



## Upcoming Dates

## December 2018 Newsletter

### *A note from the Head of School*

Dear Staff, Students, Parents and Carers,

The Autumn Term is always a challenge for students, staff (and parents/carers!). It is a long term – so everyone needs to manage their energy levels – and it is the first term of the year – so students have to manage change. This change can come in many forms. For instance, it could be the change to a new School, the change from Middle School to Upper School, the change of subject teacher, or simply a change in which lesson they have on Monday, Period 1! Regardless of the form this change takes, the anxiety this causes for many of our students is significant. To this end, I would like to start by acknowledging how well our students have managed the changes of this term. Well done!

I would also like to congratulate our students for their enthusiasm towards our new House system. Our three School houses, Wandle, Effra and Falcon have banded together to compete (and support) each other for house points. These are rewarded for being 'Student of the Week' in a subject, for showing our three core principals of Care, Participation and Respect, or for going above and beyond in lessons. Our winning house this term by just three points is Effra, who won a pizza party on our last day of School.

While we recognise that change can be difficult, it is also unavoidable, and so it is with sadness that I let you know that, due to family reasons, our Spanish Teacher, Ms Lenci, will not be returning in the New Year. We are taking this opportunity to review our peripatetic teaching programme and will initially be trialling a new Music programme instead of Spanish.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone in the CA London family a restful and enjoyable Christmas break. I look forward to seeing everyone return in the New Year for an equally successful 2019.

*Rachel Maddison*

### Spring Term

**INSET DAY (no school):**  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019

**First day:**  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019

**Half-term:**  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February –  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019

**Last day:**  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019

### Summer Term

**First day:**  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019

**East Soar Residential Trip:**  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

**Half-term:**  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday  
31<sup>st</sup> May 2019

**Last day:**  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019



## 'Streetwise Performance'

In November, *Wandsworth Borough Council* treated our Middle School students to a 'Streetwise Performance' about Road Safety. The performance was adapted to incorporate the dangers modern technology can pose to pedestrians whilst crossing the street. Students found the performance hilarious and highly entertaining; however, they were also able to recognise the serious and very important key messages about road safety, such as, not being on a mobile phone or listening to loud music with headphones when crossing the street.



## WWI Centenary

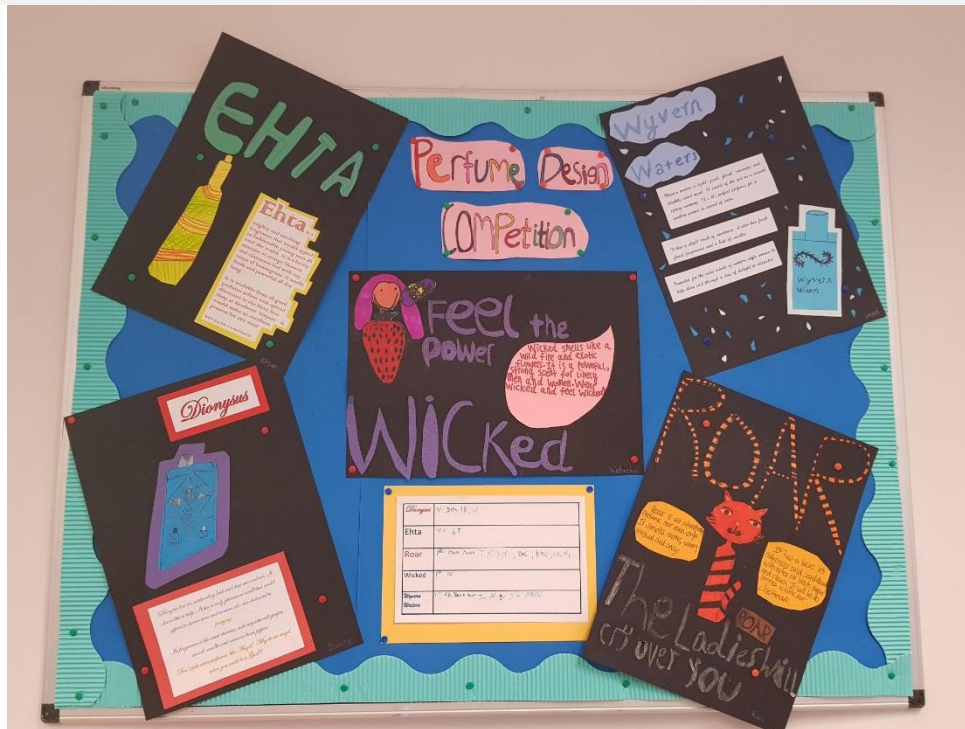
Throughout the term students have been learning about World War I across Humanities, English and in Mentor Groups. In the week before the centenary, every member of the school community created a poppy for a dead or seriously injured soldier, sailor, airman, doctor or nurse. Some recorded the details of a family member, but most were provided with the record sheet of a person with a similar name to their own. Students learned about the kinds of injuries that people suffered and many were shocked to discover that the fatalities were only a few years older than they are now. The commemorative poppies were gradually added to the display at the stairwell, and the final result is shown below:



## Perfume Design Competition

Miss Louis's English class have spent part of the term exploring scent and fragrance. They created interactive, sniffable posters charting the history and use of a range of perfumes, including jasmine and frankincense. They then researched perfume adverts to look at how fragrances are designed and marketed, before designing a perfume of their own.

This involved thinking of a name, designing a bottle and creating a persuasive description. The five students then competed for two prizes, one the winner of an internal vote for the best perfume, and one judged by Mira Manga, a writer, musician and PR executive for the Lush company. Ravi was our internal winner with *Roar*, and Dionte was the judge's choice with *Dionysus*. Mira kindly donated a generous Lush goody bag for each of the participants, some of whom have come into school smelling lovely this week!



## Christmas Card Winner

The Christmas card competition this year was a resounding success and we received such wonderful entries that it was very hard to decide which one to pick.

We finally came to a decision, the entry that stood out the most this year was by our talented Simone.



## Parent Events

The 2018/19 calendar of events for parents and carers launched with a coffee morning to welcome the starters and stalwart supporters alike. This was followed by the first in the series of free SEN lectures, "Understanding Autism.

A workshop led by our team of in-house experts, outlined the diverse further education opportunities and training options available for students, who are currently following the Functional Skills pathway, when they leave CAL.

The Christmas term drew to a festive close with an afternoon of seasonal refreshments for parents and staff.

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### East Soar

Our annual residential trip to Outdoor Experience East Soar is still a few months away – the 29<sup>th</sup> to the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May.

Initial deposits are due, however if this is not able to be made and you would still like your child to attend please return the slip as soon as possible.

The final payment for the trip is due before the 15<sup>th</sup> of February 2019.

I will be writing to you again shortly to confirm our itinerary and providing you with information regarding medication and packing.

Any questions regarding the experience I can be contacted at [ganderson@centreacademy.co.uk](mailto:ganderson@centreacademy.co.uk)

*Have a wonderful Christmas  
break!*