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Year 11 Student wins Prestigious Police Cadet Award



We are delighted to report that one of our Year 11 students has won the prestigious Presence and Performance Award at the Police Cadets Awards 2018. Stephen, in Year 11 is a regular member of the local Police Cadet force and was nominated for this award due to his brave actions in saving a cyclist from being run over by a van last year. This award is not easy to achieve as nominations are taken from all 32 Boroughs across the Metropolitan Police with 5 nominees then selected for consideration for the final award. The college is very proud of Stephen for showing such courage; his award is very well deserved.

Sixth Form Film Industry Work Experience



At the end of April, the Media Studies department took 16 sixth form students for a two-day work experience placement at Ealing Studios to work as extras in the forthcoming film 'Blinded By The

Light', starring Hayley Atwell (Captain America, Howard's End, The Duchess) and Rob Brydon, based on the novel by Sarfraz Mansoor and directed by Gurinder Chadha OBE (Bend It Like Beckham, Bride & Prejudice, Viceroy's House). The coming-of-age story centres around Javed (played by Viveik Kalra), a British Pakistani teenager growing up in Luton in 1987, amid the racial and political tensions of Thatcherite Britain.



Over two very long days on set, in full 1987 costume and make-up, our students took part in several classroom scenes with Javed and his English teacher Miss Clay (Atwell). The director was so impressed with our students that a couple of them were even given lines! All of our students performed impressively under highly controlled and intense working conditions and were excellent representatives of the school. We are all now very excited to see the film upon its international release in cinemas in summer 2019. Watch this space!



House photography competition results

The Easter break saw the setting of the inaugural St. Michael's Photography competition. The theme, set by the Creativity & Technology Faculty, of 'London at its best' was given to pupils allowing our budding photographers to attempt to capture a special moment in the life of the capital city.



The entries soon started to flood in and a shortlist of ten was created for staff to vote on. Jordan Bazunu of House Bosco grabbed first prize (top picture), with

Amelia Leakey (House Rua) and Cormac O'Donnell (House Rua) gaining second and third (left and right picture respectively).

More Pictures can be found on the website.





“School of Rock” Musical

On Wednesday 25th of April our Year 10 drama group went on a school trip to watch “School of Rock”. It was an amazing experience and really worth the money. It was full of energy and was very funny throughout. It was one of the best musicals I have ever seen. The children were very talented and they had powerful voices. They were very confident and they stayed in

character which is a really hard skill to do. I really recommend everyone to watch it as you will enjoy. The trip was also educational as we could use some of the techniques the actors used in our GCSE performance.



Grant Thornton reward trip

On Tuesday 24th Year 7 from Bosco house went out on a 'Winners Trip' for raising the most money during the Grant Thornton Business Enterprise project. I think this trip was an amazing opportunity to see different job roles and what it is really like to be a working person. We went to visit the offices of the company Fourfront, a building and interiors firm who design office spaces. We were also very lucky to meet the company's CEO Clive Lucking. Numerous people came in to talk to us, one of which worked for Hilton Hotels. I learnt things that I have never heard of about Hilton Hotels, and

that was that it owns numerous companies as well as itself. We had a really nice lunch as well. Not only that there was also a prize giving ceremony. We received goodie bags including a £10.00 amazon voucher and completed fun tasks. One of these was designing the office space of the future which we decided will have robot receptionists, choose your own view windows and teleportation pods. We had a really good day and would like to give special thanks to Grant Thornton and Fourfront for running it for us.



Chaplain's corner: Why is May the Month of Mary?

"God wills that all his gifts should come to us through Mary" (St. Bernard)



It was in Rome, towards the end of the eighteenth century, one fine evening in May. A child of the poor gathered his companions around him and led them to a statue of Mary, before which a lamp was burning, as is the custom in that holy city. There, these fresh young voices sang the Litany of our Lady. The next day, the little group, followed by other children, again gathered at the feet of the Mother of God. Next came their mothers, to join the little assembly. Soon, other groups were formed, and the devotion rapidly became popular. Holy souls, troubled by the disorderly conduct which always increases and becomes graver at the return of the pleasant springtime, saw in these growing practices the hand of God, and they cooperated with the designs of Providence by approving and promoting this new devotion, as a public and solemn act of reparation. The Month of Mary was founded.

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