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News from the Headteacher

Early in February we say farewell to Mr Bradshaw who has been here a year as one of our caretakers. We wish him well in his new position.

12 Hour Frisbee event for Ollie's Fund

Yet another 12 hours of Frisbee done, but how different it was this year. The atmosphere, the amount raised and the amazing support from our fellow students and teachers was fantastic.

On Friday 19 November, we began playing 'Colet Rules' Frisbee at six in the morning, with many of us being there to set up and prepare at more like five thirty in the morning. So the first three hours of the 12 passed as usual, everyone running about like lunatics and not thinking about how much time we actually had left. But then something happened that no one had experienced in any 12 hour Frisbee event before. We had supporters come along at 9:00 in the morning, in registration, break and lunch. We had a wide range of supporters who massively helped to boost the energy levels. A massive shout out to Mr Brand and Mr Stow's forms for being there the most. In the few hours after school between 3:00pm and 6:00pm, the energy level dropped quite quickly, but we got through. At six in the evening, the countdown finished and the challenge was complete, lots of money raised, no major injuries and lots of tired players.

From Abbie, the staff team, Ollie's fund and myself, we would like to say a massive 'thank you' to all the players, supervisors and supporters who helped to make the day the successful fundraiser for Ollie's Fund raising a whopping total of **£1945.80**

Finally, I would like to say a massive 'thank you' to all the ex-students and their current schools for letting them have the day off to attend and help raise this amazing amount of money.

Conor 6J



Found items.....

We have two rather distinctive items that we would like to reunite with their owners.

We have had a camcorder left on one of the school minibus's after a sports fixture that remains unclaimed.

We also have a monkey keyring where the monkey is wearing a 'someone special' tee shirt and two keys. One looks like a padlock key and the other has the 'Keep calm and carry on' logo on it.

February half term dates

School closes at 2:55pm on the afternoon of 10 February and re-opens at 8:30am on the morning of 20 February 2017

Staff Vacancies

We currently have the following staff vacancies:

English Teacher required from September 2017

Maternity leave cover required from Easter 2017 to cover Science and English.

Clerk to the Governors

The closing date for applications is 9:00am Monday 30 January 2017

For further information on all of the above vacancies, please refer to John Colet School website.



Year 11 French Trip—Student report

From the 17 –20 December 2016, the Year 11 French class packed their bags and headed off to Paris.

The group of 12 students, together with Ms Simpson and Miss Wilkinson, spent three rather chilly days exploring the many famous sights of the city.

We enjoyed every single minute of it; from the Louvre, to the cruise along the Seine, to the Christmas markets, we loved it all!

There were numerous highlights of the trip and many actually occurred due to the various modes transport we had to take here and there throughout the weekend.

Primarily, we got about by the metro, which, at one point caused a bit of a problem, as on one particular journey, the group failed to fit into a metro carriage all together. Determined that we could all fit, Ms Simpson ushered on 4 members of the group, and unbeknownst to the rest of us on the platform, in the rush of it all, the metro doors slammed shut with poor Ms's arm (and nose) wedged in the door! Luckily with a bit of team work from both sides of the doors and a small moment of panic, Ms was safe and we met the 4 boys at the next metro stop!

Another highlight for the group was taking a trip up the Eiffel tower. The thrill seekers of the group braved the top floor and...well, had limited sights to see as the top half of the tower was engulfed in fog! However, the view from lower down on the second floor was incredible, the entire city was in view and it was beautiful. Again, another tiny mishap occurred on the journey up. A particular teacher forgot to inform us that she had an incredible fear of heights so it came as a bit of a surprise to the group as a few of us were clung on to for dear life on the lift ride up and down the tower.

The class first and foremost, are just one big family, we're all one big group of friends and going away to learn in and about a culture and country we are all so enthusiastic about strengthened our bonds and language skills as a collective. Having to encourage each other to speak, read, listen and write in our favourite language really brought out the best in us and with having spoken to my fellow classmates, the things we learned over that weekend, have already started to help us with our preparation for our upcoming GCSE assessments.

We know our time together in school is now rapidly running short but we would give anything to all go again together in the future. The entire group would really like to thank both teachers for baring with us over the weekend, trekking all over the city with us and make the trip one we will never forget. Merci!

Year 11 French Trip—From a teachers perspective

The weekend before Christmas Miss Wilkinson and I took a group of 12 students to Paris, and what a trip! The students organised their itinerary and we managed to do Paris in 3 days; visits included the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame, the Centre Pompidou, a boat trip on the Seine, a visit to Montmartre, the Shoah Memorial and the fabulous Christmas markets! IT WAS FREEZING but the students were amazing- not once did they complain! We travelled by Eurostar and then by metro- quite an adventure in more ways than one. We stayed in a youth hostel which was an eye opener to some, but perfectly suited to our trip!

As a teacher the best thing for me was the students impeccable behaviour and attitude, it ALMOST felt like a holiday. The students were mature and responsible in every aspect and I was incredibly touched when two of them asked if they could buy a homeless person and his dog some food. French was spoken and the students were inquisitive, wanting to deepen their cultural knowledge but also picking up on French expressions- the French metro has some interesting posters and adverts.

We came back exhausted but it was a pleasure to take these students- makes the job worthwhile. So, thank you Gaia, Emma, Annie Eloisa, Moss, Corey, Jamie, Caleb, Matthew, Liam, Lewis and Kobe for making a teacher happy and what a privilege to take you away after having taught you all for 5 years!

And a very big thank you to Miss Wilkinson for her help and support throughout the trip!

Ms Simpson

Year 8 Scholars Programme Graduation Trip

Saturday 21 January 2017

We attended SOAS in London (School of Oriental and African Studies). We were greeted by Mrs Abslom and the University staff, they provided us with lunch before entering the lecture theatre. Two of the representatives from The Scholars Programme, Katherine and Katrina spoke to us about our success in the Scholars programme. We spent some time reflecting on the skills and knowledge we have gained and how we can use these in our future studies.

We were then taken on a tour of the University by some third years students. They took us to see the library, the Student Union, the Brunei Gallery, where there was an exhibition called Embroidered Tales and Woven Dreams which showed textile traditions from the Silk Road to Arabia. We were then able to go into the impressive Senate House and took part in a question and answer session with the students. During the session we asked questions about what difficulties an average university student would face in the first couple of months and what was required to be a successful student.

After that we went back to the lecture theatre for the graduation ceremony and to meet up with our PhD tutor who made it despite the train troubles! There were 2 other schools graduating who had taken part in a range of different course from "Could the Stars Float in the Bath" to "The French Revolution".

Our engineering course on "Taming the BristleBot" was challenging and very hard work. However, it was all worth it! We have gained a range of skills from resilience to time management, not to mention our engineering knowledge and ability to build and programme a robot!

It was great to finally lift those certificates!

By Pip and Liam

Jenna, Millen, Olivia, Keyleigh, Emma, Laura, Pip, Liam, Stanley, Richard Pearson (PhD tutor)





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