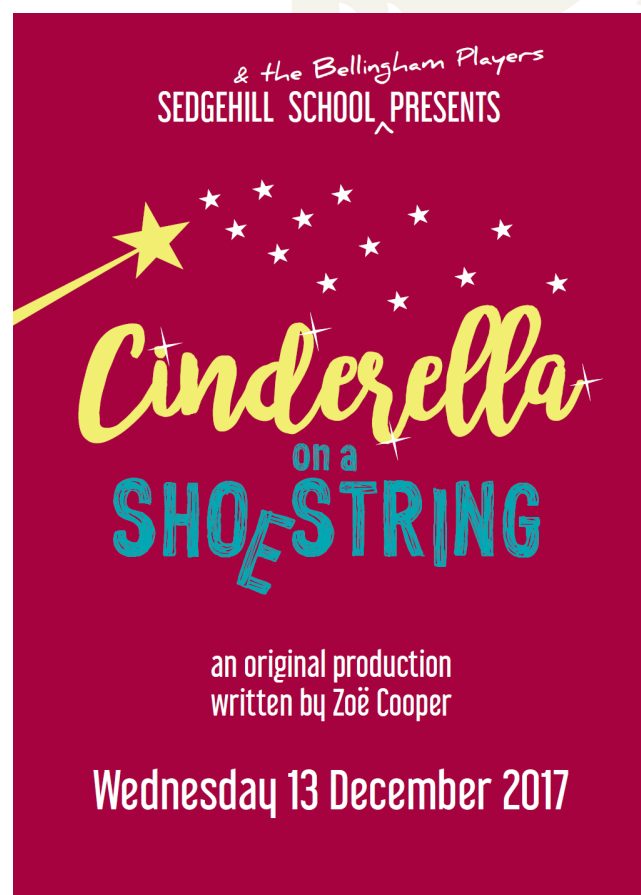


As part of the Music For Youth Initiative, three of our Sixth Formers performed at the Royal Albert Hall last month.

Elizabeth Oginni, Rashad Cayanne-Davis and Victoria Martin sang to a sold-out auditorium of over 5000 people. Rashad had this to say:

"It's not like anything else I have experienced. I felt like I was in a dream. The atmosphere was buzzing and there was so much talent around. Studying Music Performance here helped me gain the confidence to perform to such a large amount of people".

SCHOOL PRODUCTION



Don't forget that the school production - Cinderella on a Shoestring - is 7pm next Wednesday. If you would like to come, we ask for a small contribution to the running costs: £4 for adults; £2 for children. Money should be taken to reception.

FILM CLUB

There's a Film Club Christmas Special on Monday 11 December as students get to choose between two classic Christmas movies: Home Alone and Elf.

Students should come to the library at 3pm on Monday to vote for their choice. Film Club will be finished by 5pm.



CREATIVE PROCESS CONFERENCE

A selection of our Year 12 and 13 Art and Photography students attended the Art in Action: Creative Process conference where they saw four renowned artists give lectures on the creative process they go through to make their work. The students were most impressed by the presentation of David Mach, a sculptor, saying they learned much from him about how he makes his work and creates a juxtaposition between the natural and made forms he uses. They were also impressed by Stuart Pearson-Wright, who explained how his experiences influence his painting technique and style. And they got to see the full range of work of Zandra Rhodes, the iconic fashion designer.

The students were excellent ambassadors for Sedgehill School and all gained a lot from the day, as it gave them insight into the working practices of artists that they can now feed into their own creative processes.



YEARS 7-9 ENGLISH ASSESSMENTS

Advance warning that Year 7-9 have their English assessments on the following dates in January:

Year 7	Wednesday 17 January
Year 8	Tuesday 16 January
Year 9	Friday 12 January

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 13 December Sedgehill Production: *Cinderella on a Shoestring*, 7pm

Friday 15 December End of Term and Christmas Jumper Day

