

10 Great Things this Fortnight

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- 1) On Thursday 19th January we had the pleasure of hosting a performance poet, Ash Dickinson, who worked with a group of year 7 and 8 students on developing quality poetry for our **Drama and Poetry Festival on the 9th February.** All pupils had a chance to win a place at this festival by presenting their own original poetry or one that has been published. Auditions for the poetry festival were held on Monday 23rd January. Well done to all students who came along.
- 2) 15 young women from year 12 have been participating in the Fearless Futures programme, which aims to equip young women with tools to understand gender as well as individual and societal barriers to women's equality. Last week these students created and delivered a workshop based on their learning and experiences to a group of year 9 females, which aimed to get students to understand their fears, challenge them and empower a community of younger girls (image top right)
- 3) And in a week where Women's Rights were celebrated globally, our year 12s continued to get involved in the action- three Y12 students (Beanica, Riyah and Vivienne), along with Miss Patel (History) attended the Women's March in London on Saturday from the American Embassy to Trafalgar Square.
- 4) Y10 MFL students have just sat a series of listening, reading, speaking and writing assessments reflecting the new GCSE style exams. Although they found these difficult at this stage, both students and teachers would have found this invaluable as a teaching tool, to gauge students' ability and the exam's structure. We will be doing further practice papers this year as well as using vocab express on a regular basis to help students acquire the confidence and knowledge needed for their exams.
- 5) On Monday 23rd January, the Holocaust Education Trust Ambassadors (Zoyah Dar and Sabina Lichacz) attended the Holocaust Memorial Day Ceremony at City Hall. They had the opportunity to listen to accounts of the experience of the Holocaust and how it has impacted generations today. The ceremony was also attended by the Mayor of London Sadiq Khan, who delivered a speech on the importance of this day (photo to the left)
- 6) On 18th January all year 9 students watched a live performance of A Christmas Carol. This will help to inform their studies in preparation for a GCSE style English Literature Assessment.
- 7) KS3 Maths News: We are rolling out a weekly Maths challenge to encourage and develop problem solving skills through Year 7-9, in line with the new GCSE demands. In addition we will be running a KS3 Numeracy Club, every Thursday lunchtime specifically for set 5/6 Maths students who would like to develop their number skills. Please see Ms Solanki for more details.
- 8) Extra-Curricular Clubs and Activities: Claremont has always offered a vast and varied range of extra-curricular clubs and activities. 48 such clubs and activities are offered in any single week! In response to feedback received from students in our Student Voice questionnaire, we are publicising the current list of Extra-Curricular Clubs and Activities. The link below is also accessible on our website:

http://www.claremont-high.org.uk/Extra-curricular/

- 9) On Wednesday 25th January, 60 students from year 9 took part in 'Tomorrow's Engineers Energy Quest' Workshop. Students developed their ideas about the renewable sources of energy and enjoyed practical engineer activities like making battery car and utilizing wind energy. Students were finding out more about engineering and careers in engineering
- 10) Exciting news within Science- our department was recently equipped with a very high quality and resolution infrared camera and telescope. This piece of equipment will enable students to see themselves as a source of thermal energy or observe the sky, amongst other features and uses.



News in Education

This Week- revision tips and strategies for all key stages: http://www.claremont-high.org.uk/CurriculumLinks/The Power Hour or The memory Hour.pdf

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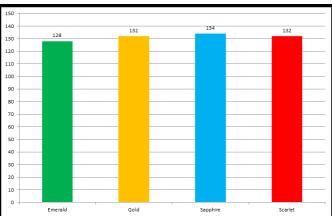


College Competitions





Sports



It had been the closest competition we have ever had, and then **Sapphire** had a great week last Friday and threatened to pull away. **HOWEVER** they decided to not turn up for either the boys or the girls Year 10 event and now we have a 4 house race again.

Year 10 Boys' Results:

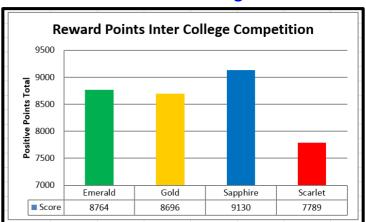
1st Emerald 2nd Scarlet 3rd Gold

Year 10 Girls' Results:

1st Gold 2nd Scarlet Emerald no show Sapphire no show



Rewards and Recognition



The colleges are holding their places with Sapphire in the lead, followed by Emerald and Gold with Scarlet last. Will this continue to be the pattern for 2017 or is someone going to overtake Sapphire?

KS3 Book of the fortnight Wind' by David KS4 Book of the fortnight Almond Almond

Pupil Commendations: Year 7

Nayen Patel - 7.6

He is an extremely positive student and has an encouraging and supportive attitude, which brings out the best in everyone.

Hana Jabar 7.1 for being so positive and happy about everything consistently.

KS5 Corner

As the festive season is now over, and students in 6th form prepare for mocks and upcoming exams; we have also had a chance to listen to an inspirational talk, on behalf of Amnesty International. The speaker enlightened us on the migrant crisis happening across Syria, and talked a bit about the Woman's March- the global protest protecting woman's rights. Some students in Year 12/13 attended the march across London and found the day very enjoyable. Moreover, the volunteers for the Befreinders scheme have just had their first meet and greet on Monday the 23rd- a handful of Year 12's made their way to an elderly peoples home to provide some company and support. They found it very educational and enjoyed listening to their stories!

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