



Coopers School



An IB World School

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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>

Dates for your diary:

Date	Calendar Item
Saturday 25 November	Saturday School Session 6 for students registered to attend, 9.00am-12.00pm (Mrs Denoon)
Monday 27 November	Sixth Form English Lecture Day in Central London – Gothic: Tradition (Mr Alexander)
Wednesday 29 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sixth Form English Lecture Day in Central London – The Handmaid's Tale (Mr Alexander) Year 11 Parents' Consultation Evening, 3.30pm-6.30pm, Sports Hall (Mr Barker) Year 13 MFL trip to se La Casa de Bernarda Alba, Cervantes Theatre (Ms Moreno)
Thursday 30 November	Band on the Run Volume 1, 4.00pm-5.00pm, Creative Arts Block Canteen
Saturday 2 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saturday School Session 7 for students registered to attend, 9.00am-12.00pm (Mrs Denoon) Steel Pans at St Christopher's Hospice Christmas Festival, 12.30pm-1.00pm (Mr Tarrant)
Monday 4 December	Sixth Form English Lecture Day in Central London – Othello (Mr Alexander)
Tuesday 5 December	<p>LEAP Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 PE trip to Jump Giants, West Thurrock (Miss Owen) GCSE PE trip to The Reach (Climbing Wall), Woolwich (Mr Golding) Sixth Form trip to the British Psychological Society Student Lectures at the Kia Oval (Miss Heath) Year 7 MFL trip to Lille Christmas Markets, Lille, France (Mrs Canning) Year 9 Science trip to the Sea Life Centre and London Dungeons (Mrs Golding)

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



Wednesday 6 December	<p>LEAP Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 11 PE trip to Jump Giants, West Thurrock (Miss Owen) • GCSE PE trip to The Reach (Climbing Wall), Woolwich (Mr Golding) • Year 7 Science trip to the Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium (Mrs Golding) • Year 12 Parents' Evening, 3.30pm-6.30pm, Sports Hall (Mr Sheppard)
Saturday 9 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday School Session 8 for students registered to attend, 9.00am-12.00pm (Mrs Denoon) • Steel Pans performing with The Dualers, Indigo O2, North Greenwich (Mrs Goddard)

Remembrance Day 2017 – Mrs Denoon



“We Will Remember Them”



On Friday 10 November we held our Remembrance assemblies for all year groups.



The Royal British Legion theme this year is Women at War, and members of the Sixth Form Leadership Team read some of the diary entries made by Sister Edith Appleton who was a nurse during the First World War.

At the end of each assembly, Samuel Tarlton in Year 10 played the Last Post, which was a fitting way to bring the service to a close.



At the end of each service a form group representative planted a poppy cross to commemorate the fallen in our Garden of Remembrance.

Drama GCSE Component 1 Exam – Ms Stanley

On Thursday 9 November our Year 11 GCSE Drama students performed their devised pieces for the Component 1 exam.



They have been working in groups since the start of the term, developing original pieces of drama from a stimulus given to them by the exam board. They chose which of the offered stimuli to use as a starting point for developing their pieces, and they chose a genre from the genres and practitioners they have studied during the course.



All groups chose physical theatre as their genre. Some groups used Edvard Munch's painting 'The Scream' as their stimulus, exploring issues about mental health. Others chose the quote 'Who am I?', and one group developed a performance around a quote from George Orwell's novel '1984'.



The students are to be congratulated on their creativity and their focus and professionalism. We saw some brilliant, sophisticated, brave performances.

Well done to the following students – Evie Benson, Louis Bowden, Emma Carney, Eddie Clayton, Lucy Cowcher, Grace Cullen, Lucia Farnie, Berkan Hassan, Luke James, Bobby Kelynack, Mia Lockett, Bobby Maloney, Becky Small, Aimee Alder, Melissa Allen, Nicole Brett, Thomas Brooks, Bethany Clark, Annie Crawford, Caris Ford, Alexander Green, Louise Hayes, Jessica Hobday, Alexis Miles, Stefan Stevanovski and Elliot Tharme.

Year 7 Halloween Creative Writing Competition – Miss Rumble

The English department recently ran a Halloween creative writing competition for Year 7. Well done to everyone who entered!



Congratulations to Morgan Robinson (7G2 – Mrs Kenny) who won overall with a fantastic piece of spooky writing. You can read her story below.

Other winners include:

Runner up of Year 7: Wren Marten

7G1 (Mrs Connolly) Winner: Beatrice Narkeviciute Runner-up: Alice Carroll	7G2 (Mrs Kenny) Winner: Morgan Robinson Runner-up: Eva Ovenell	7X2 (Miss Dyos) Winner: Hope Farnie Runner-up: Iain Cochrane-Billo
7X3 (Mrs Niven) Winner: Michael Borst-Howe Runner-up: Yuvraj Dhanjal	7Y2 (Miss Dyos) Winner: James Cornwell Runner-up: Delphine Jones	7Y3 (Miss Coleman) Winner: Wren Marten Runner-up: Jacob Somers

Winning entry from Morgan Robinson (7G2 – Mrs Kenny):

Is there ever a time where you feel like somebody’s watching you? You’re walking down the street, the stars illuminating the night sky, the moon curiously overseeing the town below. It’s been quite an average day, but you can’t help feeling a pair of eyes burning through your skin and turning your insides to dust.

Crunch. Crunch. “MWAHAHA, MWAHAHAHAHA!” Thunder roared monstrosly outside, the television screen brightening up the gloomy room. Popcorn littered the floor as Frankie, coated in her PJs, watched the horror movie. “Francine!” her mother called, making her jump. “Yes mother?” she called in reply, trying to hear her movie at the same time. Drowsily, her half-asleep mother called down, “You aren’t watching horror movies, are you?” Floorboards rattled overhead where she had clambered out of her bed. Instantly on her feet, she ejected the film and was searching frantically for the remote. “WHAT?” she called up, grabbing the remote and hitting all the buttons. “OH, NO HORROR MOVIES HERE!” - she grabbed the disk and forced it back into her father’s cupboard, selecting Netflix and choosing the first movie available.

*Her mother stood at the door, eyes swollen. “How smart of you” her mother praised her. Letting out a self-conscious giggle, she slumped down on the sofa. “I...never knew you liked hippos,” she said to Frankie, turning her attention back to her mother. “OH, I...love them,” she lied evasively, averting her gaze back to the screen. “Didn’t you know that they’re my favourite animals?” Her mother raised a brow, making Frankie wince. What did she say wrong? “I thought your favourite animals were skunks.” Too tired to wait for an answer, she bid goodnight to Frankie before retreating to bed. Everyone had talent, it just happened Frankie’s was: **lying**.*

She whipped her backpack onto her back, writhing out of her mother’s grasp. “Remember mum,” Frankie reminded her mother like she did often, “Don’t call as soon as schools out and expect me to pick up- and don’t get worried if I don’t. Let me even GET out of school.” Exchanging farewells with her mother she dashed out the door, keen to meet her best-friend at the bus station. On the way, she cringed at a raw memory she would have to explain to her teacher: Salsa, her best-friend, had to skip a lesson because she was helping someone, but Frankie told the teacher she had got taken by some random teens on the school run, and that grief engulfed her all night, so she just couldn’t bring herself to do her homework. Foolishly, her teacher believed her.

*Trying to hide the guilt that clawed her chest, she greeted Salsa curtly as she crossed the road. “By your face, I’m assuming you told another lie?” Salsa assumed as they walked side by side towards school. After explaining the whole story, Frankie finished it off by saying “But I just **HAD** to, you understand, right?” The flowing, golden hair of Salsa shook elegantly in time with her head, but before she could speak a bunch of random teens grabbed her by the arms, jeering at her. Frankie let out a gasp of horror, looking around frantically for help. Unfortunately, she and Salsa came a slightly longer way than they ever used, so no one was around for at least a couple of building lengths. Signalling to each other, the teens ran off with Salsa in their clutches. Before she could do anything, her hand clamped around her mouth: this was the exact lie she had told her teacher. As she thought of something to do, she couldn’t help feeling a pair of eyes burning through her skin and turning her insides to dust.*

Running home so fast she felt as if her feet were flying, she stopped outside Salsa’s large mansion. Her head bowed, she trudged to their front door and knocked several times on the fancy handle that was screwed above stained-glass windows. “State your name and purpose please” a maid spoke through a machine that was constructed beside the door. Choked with emotion, she drew near the microphone. “My name’s

Francine, but call me Frankie, I'm...Salsa's best friend." The second time the maid spoke she sounded impatient "I see, I see. Now your purpose?" struggling for words, in a frantic, rushed tone she explained, "We were walking to school, but some teens came and grabbed her and almost got me and I lied about this once and now it just came true and then they carried her away and I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO!" She dropped the microphone and bolted off, keen to confide in her mother but as she drew near her house, her jaws gaped, and eyes drew wide in shock: The house was deserted, run down, and some ragged old clothes suddenly replaced her current ones. Knocking the neighbour's door, she asked the man there: "Where are my parents? Why is that house empty?" The young man laughed, and kneeled to her height. Placing a hand on her shoulder, he said, "Young orphan, are you mistaken? No one has ever lived there."

To get money, she had said she was homeless and poor. That lie came true as well she realised. Her hands on her head, she felt the whole world spinning, feeling she would crumble like breadcrumbs. The familiar dark gaze burned into her. Blinking, the man's face dissolved, and all the things around her began to sink into the ground. "No..." she murmured, only to be counteracted by 'yes'. This went back and forth, back and forth, until all she could see was people's outlines- white against a sheet of black.

When people see Francine now, her black hair draped over her face, they know to stay away from the should-be dead girl, who roams the streets of the world for many years, never aging. For if you are to encounter her, you might just find the same gaze burning into you, and slowly rotting away both your soul, and existence.

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 Thursday 9 – Tuesday 21 November 2017 are:

Dixie Edwards	Maddison Elia	Joshua Cole	Liam Cormack
Liam Inglis	Maizee Dean	Daniel Coyle	Samuel Cruickshank
Louisiana Devall-Harris	Isabella Edwards	Rocky Lee	Jodie Grancanin Lovrencic
Hannah Mangena	Alice Manners	Bobby Lynch	Milan Kainth

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.

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.

Yours faithfully

Shirley Puxty

Principal
CEO – William Willett Learning Trust

Sue Wood

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