

Dear Parent & Student,

It is excellent now to be back to normality and I thank you for your support last week when we had the very severe weather conditions.

This week and next week, our Year 11 and Sixth Form students are undertaking their PPEs. A very busy and critically important time for them and I am pleased with the positive feedback I am receiving to date.

We have had some exciting 'extra' events this week which are detailed below. This weekend we also have some students participating in the Magistrates' Mock Trial Competition and we wish them well – we know they will do themselves justice and their school community proud.

With two weeks and four days until the end of this term, it is important to highlight some key dates:-

- Thursday 22nd March Year 7 Reporting Evening
- Tuesday 27th March The Beechwood Talent Show
- Thursday 29th March End of Term and early closure for students
- Monday 16th April Staff Training Day
- Tuesday 17th April New Term begins for all students

Very best wishes for a great week ahead.



Kathleen M. Higgins
Executive Headteacher

The Orwell Project

Mr Gaffin reports the following. 30 of our Year 10 students spent Thursday 7th March working with 30 of their counterparts from the Langley Academy as preparation for entering a piece of written work into a competition organised by the Orwell Foundation. A £100 prize is up for grabs. Their essay, poem, report or play has to be on the theme of 'Truth and Lies'. To help them prepare they looked at news stories with a view to seeing if they were always telling the truth. They were guided by a journalist who has written for several newspapers and is currently contributing stories to BuzzFeed. The event was organised by the Independent State Schools Partnership and will be followed up with a Conference held at Eton College in May. There is a great deal to look forward to. This is a fantastic opportunity and a really exciting challenge.



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BE THE FRIEND YOU CAN DEPEND ON
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BE THE PERSON YOU ASPIRE TO BE
BE AN ACADEMIC SUCCESS STORY
BE A HERO
BE A LEADER
BE A WINNER
BE A DREAMER
BE A CREDIT TO THE SCHOOL
BE THE ONE WHO'S EXCEPTIONAL
BE DEMANDING
BE COURAGEOUS
BE THE IDEA THAT'S CONTAGIOUS
BE YOURSELF
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Industrial Cadets Award ceremony 2018 – London

Mrs Matthews reports the following. Following the success of the Go4Set Team in the recent Grundon project, we received an invitation to the 2nd National Industrial Cadets Award Ceremony at the IET in Savoy Place, London, on Wednesday.

Our students had the opportunity to showcase their project work and to meet fellow Industrial Cadets from other regions as well as networking with prominent sponsors from industry. It is very evident that the whole experience has been an excellent one and a fantastic confidence booster due to the great success enjoyed.

The guest speaker was HRH The Prince of Wales, who gave an inspirational speech aimed primarily at all the Industrial Cadets. The speech may be seen here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ne1gZbMJ3wI>

The younger Cadets participated in a competition to identify useful items to take on a space flight - the winner was our own Jessica Aldridge who has won a 3-day Taster Course to further her interest and understanding of careers in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. This is a truly excellent award and we look forward to hearing more.

To be part of this whole project and experience is exceptional. Very few schools nationally progress to this level and we are therefore so proud of our students and their outstanding achievement.

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Arriving at the IET, London



The Bechwood presentation



HRH Prince of Wales – the very special guest speaker at the ceremony

