



# The Clarionette

## 10 Great Things this Fortnight

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1. On Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November we had our first Deep Learning Day of the year. Students in all year groups were able to participate in activities which involved them learning across the curriculum, taking part in a range of challenging and engaging experiences.
2. Congratulations to all year 11 students who completed their English GCSE Speaking and Listening Assessment on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November. The range and quality of the speeches was exemplary, with many students achieving the top grade of a distinction.
3. Last week Year 8 students took time out of the English classroom where they are reading 'Boy in the striped pyjamas' to view a Holocaust exhibition in The Street. The exhibition, on loan from the University of Southampton, shows life for Jewish people in Germany before the Nazis, and how their rights and lives were gradually stolen away.
4. On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December, a number of year 11 parents were invited to the school for consultations with teachers of the core subjects. These meetings were productive and focused on working together to maximise the progress of some students who have been identified as needing additional support in the run-up to the mock exams.
5. On the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2016, three year 12s and five year 11s took part in The Takeover Challenge which was held in The Brent Civic Centre. While there, students discussed and put into practice what they believed to be the skills required of a council member. As the younger generation, students felt they really understood the impact they made to their own local councils and what they could do in the future to further improve the life of students within the Brent borough (image top right)
6. Last week, all year 11 Music students sat their mock performance exam and performed extremely well, with 50% of students achieving the top A/A\* grade.
7. Earlier this month, Year 12 Maths students sat their first mock exam for the Core Maths module and produced excellent results with a 100% pass rate.
8. After receiving the Japanese students at Claremont, some lucky year 8 students went to the Japanese School to discover a bit more about their culture. It was a good day with lots of activities and students thoroughly enjoyed finding out more about the Japanese culture and their life in London. Claremont students represented the school very well.
9. The Claremont Year 10 Basketball Team produced a stunning performance to beat Capital City Academy 32-30. It was a wonderful team performance and following the 45-17 win against St Gregs the team are now optimistic about qualifying for the first Brent semi-final in their history (image bottom right)
10. On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December, all year 11 students began their mock exams, which will continue over the following fortnight. Students have been well prepared by their teachers and the results will help to guide and shape lessons from January onward.



As we come to the final edition of The Clarionette of 2016 we would like to take this opportunity to wish all students and parents/carers an enjoyable and restful festive period. More information on some of our top news items of the term can be found in the end of term Clarion.



### News in Education

This Week- A student's guide to changes in the grading system at GCSE.

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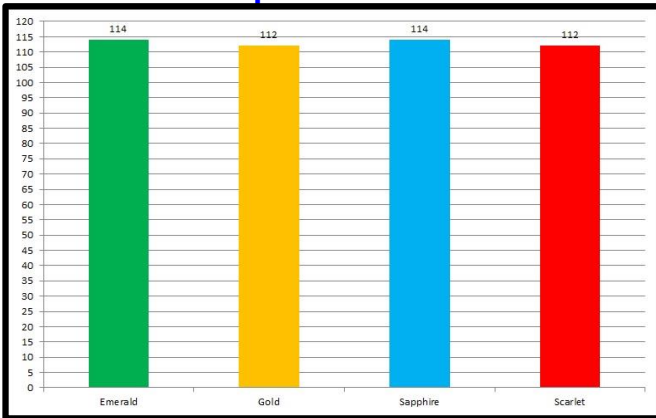




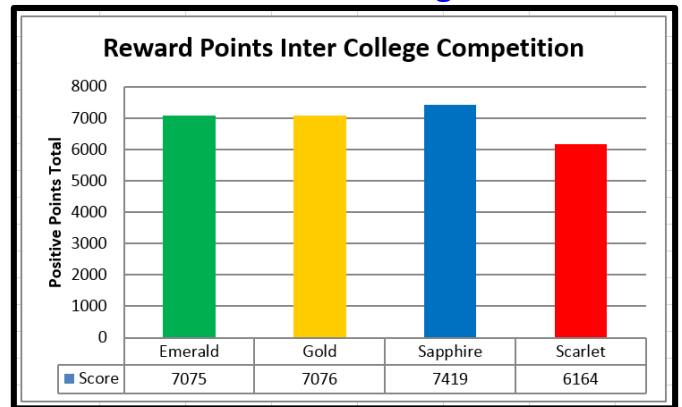
## College Competitions



### Sports



### Rewards and Recognition



The Year 7s brought Round 2 to a conclusion on Friday night and the points were quite evenly split, meaning it is still so close overall. Although not disastrous, leaders **Scarlet** had the worst of the night which has seen them slip from 1st to 3rd. It really has never been so close!

In addition to the normal inter-college, staff at Claremont also did their part to contribute to the college competitions this week in the first of 3 rounds of staff inter-college. After a rigorous and challenging game of netball, Scarlet took the lead to come in first!

Sapphire are still retaining their lead and Gold have managed to overtake Emerald but only by 1 point! Scarlet may be doing well in the Sports Intercollege but they are trailing behind with the Reward Points. We have 285 letters going home this week so well done to all pupils for their hard work and effort.

**KS3 Book of the fortnight**  
'The Owl Service' by Alan Garner

**KS4 Book of the fortnight**  
'The Buried Giant' by Kazuo Ishiguro.



### Pupil Commendations: Year 10

**Ayse Arslan 10.4** for excellent form participation and for her involvement in the Speak-out Challenge.

**Nariman Gira and Zoya Quasrani in 10.1**

Took part in a workshop, where they had to look at the representation of women in the media and their presentation won, earning them a day of work experience in a media company.

### KS5 Corner

#### Messages from our Senior Prefects

The year 12's have successfully hosted the Christmas Party for the Old Aged Pensioners. A great deal of our visitors were delighted with how the party turned out- many were singing to Christmas carols, as they tucked into the delicious food provided to them by the school. It was also a great experience for us in year 12; we loved to listen to the wild stories of the elderly, and thoroughly enjoyed dancing with them. A handful of us also took time out to fund raise for the party; we raised over £170! It was a very eventful and enjoyable evening.

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