



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

As we come to the end of 2017, we are waving goodbye to a few staff who are leaving us for pastures new – Mr Asafu-Adjaye (Maths), Mr Duncan (Maths), Miss Robinson (Music) and Mr Warsop (Maths). We wish all those moving on the very best of luck with their new ventures.

As we say farewell to some staff, we are delighted to welcome a number of new staff who join us after Christmas – Ms Mesanga (Business Studies), Mr de Souza (DT), and Ms Stanger (Maths). We also welcome the following support staff who are joining the team – Mr Burt, Mrs Costin, Mr Morton, Mr Vingoe, Miss Visser and Miss Whalley.

Admission Procedures for 2019-20

Admission Procedures for 2019-20 for both Coopers School and Mead Road Infant School are out for consultation. The consultation starts on Monday 18 December and ends on Wednesday 31 January 2018. Any responses should be sent to Shirley Puxty, CEO of the Trust, in writing to Coopers School, or emailed to the CEO at rgulyas@coopersschool.com.

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 |
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| Tuesday 19 December | • Christmas Carol Concert at St Nicholas' Church, 6.00pm-7.30pm (Mrs Goddard) |
| Wednesday 20 December | Last Day of Term – Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day (normal uniform with a Christmas Jumper - £1 for charity) Early Finish for all students at 12.00pm |
| Thursday 4 January | Start of the spring term All students in school at the normal time of 8.30am |
| Tuesday 9 January | Year 8 trip to see Harry Potter – History of Magic at The British Library (Miss West) |
| Wednesday 10 January | Year 8 Parents' Evening, 3.30pm-6.30pm, Sports Hall (Mr Golding) |
| Wednesday 17 January | Year 10 Parents' Meeting for targeted students, 5.30pm-7.00pm (Mrs Gibbins) |

Chair of Governors: Andrew Downes
Senior Vice Principal: Matthew Baker
Vice Principals: Rob Carling | Hazel Hatch | Jane Salt | Niall Toal
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Lower School Parents' Evenings – Mrs Porteous

Year 8 Parents' Evening and Options Information Evening is on Wednesday 10 January from 3.30pm to 6.30pm. As well as meeting your child's teachers there will be three talks about the Options process and displays about different Option subjects, which will help your child make the right decisions about their future subject choices.

Year 7 Parents' Evening – Wednesday 24 January from 3.30pm-6.30pm.

Student Leadership Team – Mrs Denoon



The Student Leadership team is led by Head Boy and Head Girl, Rokas Garliauskas and Francesca Denoon.

Rokas and Francesca work alongside a team of Captains and Prefects, all of whom have been in post since the spring of 2017.

The team works very hard not only in school but in our wider community helping out at events such as Chislehurst Rocks and various events for The Chislehurst Society.

The team also takes part in our whole school theme assemblies such as Remembrance, Harvest Festival and Christmas, whilst also supporting the Heads of Houses with charity events and ensuring that our ethos is maintained throughout the school.



Year 7 Choir perform at The Glades – Mrs Porteous

The Year 7 Choir performed a number of Christmas songs at The Glades in Bromley on Wednesday 13 December. They sang beautifully and were a great credit to the school. Thank you to Mr Tarrant for organising and preparing them. Well done.



Saturday School – Mrs Denoon

Our Saturday School commenced on 14 October 2017 and over the course of ten weeks the students have been enjoying the following sessions in Maths, Science and English:

English with Mr Donner

In the lessons so far, we started with an introduction to PEE (Point Evidence Explain), the start of essay writing and some basic creative writing. From there we have looked at ways to improve creative writing such as using the senses, adjectives, metaphors and personification.

We have now moved on to poetry, looking at WW1 poems and using PEE to analyse them. The groups' attitudes are very positive, eager to work and pushing themselves constantly.

We are very impressed with our students and we wanted to let you see some of their wonderful work – these poems were written as part of their homework on our session on Remembrance:

*Powerful weapons held by courageous lions,
Walking, the troops a deepest night,
Determined young soldiers – covered in thick mud-like treads
Tired, scared and tanned, heartbroken*

*A narrow rat-infested tunnel of darkness,
An uncomfortable long, thin worm of trenches,
A deep dirty pit of cold,
Muddy, smelly and cramped,*

*While men fight the war, the women defend their countries,
Staying home, helping in the factories,
Working until their backs are sore,
Women, weapons and war,*

*The tower bleeds a river of scarlet,
Bright colours in a graveyard of green,
New life growing from a field of a deep sleep,
Life, death and hardship.*

By Caprice Dennett, Year 6

*In the field were the soldiers, poppies bloomed bright red in colour.
The guns were loud, people were stunned.
The bags were heavy so made them slow.
The bullets were rocks so they died.
The floor was black coal.
The soldiers were fearless, they fight to fight.
The smell was horrible.
But now we remember the soldiers.*

By Joseph Sharman Year 6

Maths with Miss Turner

We have been very busy in our Maths sessions during Saturday School! We started off looking at fractions. We added, subtracted, multiplied and divided fractions with different denominators. Some of us even progressed to completing fraction calculations with two or more operations!

We then moved on to looking at decimals and played games of bingo, matching decimals to the equivalent fractions.

Our new topic is sequences, where we have been completing the sequence or finding the missing numbers in the sequence. We have even been looking at GCSE sequence topics of finding the nth term and completing some very challenging questions!

As well as this, we have been making beautiful colourful firework pitches using our times tables. We have been working up to our 15 times table! We are going to continue with this to make some lovely Christmas pictures in the future!

Science with Miss Heath

So far we've managed to have a lot of fun! The students have covered Physics, Chemistry and Biology. We've made rockets, learnt about Physics and forces and fired them in the good weather. All of the rockets fired well and some went up to 15 meters! We moved onto Chemistry and learnt about acids and alkalis, then made some Rainbow Fizz! All worked hard to separate the colours and we managed to get some excellent results. Satellites came next - to fit in with the Physics and Astronomical events happening that week. After learning about what is needed on all man-made satellites, the students worked hard to make their own. We used the microscopes to carry out some Biology - looking at onion cells to locate various cell structures and parts. Then came more Chemistry and fire! I am so proud of how sensible the students were - they were able to use the Bunsen Burners to test various substances by looking at the different colours they turned when burnt. They were able to make some awesome colourful flame patterns.

A big well done to all our Saturday Schoolers!!

Anti-Bullying Week at Coopers for Years 7-10 – Mrs Denoon



Research shows that one in two young people will, at some point, experience bullying. As a result, one in three will self-harm, grades will drop and 14% will develop eating disorders. Bullying is a national emergency and continues to undermine the self-esteem, health and potential of millions in the UK. In Anti-Bullying Week, students in Years 7-10 were given discussion topics and clips on:

- What is bullying?
- Banter or Bullying
- Why people bully others

Finally students were asked to create a list of top tips on how to overcome bullying.



Anti-Bullying week for Years 11, 12 and 13

Forms completed a range of activities and discussion items based on clips from Ditch the Label:



- Stereotyping - Real people undress to find out what others really think of their bodies.
- Banter or bullying?
- Do you feel ugly today?
- Who gets the most help - the girl or the guy?

Writing Stars of KS3 – Miss Gorman

We were over the moon to recently hear that twenty-three of our Year 8 students have had their short stories selected for publication in a Young Writers' book (due for release in January). The students have now been told, and have received their certificates, but they deserve a roar of congratulations all round!

The super-smart students were: Shayce Ashmead, Jorja Linklater, Tom Sacre, Samuel Freeman, Lauren Witt, Sam Patton, Regan Grey, Jonathan Abrahams, Charlotte Ranger, Danielle Routley, Jensen Brown, Megan Peto, Mikey Joyce, Mariana Estrada-Llanos, Georgie Tranter, Lennox Lang, Livia Guvyer, Harry Short, Daniel Coyle, Stefen Spring, Danil Lapogin, Hayley Danaj and Kezia Harris.

This is a fantastic achievement and we are extremely proud of them all – along with every student that put pen to paper and entered. We will certainly be ordering a book for Reception when they are published, so we can see our students' masterpieces in print! It is now for our current Year 7 students to carry the baton and have Coopers take over next year's competition. Watch this space!

LEAP Days – 5 and 6 December 2017

Year 7 Perform "Scrooge" in a Day – Mrs Goddard

On Wednesday 6 December over 80 students from Year 7 were selected to participate in the Performing Art Faculty's performance in a day. This year, we worked on the Charles Dickens-inspired musical 'Scrooge'. Each student group had to perform a song, a dance and a piece of drama to create our 30-minute musical.



The scene was set with a portrayal of Scrooge's miserly character. Then after 'Bah Humbug!' and 'Marley's Ghost' we explored Christmas Past and looked at how Scrooge's character in the present came to be. We sang 'Christmas Present' which required intense concentration and focus over the song with staging before going into Scrooge's Christmas Future, where Mrs Ward and her group really hit home the panic and fear Scrooge would have felt if his Christmas Future was meant to be. The production culminated in a song with choreography to 'Christmas Morning', rounding off the performance in a day.

All the students did very well to rise to the challenge and were able to experience the skills required to put on a musical. We thoroughly enjoyed our performance by the cast, and we hope to see many of you at our future Performing Arts productions!

Leap Day for Year 8 – Mrs Porteous

Year 8 enjoyed an excellent two days for LEAP. All students were fully engaged in both days and the outside agencies were very complimentary about the students, who made the school very proud.

Day 1 was based in English where students were writing descriptively about the food that they love and don't love quite so much, whilst also taking part in the enterprise of creating their own "Funky Lunch" product.



Day 2 involved multiple agencies including the London Fire Brigade, Youth Offending Service and Childline. The day focused on enabling students to gain appropriate knowledge of the law, to think about consequences and learn key facts so that they can make informed choices. They were also reminded of agencies that can support and help them at any time.

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 6 December – Monday 18 December are:

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| Taner Fevait | Luke Felton | Juliette Green | Poppy Goodchild-Dolby |
| Bailey Galloghly | Lacey Goldhawk | Leia Gladding | Gabriel Glodenis |
| James Elliott | Daisy Gateson | Chloe Fox | Nigel Guildford |
| Hugo Buttigieg | Denny-May De Caires | George Butler | Mariana Estrada-Llanos |
| Callum Bride | | | |

Jack Petchey Awards Evening on 28 November 2017 – Mrs Denoon

On Tuesday 27 November we attended the Jack Petchey Awards Evening held at The Broadway Theatre, Catford.



Over 200 students from 23 Bromley schools attended this celebratory event. All our students received their medallion from Superintendent Trevor Lawry of the Metropolitan Police, and had their photographs taken with The Worshipful, the Mayor of Bromley, Councillor Kathy Bance MBE.



It was wonderful to hear all the magnificent citations for the students, and it really was a truly inspirational evening.

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 20 February 2018 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.

Closing School Procedures – Mr Carling



With the onset of winter, and the possibility of inclement weather, we will endeavour to keep the school open for all unless extreme conditions cause a Health and Safety concern. In the event of snow and/or icy conditions, please check the website daily – notices regarding any essential closures will be posted on the website by 7.00am.



It just remains for us to wish you all a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas break. We look forward to welcoming the students back to school on Thursday 4 January at 8.30am.

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to you all!

Merry Christmas


Yours faithfully

Shirley Puxty

Principal
CEO – William Willett Learning Trust

Sue Wood

Headteacher