



# Coopers School



## An IB World School

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*'Enabling learners of today to become achievers of tomorrow'*



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Dear Parents/Carers

### 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>

Please see the website or follow this link to the Gateway for updated staff e-mail addresses:

<https://portal.coopersschool.com/CLG/Parent/Documents/Teaching%20Staff%20Email%20List.pdf>

### Artsmark Gold Award

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded Artsmark Gold status by Arts Council England. This achievement reflects the work of students, the Creative and Performing Arts faculties and the school leadership team in their variety of performances, displays and work with the students and support to staff.



The panel particularly noted that the Governor and school commitment to supporting arts teachers, particularly with the new Creative Arts Building opened in September 2015, was pleasing to see and the number of Art, Music, Dance and Drama teachers was commendable. At Coopers School, we pride ourselves on encouraging students to plan, experience and participate in a range of arts and cultural activities, and this is one of our strengths over local schools in the area.

We have an extremely busy half term coming up which reflects our new Artsmark Gold status, including the upcoming Cabaret on 14 and 15 November, the KS3 Band on the Run concert on 30 November and Christmas Carol Service at St Nicholas' Church on 19 December, with numerous trips also being offered. We are thrilled to be part of a network of Artsmark schools and look forward to consolidating and building upon our successes to date.

Chair of Governors: Andrew Downes

Senior Vice Principal: Matthew Baker

Vice Principals: Rob Carling | Hazel Hatch | Jane Salt | Niall Toal

*Curious Creative Resilient Respectful Empathetic*



## Dates for your diary:

Date	Calendar Item
Saturday 11 November	Saturday School Session 4 for students registered to attend, 9.00am-12.00pm (Mrs Denoon)
Monday 13 November	WWLT Trustees' Finance and Resources Committee, 5.00pm, Conference room (Mr Carling)
Tuesday 14 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 12 Media trip to Into Film Festival at BFI Southbank (Mrs Morris)</li> <li>• Coopers Cabaret, 7.00pm, Main Hall (Ms Polaszek)</li> </ul>
Wednesday 15 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bromley Schools Cross Country 2018 competition, Darrick Wood School (Miss Ball)</li> <li>• Coopers Cabaret, 7.00pm, Main Hall (Ms Polaszek)</li> </ul>
Thursday 16 November	Post 16 Open Evening, 4.30pm-6.30pm, Mansion House (Mr Sheppard) <b>Early finish for all students</b> <b>Years 7 and 8 dismissed at 1.35pm, Years 9-13 dismissed at 1.50pm</b>
Saturday 18 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Banding Test Day for Year 6 students – by appointment only</li> <li>• Saturday School Session 5 for students registered to attend, 9.00am-12.00pm (Mrs Denoon)</li> </ul>
Monday 20 November	<b>INSET Day – school closed to all students other than those in revision sessions</b>
Tuesday 21 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GCSE Dance theatre trip to see “A Linha Curva”, Sadlers Wells, London (Mrs Stephen)</li> <li>• WWLT Trustees' Meeting, 5.00pm, Conference Room (Mr Carling)</li> </ul>
Wednesday 22 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 11 and 12 GCSE Maths Inspiration Lectures at Piccadilly Theatre, London (Mr Birkensteins)</li> <li>• Year 13 Parents' Evening, 3.30pm-6.00pm, Sports Hall (Mr Sheppard)</li> </ul>
Saturday 25 November	Saturday School Session 6 for students registered to attend, 9.00am-12.00pm (Mrs Denoon)

## Introducing Chartwells – Your new Catering Providers at Coopers School



We at Chartwells were extremely excited to hear the news that we had been awarded the Catering Contract at Coopers School with effect from 1 September 2017, providing our food offer to students, staff and visitors within the school.

It has been an extremely successful start to the new term where we have been greeted daily by students and staff keen to sample our new, vibrant, menu choices. Our food offer works by combining three separate dining concepts on a daily basis to ensure that every day, students and staff at Coopers School are provided with a full, vibrant and diverse menu offer. Our Global Adventures food offer includes dishes from all over the world, including: the Caribbean; Japan; Mexico and China. We do, however, understand that it is important to maintain traditional British dishes on the menus, such as fish and chips or a roast dinner. The rest of our menu is focussed around providing the students with access to healthy, nutritious meals that they can eat quickly and on the go.

Chartwells has a strong working partnership with Coopers School. We meet regularly with students to obtain feedback on the food offer to ensure we are providing foods that the students of Coopers School want to eat, whilst also ensuring food is healthy and nutritious, and meeting Government guidelines.

We have received some fantastic comments from students within the school:

- *'The food is much better than last year – I love the waffles'*
- *'I love the fact that we can now pay in the sixth form area by card'*
- *'We are looking forward to the theme day menus'*

Chartwells is looking forward to continuing our partnership with Coopers School to ensure that the menus are kept fresh and exciting.

Please look out for Chartwells at your future Open Evening events where we will be available to answer any questions you may have regarding the service provision.



## **Year 9 and 10 Brilliant Club Trip to University of Sussex – Mrs Goddard**

Before half term, our 2017-18 Brilliant Club cohort travelled to the University of Sussex for the launch of our three month Scholars' Programme. Our troupe of academically able students will be participating in a mini-dissertation style project exploring the role cartoons play in modern society. It is far from just watching and understanding the messages communicated by Disney and the Simpsons, encouraging students to examine, interpret and analyse cartoons used both in the press and social media. Our students will be supervised by Dr Dieter Declercq from the University of Kent, an expert in cartoons and their use in modern media.



As part of the trip, we were guided by students from the University of Sussex and explored the campus and saw what it was like to be a student studying at a top 20 university. The library was a hub of activity, with state of the art facilities, resources and of course plenty of reading material! The university library is even shaped like an open book.



Our Brilliant Club Scholars went on to attend a series of seminars and lectures on study skills and preparing for their assignments, including understanding how to reference at higher-level study. We also touched upon our initial cartoon material, exploring a cartoon showing Donald Trump dreaming of erasing the 'Obamacare' legislation. All of the students were enthused and excited about beginning the programme, and will receive more seminars in school before final submission of their projects in January 2018. Good luck to this year's cohort and we look forward to reading some of your final projects soon!

## **School Travel Plan – Mrs Denoon**

In order for the school to maintain its Gold Star Status for our Travel Plan, we would be very grateful if you could complete the Parent Travel Survey via the link below. Thank you in anticipation.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/coopers17>

## **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 Assistants 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 18 October – Wednesday 8 November 2017 are:

Frederic Wilke	Riccardo Sanna	Charlie Smeeth	Harry Sutlieff
Lewis Bray	Remi Brazzi	Grace Bartlett	Sonny Basanese
Oliver McQuillan	Bethany Cotter	Hayley Danaj	Joshua Griffiths
James Green	Millie Green	Maisie Kelly	Meshach Idemudia
Samuel Freeman			

### Enrichment – Miss Donegan

We run a full programme of Enrichment activities throughout the year and are constantly on the lookout for new and diverse additions to the Enrichment offer. If Parents/Carers would like to contribute to the Enrichment programme for the next academic year, please contact Miss Donegan for further information [jdonegan@coopersschool.com](mailto:jdonegan@coopersschool.com).

### 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 at 6.00pm and normally last approximately 90 minutes. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12 December at 6.00pm in the Conference Room. If you are interested in being a part of Parent Forum, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Denoon at [hdenoon@coopersschool.com](mailto:hdenoon@coopersschool.com).

We wish all students, staff and parents/ carers a wonderful half term break.

Yours faithfully

*Shirley Puxty*

Principal  
CEO – William Willett Learning Trust

*Sue Wood*

Headteacher

Chislehurst YFC are looking to recruit new players for their football teams – please note that this has no direct connection with the school. If you are interested, please contact Chislehurst YFC directly using the contact details below.

# The Edge FC



- Under 12s
- Under 16s
- Possibility of being scouted
- FA qualified coaches

Contact Kudzai for more information

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