Summer Term News Round-Up Part 4











Year 10's Activities Week July 2022

This year's Activities Week for Year 10 was jam-packed with a variety of exciting and educational trips and activities which included an outing to a 'Go Ape' Adventure centre and a Careers Fair.



SSSO sends eight to debate for England



12 students from SSSO applied for the England Schools Debating Development Squad. This is a squad that will run throughout the academic year of 2022/23 teaching students how to formally debate using the rules of the World Schools Debating Championships. The pupils had to complete a written application and were then shortlisted to the interview process. For the interview students had to answer general knowledge questions, to discuss their opinions on recent news articles and finally prepare and deliver a one-minute speech in the style of a closing argument on a topic of their choice. 8 out of the 12 students from SSSO have been successful with their application and are now on the team.

They will receive a two-week intensive course of debating over the summer followed by training every two weeks with the coaches from England Schools Debating in September. The Head Coach and England Schools Debating said, "SSSO were the top performing state school in the country for applicants - the next highest only had 5 students selected for the team! Everyone else only got 1 or 2!". Please do help us in congratulating the students on their amazing achievement and this brilliant opportunity: Summer Stannard 90, Shakthi Ganesh 9G, Ronni Whitnall-Gaylard 9G, Maddifatu Dumbuya 9G, Raima Kumar 9O, Manuella Yenumah 9Y, Zarin Anjum Ahmed 9O and Kiarna Thompson 9Y – Ms Llewellyn and the RS team

Coutts' mentors a massive benefit

WRL Coordinator Stephen Young writes: We had 30 students taking part in the Coutts Mentoring programme this year - 24 students in Year 12 and 6 students in Year 13. We have been organising this programme for a number of years. The programme helps our students with motivation and encouragement, improving self esteem and confidence through regular 1-1 guidance and support. I see this programme about opening doors, some students might find it hard to open doors to their interests or careers plans but having a mentor who could open that door is a major key for them to move forward. As part of the programme, students were invited to spend the day at Coutts Bank where they got to spend time with their mentor sand took part in a series of workshops including personal branding and a CV workshop which were very popular with our students.





My experience at Coutts was great I got to see how an office workplace is like and was given great advice by my mentor. It was a lovely experience that I would recommend to anyone.

It doesn't matter whether you are interested in finance or not because the experience itself will help you in the future.

Jennifer Amukamara 12S

Learning about the law with Year 10

The Lawyers in School is a programme which runs over six one-hour sessions. Students work in small groups of 5/6, using specially created resources to debate and discuss the ethics and laws around engaging topics such as human rights and social media. Lawyers in School is a fun, interactive and engaging programme that gives students rare access to the legal profession and the unique opportunity to learn about the law from the very people who practice it.

"I am thankful that the school gave me the opportunity to find out about the different types of Law, which has really helped me in this stage of my school life." Kharis, 10 Red

"The Lawyers in School programme helped me apply the Law to everyday life. It taught me what my rights are and how to defend myself in life. It opened my eyes to the fact that law is a wide course and it isn't just what you see on TV." Deanna, 10 Red





Schools combine for Dyers concert

On June 15th the music department participated in the biannual Dyer's Concert at Southwark Cathedral. 60 students from years 7-10 drawn from our choirs, orchestra, and percussion ensemble performed a varied programme of joint and solo numbers with students from Norwich School, Archbishop Tenison's School in Lambeth, and Boutcher Primary School. A particular highlight of the evening was a solo performance of "Fly me to the Moon" by Bart Howard performed by Faridat Adeniran in 10G



ABRSM music exam results are in

We had a visiting examiner for the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music in school on July 15th to examine some of the students who take instrumental lessons at the school. Every student passed their exam, and special congratulation must go to Dami Onibonoje who achieved 144/150 in the exam - a truly exceptional mark.

Shae Ellis-Abdullie Violin G4 PASS Michaela Campbell-James Singing G5 MERIT Ivy He Violin G4 PASS Adelina Shima Violin G1 MERIT Sherlisa Morrison Piano G1 MERIT Busuola Oworu Piano G2 DISTINCTION Josie Mensah Guitar G2 DISTINCTION Dami Onibonoje Guitar G1 DISTINCTION

Sofia Solano Cello G3 MERIT Sophie Mason Piano G5 DISTINCTION Taliah Ihegborow Trumpet G3 PASS Mariam Durani Piano G4 MERIT Adelina Shima Flute G4 PASS Otonye Ibiama Piano G3 PASS Sophie Mason Flute G4 DISTINCTION Nana Dentu Singing G5 PASS

Sixth form chemists take more than a pinch of salt



Sarah Wang, 12S, writes: On the 20th of July, 8 of our year 12 chemists along with some now-gone year 13 chemists had a short but engrossing trip to "The Salters' Company", one of the great 12 Livery companies. After enjoying a delightful afternoon tea in the scenic garden, we were swiftly brought along to the beautiful hall and courtroom, designed and built in the medieval times. As can be inferred from the name of the company, salt had a huge contribution to the beginning of this enterprise as it was originally involved in salt trading almost 1000 years ago in London. More presently, we learnt that the Salters' Company has become a chemistry-based educational society that presents many great opportunities and provides support for young people inspiring them to consider careers in the chemical industry. In aid of their objective, the salters' company can also be seen playing a major role in the assistance of chemistry teaching.

On 12th May 2022, five year 12 chemistry students were granted to privilege to attend a talk with Professor Lord Winston, who pioneered the study of fertility and IVF treatment at JAGS. It was a great opportunity to hear him speak about his life - not only within the medical field, but how his involvement in theatre built his character. This was quite surprising that he delved into a theatrical life, but it was inspiring as it showed that all life experiences have purpose. Professor Lord Winston's passion while speaking was evident, which was passed on to the audience, as there was a lengthy q&a after, showing how he was able to engage with us and be inspirational.

Help and support for young people over the summer

The Nest

https://www.thenestsouthwark.org.uk/referrals/

Referrals - thenestsouthwark.org.uk

The Nest is a service delivered by Groundwork on behalf of thenest@groundwork.org.uk 020 8138 1805 (freephone) www.thenestsouthwark.org.uk

Southwark Talking Therapies

https://talkingtherapiessouthwark.nhs.uk/refer-yourself/ 020 3228 2194

Kooth - Online counselling service for young people

https://www.kooth.com/

The Mix https://www.themix.org.uk/ 0808 808 4994

Essential support for under 25s - The Mix

The Mix: 0808 808 4994 - Free information and support for under 25s in the UK. Get advice about sex, relationships, drugs, mental health, money & jobs. www.themix.org.uk

Southwark Wellbeing Hub Directory - more services for Young people

https://www.together-uk.org/southwark-wellbeing-hub/directory/hub-category/young-people/

Young People Archives - Southwark Wellbeing Hub Anna Freud Self-Care Resources. The Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families is a children's mental health charity with over 60 years' experience of caring for young minds. www.together-uk.org

OASIS age 14 + psychological distress

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