



From Outstanding to Excellent

An Excellent half-term indeed! I am delighted to be able to share the outcome of our most recent inspection. The Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist schools (SIAMS) took place just before we broke up for Easter. The framework has been changed and is even more rigorous, and the former 'Outstanding' grade has been replaced by a more demanding top grade of 'Excellent'. To be awarded the 'excellent' judgement is testament to the hard work, commitment and support of our whole community, so I congratulate staff, students, parents and governors for this achievement. The whole report is available on our website, www.ssso.southwark.sch.uk

Exams have begun and years 11 and 13 are demonstrating resilience and perseverance to cope with the pressures of these very intense weeks. I am delighted to have Dominique Vincent, our new Head Girl, in post and also to thank Ana Opoku Konte for an impressive year of service to our school. A new team of prefects are to be announced very soon. As ever this time of year is one of change alongside the pressures of examinations. I hope and pray that this half term break will help to refresh and recharge us all, as we look forward to all that the next half term will bring us.

Wishing you a safe and restful half term, Best wishes Catherine May



Whole school hits heavenly heights



On 30th April we joined together as a school family for our annual whole school Eucharist (Communion Service). As well as celebrating the resurrection of Jesus at Easter, this was also a great opportunity to pray for our Year 11's and Sixth Form who were about to head into their time of public exams. Students from every year group did readings and led prayers; students from Year 11 and 13 also spoke beautifully about what

Diary Dates

Half Term Mon 27th May – Fri 31st May

First Day back Mon 3rd June Normal time

Dyers Concert Southwark Cathedral 13th June

Whole School Exam Week Mon 17th June – Fri 21st June

> New Intake Evening Thurs 27th June 6.00pm

Activities Week Mon 1st July – Fri 5th July

Creative Arts Week Mon 8th July – Thurs 11th July

> Arts Evening Thurs 11th July

Sports Day Fri 12th July

End of Term Fri 19th July



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Heavenly Heights continued...

their faith means to them – we heard from both Christians and Muslims. The students spoke about the sense of confidence that they find in their faith as exams approach and we were reminded of the joy and positivity of the Easter message, that 'with God, all things are possible.' It was lovely to be joined by clergy from local Anglican churches and schools who helped to distribute communion. This was a reminder that there are people in our local area who care about our school. Although the Eucharist is a Christian service, we aimed for everyone in our school community, whether of faith or no faith, to feel welcome and we hope that everyone was able to find space to pray, reflect and find peace. Next half term there will be more opportunities for worship with our lunch time Eucharist and Taizé Service, to which again, everyone will be very welcome!

Key Stage 3 Track & Field Stars

On Tuesday 21st May, a team of Year 7, 8 and 9 students competed at the Southwark Track and Field Championships at Croydon Arena. The competition was tough and the girls performed really well with 1st Place for Tami Makinde 7B in the 70m Hurdles, 2nd Place for Tianna Lewis 9G in the 200m Sprint, 2nd Place for Massiah Danquah 8B and 3rd Place for Tiani Junior 8B in the 100m Sprint, 3rd Place for Danielle Owusu Ansah 9B in the 75m Hurdles and 3rd Place for each year group in the 4x100m relay.

Tiani Junior 8B winning 2nd Place with a time of 13.8 seconds.



Upcoming...
Whole School
Exam Week
17th - 21st June

Belgian trainees' good impression



As part of being a year 9 ambassador, there are many opportunities in which to represent the unique spirit of our school. A group of the year 9 ambassadors were given the opportunity to show 30 trainee teachers from Belgium our school. Whilst we were showing them around, they were amazed at how broad our curriculum is and how tailored our classrooms are to suit the subjects that we study. This was an opportunity for us to realise how lucky we actually are and what a great community our school is for all individuals to thrive. They left our school with a strong insight of what a great community we have. We are all privileged as year 9 ambassadors and thankful for the opportunity to represent our school. Mae Leadbeatter 9B

Wembley opportunity appreciated

'Thanks to our partnership with UCFB we were given 6 tickets to watch the Women's FA Cup Final at Wembley. An amazing stadium to have the opportunity to watch such a high profile game with 43,000 other football fans. Final score was 3-0 to Man City Ladies.'



Year 10 shine at LSAC

This term we were luckily enough to compete in the London Schools Athletics Cup. Being one of only 3 schools south of the river some of our Year 10 Girls ranked highly. Participants were; Fenning, Stevie 10Y Kouadio, Orianne 10Y Morrison, Sherise10G Obazee, Vanessa10G Owusu Ansah, Tanisha 10Y Taiwo, Aisha10G Grant, Paris 10O Popoola, Chanel 10N Robinson, Verchelle10R Duartey-Rodriguez, Gloria 10R Muhammed Iqbal, Khay 10Y Briscoe, Michaela 10B Agada, Sonari 10R

