



February 2018 Newsletter

A note from the Head of School

Despite the cold, snowy weather over the last half term, today is feeling very Spring-like and I hope that this continues through the holiday break for everyone to enjoy.

Even without the challenges caused by the snow, we had plenty to entertain us. The highlights for me, which you will read more about in this Newsletter, were the Poetry Slam, our visit by the Kenyan Boys Choir and our Macbeth drama performance.

The Poetry Slam was held in front of a small audience to help combat nerves and I was awed by the quality of both poems and performances. Those students who were part of the audience were equally impressed, David B had this to say:

"I thought the event was brilliant and gave the people of CA a chance to show their creative side and express their views....It allowed us to not only see how talented they were but their interests and how those students observed situations and events."

On the same day as the Poetry Slam we also had a visit from the Kenyan Boys Choir. The Choir had performed earlier that week at WE Day and we were a much smaller, but no less appreciative, audience. Again, rather than try and find words to describe the event myself, I will draw on words from Dionte and Kacper.

"It was cool, I loved the singing and would like to see them again".

"It was the first time a choir as come to our school and having different people coming in with different talents is very inspirational."

The Macbeth performance by the GCSE/Level 2 Drama group was my third highlight. Not only because it a superb performance, but also as we had the opportunity to invite parents in to watch. I was so pleased with the feedback from the audience at our Monday night showing and look forward to more opportunities such as this going forward.

The Summer Term is always a busy term and so I wish everyone at CA London a restful Easter break and will see you all in April.

Rachel Maddison

Dates to remember

Term begins:

Wednesday 18th April 2018

East Soar Residential:

Monday 23rd to

Friday 27th April 2018

Art Fair:

Thursday 14th June 2018

Science Fair:

Friday 15th June 2018

INSET day (no school):

Friday 29th June 2018

Prize & Sports Day:

Friday 6th July 2018

Term dates can be found at the end of the newsletter

Drama Production – Blood Will Have Blood



On March the 19th the combined GCSE Drama and Level 2 Performing Arts students performed two extracts adapted from Macbeth. Their first performance was for the GCSE examiner in the morning and was very nerve-wracking, but all seven boys performed brilliantly. The evening performance, for friends, parents and carers was much more fun!

All the students worked very hard indeed and had lots of support with prop-making from the other drama groups in the school and the Art club. Adam is taking the design

strand, and is very much a backstage person, but managed a small role as a rather bashful murderer. Hilton was the bravest, making a very convincing Lady Macbeth, and Michael was a splendid Macbeth, driven mad by a decidedly sinister Yasin as Banquo. Rishi, James and Josh needed to contend with projecting their voices through masks when they were playing the witches and keeping the spooky element when they became the three Scottish lords.

It was a satisfying, memorable and exciting project for all of us.



.....the moment everyone nearly had a heart attack.....



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Student Section: Science Report

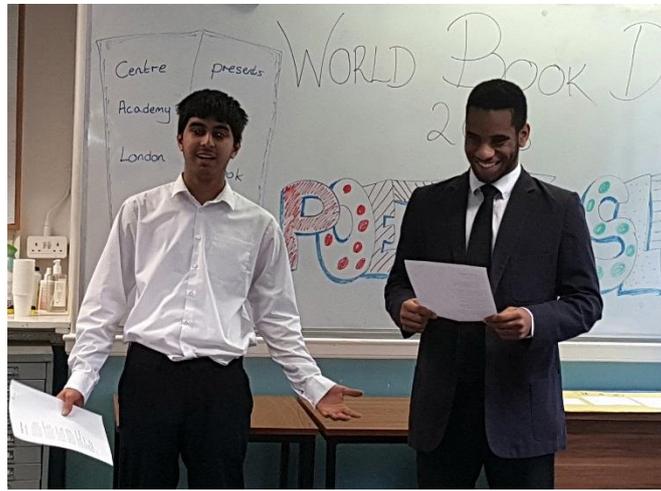
This week there has been a mixture of exciting and sad news, but let's start with the good news! This week NASA has started the HAMMER project. This project stands for 'Hypervelocity Asteroid Mitigation Mission for Emergency Response' or HAMMER for short. This project is to help stop any future asteroids that could threaten the Earth, as we are overdue for a large-scale asteroid (about once in 50-60 million years). This project won't destroy asteroids (except for small ones) but instead use nuclear weapons to move large asteroids off course a small amount so that they miss Earth.

However, the sad news is that Stephen Hawking, a person who inspired millions, died in his sleep at the age of 76. He looked at the stars and devised ideas that people will be studying for years to come, like a new age Einstein. Unlike Einstein, however, he worked with a degrading body, and yet was able to achieve more than multiple people do in their lives! He has shown that anybody can work in science no matter their condition.

World Book Day - Poetry Slam

To celebrate world book day our students took part in our first ever poetry slam event. Students were required to write and perform their own poems to a select judging panel. All our poems were inspired by trips we took earlier in the term to the London Museum and the Tower of London. Congratulations to our winners Sean (Lower/Middle school), Michael (Upper School) and Molly (High School).

All the poems will be collated together into an anthology which will be published and made available for purchase on Amazon. All profits will go towards the National Literacy Trust and helping us purchase new books for our school library. Look out for more information on when these can be purchased in our next newsletter.



Well done everyone!

WE Day Excursion

WE Day

On 7th March 2018 many of our students were fortunate to attend the WE Day live concert. The star-studded line-up included Princesses Beatrice and Eugenie. Students had a most enjoyable time listening to various inspirational talks and dancing to brilliant music!

In addition to WE Day, our school was privileged to be visited by the Kenyan Boys Choir. It was a spectacular experience listening to their most beautiful harmonies!



Kenyan Boys Choir visit

Fundraising

'WE Create Change':

The school has a 'goat money jar' and we are collecting all the spare change we can up until 30th March 2018. So far, we have raised enough money to buy two goats for Kenyan communities.

'WE Walk for Water':

The school will participate in a walk on Friday 27th April 2018.



School Trips



Before the end of half term, our Middle School and Functional Skills classes made a trip to the wonderful Museum of London. In association with the National Literacy Trust the students took part in a poetry writing workshop to help develop their poetry writing skills. The students took inspiration from a number of displays and exhibits including the 2012 London Olympic Cauldron. Upon returning to school the students then used this trip to help inspire their own poems for the Poetry Slam event to celebrate World Book Day.

Calendar

Summer Term 2018

INSET Day (no school):

Tuesday 17th April 2018

First day:

Wednesday 18th April 2018

Half-Term:

Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June 2018

Last day of term:

Friday 6th July 2018

2018-2019 Term Dates

2018/2019 Dates are now available on the school website. The first day of term for students will be Wednesday 5th September 2018.

Science Fair 2018

CA Science Fair 2018

You are invited!

Please join us on Friday 15th June

8:30 to 12:00



Details to follow regarding Judging Timetable

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C Members of the Art Club have been busy at work creating a 3D papier-mâché model of a roast suckling pig for the drama performance 'Macbeth'. They used newspaper, masking tape, PVA glue and acrylic paint. The end results are fantastic as was the performance! Well done to All!

