



The Westgate School

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Newsletter

Youth Parliament

Slough's Youth Parliament ensures that young people in Slough are able to influence and be involved in decision making in the town. Slough's new Youth Parliament is currently made up of 40 young people aged 12-19.

The whole Youth Parliament meets bi-monthly, and usually host guest speakers from partner agencies to inform discussion and decision around pertinent issues. In addition to their meetings, youth representatives participate in a range of training and enrichment activities including volunteering at community events, membership of community forums and strategic boards and attending away days and residentials. Members also have the opportunity to represent Slough on the national stage, for example at British Youth Council conventions, The All Parliamentary Group on Youth Affairs, Youth Select Committees and the UK Youth Parliament.

Your Westgate candidates were: Blossom O (year 7), Ethan F (year 9), Holly H (year 9), Iris G (year 8), Kruttika C (year 7), Ahsan I (year 10), Saffia K (year 9) and Anzar Z (year 9).

Well done to those who put themselves forward and congratulations to our winners:

Blossom O and Ahsan I



Lego Competition Winners



1st

Reece M- Year 10

Runner up



Ahmed A- Year 7

Runner up



Alina G- Year 7

5 TOP TIPS FOR EFFECTIVE EXAM REVISION

AS RECOMMENDED BY PREVIOUS UNIVERSITY STUDENTS!

1. START EARLY

Don't leave it to last minute! Start revising a couple of weeks before your exams to give your brain time to absorb.

2. PLAN YOUR TIME

Failing to prepare is preparing to fail, so plan wisely. Make a schedule to document what you will revise and when!

3. AVOID YOUR PHONE

Revision is tough, but looking at social media every ten minutes won't help you learn! Put your phone away so you can focus.

4. PRACTISE!

Athletes don't win gold without rigorous training, and neither will you! Actively practising (e.g. doing mock exams) can help re-inforce knowledge.

5. TAKE BREAKS

Your body needs rest in order to get stronger, and so does your brain! Be sure to take regular breaks during revision - your mind will thank you.



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Paperbirds Workshop



This week, year 9 Drama students were visited by renowned theatre company Paperbirds. They spent the day practising their movement skills and building knowledge in devising in preparation for GCSE.

Year 7 Rugby



Last Friday, the Year 7 Rugby team played their first fixture against John Hampden Grammar School (B team) from High Wycombe. Despite being beaten 8 tries to 4, the team had worked really hard since September to prepare to play a competitive game. Despite defeat, there were many positives to take from the performance against a physical and much more experienced side. Development was evident, even during the game, and we look forward to continuing with Rugby after half term.

Peer Mentoring Programme

Peer-mentoring has been a great success so far both before and after school. Sixth form students have been mentoring GCSE students in various subjects and utilising their knowledge to help their peers.



Our tries were scored by Caleb (3) and Tommy.
MOM - Alfie.

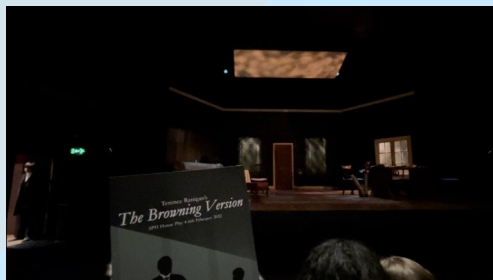
Squad: Ahmed, Alfie, Zac, Lewis, Tommy, Israel, Hector, Caleb, Saif, Sayaan, Riley, Zaiden, Tyronne, Jeremy, Rehan, Karan.'

Foreign Pen Pals



Here are the pen pal letters that have been exchanged between 26 of our year 9 students and students in France. We have a bi-weekly French and Spanish pen pal club during which our students get to spend time with their teacher and our French and Spanish Language Assistant to write responses to their pen pal on a variety of topics which interest them.

Year 10 Theatre Trip



Year 10 Drama students were taken to Eton College to watch a student production of The Browning Version.

What's Coming Up

28th Feb- Maha Shivaratri



28th Feb- Start of Spring Term 2

1st Mar- Isra & Mi'raj



1st Mar- St David's Day

1st Mar- Strove Tuesday



2nd Mar- Ash Wednesday

17th Mar- Purim

17th Mar- St Patrick's Day

18th Mar- Holi

27th Mar- Mother's Day

27th Mar- Daylight Savings

31st Mar- End of Spring Term



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