



Coopers School

An IB World School



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Dear Parents/Carers

Message from Mrs Wood



I hope those of you who were able to attend our Holocaust Memorial Event found it as moving and thought provoking as I did. With the Mayor of Bromley in attendance, two members of staff spoke about their work with NATO in Bosnia, and of the experiences of their family members in Poland under the Nazi regime. We were also proud to have Safet Vukalic join us to share his experiences as a Bosnian survivor and his work with the Holocaust Memorial Trust. Thank you to Louise O'Sullivan and Turkey Korkmaz, Head Girl and Boy for Newton House, for their public speaking, and for meeting with the Mayor and guest speaker. Congratulations to our talented musicians, Samuel Tarlton who performed an amazing piece on the piano that he had written himself, and Daisy Coyle, Leyla Dervish and Ryan Coghlan who, together with Mr Mansell, Director of Music, performed a poignant rendition of Everything But the Girl's "Come on Home". Thank you to all our student leaders who facilitated the event perfectly, and finally to Miss Horsley for arranging a truly memorable evening.

Calendar, Contacts and Parent Events

Please follow the link below to access our events calendar and a reporting cycle overview:

<https://portal.coopersschool.com/CLG/Webdocs/Lists/Parent%20Calendar/calendar.aspx>

Dates for your diary:

Date	Calendar Item
Wednesday 6 February	Year 12 Parents' Consultation Evening, 3.30pm-6.30pm (Mr Sheppard)
Thursday 7 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 Art examination trip to the Tate Modern (Mr O'Brien) UKMT Intermediate Challenge 2019 for selected students in Years 9 and 10 (Mrs Arivanantham)
Friday 8 February	Year 7 and 8 Valentines Disco, 6.00pm-8.30pm, Main Hall (Miss Owen)
Monday 11 February	Year 7 STEM trip to the National Army Museum (Mrs Moreno)
Tuesday 12 February	LEAP Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 9 trip to Jump Giants, West Thurrock (Mr McCabe)
Wednesday 13 February	Year 8 Parents' Consultation Evening, 3.30pm-6.30pm (Mrs Gibbins)
Thursday 14 February	Early Finish <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Early Lunch at 12.50pm-1.20pm. ➤ Year 7 and 8 Enrichment cancelled. ➤ Years 9, 10 and 11 Franklin, Pankhurst and Wilberforce students dismissed at 1.30pm. ➤ Newton students dismissed at 1.50pm. ➤ Years 7 and 8 students dismissed at 1.50pm. ➤ Year 10 and 11 Triple Science Students, and Years 12 and 13 students dismissed at 2.30pm.

Senior Vice Principal: Matthew Baker Vice Principals: Rob Carling | Samantha Chapman | Hazel Hatch

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Year 7 and 8 Valentines Disco – Miss Owen

The PE Department has organised a disco for students in Years 7 and 8, on Friday 8 February from 6.00pm-8.30pm. Tickets are £2.00 and available from the PE Department. Come along and throw some shapes on the dance floor.



Saturday School – Mrs Denoon

 **SATURDAY SCHOOL**
2nd March 2019

Would you like to boost your child's progress in Maths, English and Science?

- 10 fun and interactive 3 hour learning sessions for children in Years 5, 6 and Year 7 at Coopers
- 1 hour each of Maths, English and Science
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- 9.00am – 12.00pm Saturdays during term time
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March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 April 27 May 4, 11, 18, 25

For further enquiries and to book your place please email Helen Denoon: hdenoon@e21c.co.uk by Monday 25th February 2019

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Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (Mrs Bramley)

University Applications

University applications have now closed and we are delighted with the offers that Coopers students have so far received. The trend for higher tariff university continues from 2018 with many of our students currently holding offers from Russell Group universities such as Southampton, Leeds, Liverpool, Queen Mary's London, King's College London and an offer from Oxford for Undergraduate Law. We are now in the process of supporting our students through the next few months to ensure they secure these offers in August.

Sevenoaks Higher Education Day

In October a number of Year 11s attended the Sevenoaks Higher Education Day where they heard from top academics and universities about the application process and the importance of GCSEs in that process.



Apprenticeship and Employment

A large number of our Sixth Form students are applying for Higher and Degree Level apprenticeships and we are in the process of supporting them with these applications with a bespoke employability programme. We encourage our students to sign up to the **Pathway Career Programme** and the Uptree site, with members of the organisation coming in to school to present to students. This programme is highly valuable and provides opportunities for students to meet employers and attend Insight days on specific careers. There are monthly Insight days run by the companies recruiting apprentices available for students to attend.

Work Ready Schools

We also have an employability site on our website which is open to all our students and parents. This also holds very useful information for students thinking about future plans.

Apprenticeship opportunities are sent out to students on a regular basis. This is a prime time for quality apprenticeships to be advertised so I urge students to be especially proactive around this window of opportunity.

Unifrog

Unifrog is the complete destinations platform which Coopers is signed up for – a ‘one-stop shop’ for students across KS4 and KS5 regardless of their interests or academic ability. This is particularly helpful for Year 8 students who will be signing up shortly, and are beginning to think about their options.

Employability Visits – Investment Banking

In February we will be visited by ‘Minerva Capital’ who will be running practical workshops for students interested in “Trading” as a Career.

Royal Military Academy Sandhurst

In September a group of students visited Sandhurst for a Youth Leadership Event. The aim of the day was to deliver an employer-led careers event in which students experienced a number of workshops all connected with the theme of leadership. The workshops were facilitated by those in society who practice leadership to support community, enterprise, volunteering and the public services.

CEIAG In-School Events

Creative Industries/Higher Education

In January one of our former Sixth Form students presented to a small group of interested students on a range of degree courses available in this career area. This is useful for students with an interest in the creative industries.

NCS Autumn – Summer Programme

Year 12 students were visited by representatives from the NCS Challenge scheme which provides opportunities for young people to enhance their employability skills.

Speakers for Schools

In November we were fortunate enough to have a visit from Lucy Clayton, the CEO of the Sustainable Clothing Company. Lucy presented to a wide age range of students providing a valuable insight into the challenges that running a large company may bring.

Year 11-12 Transition

- **Coffee and Pastries** – as part of our Sixth Form induction programme last term, Year 11 students were invited to spend a PPS period chatting to our current Year 12 students on life in the Sixth Form where they were served drinks and pastries. As you can imagine, this was extremely popular with students, but has also proved a valuable activity in giving students a realistic insight into the opportunities available when in the Sixth Form at Coopers.
- **Sixth Form Subject Talks** – our Year 12 students are currently running a number of subject specific talks for Year 11 students during PPS. The focus is being placed on Sixth Form subjects which are not taught lower down the school.

- **One to One Year 11 'Next Step' Interviews** – are currently taking place. All Year 11 students are also welcome to make their own appointments for a meeting through Ms Nembhard in the Mansion House or they can email me directly – jbramley@e21c.co.uk.

Parent/Career Support

We would be very keen to hear from any parent/carer who could provide help and support with the following:

- Work Placements
- Work shadowing
- CV writing and Letters of Application from an employer's perspective
- Interview skills and practice



Please email jbramley@e21c.co.uk if you are willing and able to offer any assistance.

Cooking Club – Mrs Kibble Year 7 Enrichment



What a wonderful start to the New Year! Cooking Club has resumed, and I decided to kick off the new year with a healthy option. The students made a very tasty and interesting mixed salad in a jar which was full of interesting colours, flavours and different textures. Each salad jar was packed with plenty of fibre and vitamins, all of which are necessary for a balanced, healthy diet and digestive system and help to keep those nasty colds away! I have to say they all looked delicious! Well done to the Enrichment group!

Food Preparation and Nutrition

We are **RECYCLING ALL THE TINS WE USE IN FOOD LESSONS!** I have recently bought a very useful new item for the Food Room, a wonderful tool which crushes tins easily and effectively and minimises space as tins are usually fairly bulky. There are 50 tins in the picture below! The flattened tins can be easily stored until they can be recycled, and I intend to take these directly to the local recycling centre rather than put them into the school's general rubbish.

Please can we all try and **RECYCLE MORE** at home, and separate our waste as every little helps.



LEAP Day – Tuesday 22 January 2019 (Mr O'Donnell)

Year 7 and 8 – First aid and Emergency Scenarios



Year 7 and 8 students united to learn about First Aid and emergency scenarios. Students participated in a CPR workshop with professional training dummies being used to give the students a practical experience of how to deliver CPR properly. The students were taught and practiced the recovery positions and learnt how to deal with cuts and burns. They were also given specific emergency scenarios and taught how to deal with each emergency if they are ever faced with one. This was an excellent day and many important skills were learnt.

Year 7 – Tower of London

The Tower of London trip is an annual trip for all Year 7 students and, for some students, it was their first experience of Central London. Students were provided with a guided tour around the Tower of London and learnt all about the history of the Tower. The students were extremely well behaved and thoroughly enjoyed their experience.



Year 8 – Jump Giants

PE staff took another group of students for a fun filled day at Jump Giants – this time the turn of Year 8! We had the whole trampoline park to ourselves with lots of fun being had by students and staff! Poor Mr Butler hurt his foot in the “Students vs Staff” dodgeball match, so if you do see him limping around school, remind him he is getting a bit too old!

Year 9 – Gender Stereotypes and Duke of Edinburgh



Year 9 students who remained in school either took part in English lessons about gender stereotypes or were involved with training for the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. The English Department prepared a fantastic day about representation of gender in traditional tales, exploring stereotypes in society, creating their own children’s character and then finished the day with a debate on their thoughts about gender equality in society.

Duke of Edinburgh students were treated to a fun day of training by Ben Bullen Adventures, it was quite a scene with students erecting tents in English Classrooms but all the students managed it perfectly. Students were taught about cooking equipment and how to cook. Route planning and orienteering was also covered, helping students plan their routes for their upcoming practice expeditions. Since this LEAP day students have been inspired and many students this week have begun their volunteering and sporting activities and will be documenting this using the DofE portal.

Year 9 – Geography Fieldwork trip

Another three groups took part in their Geography fieldwork trip in London. This was again very successful and students thoroughly enjoyed themselves whilst learning. The final three Geography groups will be going in February, with any students that were unable to attend previous field trips also invited.



Year 10 – Maths Mock, Careers and Construction

Year 10 students began the day by taking part in a walking talking mock with their Maths teachers to fully prepare them for sitting their Spring Mocks. Students then took part in Bridge Building activities to learn all about the maths behind careers such as bridge construction. Kier Group PLS – a UK Construction Services and property group and AECOM – an American multinational engineering firm spent time with students presenting and discussing careers within construction and engineering.

Year 11 – Variety of subjects and Exams

Year 11 students either sat an external exam in Food or IT, or they completed coursework or revision sessions for Maths, Computer Science, CiDA, Art, French, Spanish, PE, and Media. All students enjoyed an extremely productive day.

Year 12 – Sexual health, relationships and drug prevention or DofE Silver Award

Students took part in a carousel of talks provided by external professionals on Drug Prevention, contraception/STI/Consent and positive relationships. The students sometimes had to talk about very powerful and difficult subjects and were very mature in their approach. Ben Bullen Adventures provided Duke of Edinburgh training to Year 12 Silver Award students ready for their forthcoming practice expeditions and evidence required for volunteering and activities.



Year 13 – Apprenticeships, Workshops, Reflective projects, EPQ, Coursework

Year 13 students took part in either a variety of talks about careers and apprenticeships, completing their reflective projects, EPQ projects or spent time preparing or completing coursework for Drama, Maths, Geography, IT, PE, History or Computer Science.

Year 8 Student Reception Assistants – Mrs Haslam

During the course of the year, all students in Year 8 get the opportunity to undertake the role of Student Reception Assistant which involves helping staff with messages and administration. This is a valuable day for the students to develop their work related and people skills and we are particularly proud of the way Year 8 have been rising to this challenge.

Students to be commended for the period Wednesday 16 January – Wednesday 30 January are:

Kenny Beaney	Henri Lloyd	Mia Dedomenici	Ellie Downes
Mia Eustace-Murphy	Hope Farnie	Brandon Fiveash	Amber Gotts
Felix Hyde	Kieran Jacobs	Ellie Keenan	Keira Hayward
Alvin Kitson	Adam Lawrence	Shu Jiun Lee	Tapiwanashe Mandaza
Sophie Manzi	Rylan Marquez	Ryleigh Morgan	

Parent Forum

Parent Forum is made up of interested parents, and meets once every half-term to discuss matters important to Coopers' Parents and their child's education. Meetings are usually on Tuesday evenings at 6.00pm for approximately 90 minutes. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 5 February – everybody is welcome so if you would like to come along, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Denoon at hdenoon@e21c.co.uk.

Yours faithfully

Sue Wood

Headteacher

Shirley Puxty

Principal

Deputy CEO – E21C



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7th March 2019

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