



13th December 2013

Dear Parent/Carer and Learners

ROYAL COURT TRIP



On Tuesday 11th January the GCSE Drama group went to see 'Let The Right One In' at The Royal Court theatre. Not only did the learners get to see a fantastic show, they also put on their very own Invisible Theatre performance on the way there. They worked out a movement piece based on the word 'Commuters'. As they mingled with the real life 'commuters' they began to perform their pieces.

One passenger commented that they made tube journeys far more interesting, and another asked if they could join in! Their behaviour was exceptional and they were a credit to school. We wish them all the best for their GCSE performances this year.

SCIENCE



All KS4 Science learners will have been issued with a revision guide by their science teacher this week. The books, in full colour, are specific to the examination board (AQA), and give many tips on how students can achieve top grades, as well as providing worked examples on how to approach essay questions in science.

VALUABLES IN SCHOOL

As stated on page 7 of the Student Planner, **"the School cannot accept liability for any valuables or possessions that are lost or damaged in any way on or off the school premises. (Mobile Phones / iPods / Lap Tops etc.)"**

Please advise your child not to bring in any expensive pieces of equipment into school. Thank you.

SCHOOL RETURNS MONDAY 6TH JANUARY 8.50AM

FESTIVE COFFEE MORNING 10th DECEMBER We were delighted to welcome our retired neighbours into school on 10th December for a Festive Coffee Morning. They were entertained by our learners who served refreshments of coffee, tea, mince pies and other delights. Music was provided by Kushal Year 12, Lisara Year 7 and Yee Hee Year 7 who played keyboard and guitar during the morning. Thanks to all learners and staff who helped to make the occasion so enjoyable. We received many wonderful comments from our visitors praising our learners on being so friendly, polite and helpful. Four learners acted as reporters: Mateusz Wronski 9VLA, Okello Akena 9JD, Kai Jemifiro 9DPS and Jacob Wallis 9HE



Mateusz, Okello and Kai : *“There was constant chatter and laughter throughout the room. Food and drink were served to our visitors. They enjoyed talking to everyone and said the decorations in the room were very nice. They also said ‘You all look very smart’. One visitor said “when I was at this school when I was younger, the school was as wonderful as it is today and the memories live in my mind forever”. The visitors were very pleased with the refreshments and enjoyed the pianist and guitarists playing sweet melodies in the background”.*

Jacob Willis: *The morning was a great success. Everyone was socialising. The music was of high quality and all seemed to enjoy it. People were happy with the refreshments. Many smiles were exchanged as well as laughs and it was a heart-warming sight to see the delight on everyone’s faces as they received their gift bags. The visitors pulled their crackers and laughed at the jokes. They all left on a ‘high’ and said they wished events similar to this happened on a regular basis.*



EFFORT GRADE REWARDS – YEAR 8

This week Harrow High celebrated the effort and success of our young learners. We introduced 'effort grades' within the school this year and this was the first opportunity to assess the grades awarded for Year 8. Learners who achieved a grade of GOOD or OUTSTANDING across all subjects were congratulated in assembly with a certificate and entry into a draw to win a Kindle Fire HD. KLAUDIA PIATEK won the main prize of an Amazon Kindle Fire HD. Keep working hard and making progress!

Congratulations to Mr Phillips Teacher of Art, who designed an amazing Christmas Tree made from 900 recycled bottles which has pride of place outside Ealing Town Hall. We are very proud to have such a talented staff member working in our School.



YEAR 10 SPANISH – TRIP TO APPLE STORE



The Spanish department would like to congratulate the Year 10 Spanish learners for their excellent first term. Learners have been putting a lot of effort and dedication in the preparation of their controlled assessments and some of them have made spectacular progress!

As a result of this motivation, a trip to the Apple store was organised at the end of

October to promote the use of technology for oral revisions.

At the Apple store, the learners were organised in groups of three and equipped with an iPad to create a storyboard and then design a presentation in Spanish. Each group then had to record their work and add special effects using the iMovie software. All through the process, our students behaved perfectly and were very focused on their task. As a reward for their hard work, they received a t-shirt and a USB bracelet with a copy of their recordings.



This experience has enhanced the motivation of our learners and given them a new confidence for communicating in Spanish. No doubt the impact on their speaking assessment will be very positive. Congratulations to Year 10 and please keep up the good work!

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Gamble".

Paul Gamble
Headteacher

Merry Christmas
from the staff,
governors and learners
at Harrow High School