



Year 11 Boys win Kent Schools Cup - see page 5

Dear Parents and Carers

The Enterprise Specialism

I would like to congratulate students, members of staff and our families for your tremendous support of our fundraising programme during the Season of Lent. At the end of the spring term, we raised funds for the charities that my five colleagues were supporting in Marathons (Brighton & London) and we collected in the region of £2,500.00. In addition, my colleagues raised over £6,000.00 through sponsorship for their nominated charities.

Double Cup Final success

Our Year 10 and Year 11 Boys' Football Teams have won Kent Cup Finals that were played at Thamesmead Town FC. In front of a large attendance of students and members of staff, the Year 10 team defeated Hurstmere School, Sidcup 3 – 2 after extra time. In the second game, the Year 11 team recorded a comfortable victory over St Anselm's Catholic School, Canterbury 8 – 0.

I extend my congratulations to both teams and their management teams. Their success in the finals is the culmination of numerous training sessions since the season commenced last September.

The Class of 2018

It is very hard to believe that, yet again, it is time to say goodbye to our Year 11 students. They have been an outstanding year group, not only in their achievements, but also in what they have given to the school. They are a credit, not only to you, but to all members of the English and Communications Learning Zone, who have looked after them for the past five years.

I wish you all a very pleasant half-term break.

Yours sincerely

Patrick Winston
Principal



SPA Citizens UK

St. Paul's Citizens UK students are on a quest to minimize knife crime in our area...



On the 21st of February our students visited Ravensbourne College for a Delegates Assembly to project concerns about the safety of their local community, Abbey Wood, and the increase in knife crime. During the assembly they had the opportunity to share their experiences on why this was such an important topic to them and their peers in front of an audience of 60 people. They were joined by other organisations from Greenwich, including: Refugees Welcome, Recognition of Asylum seekers, Social Isolation, Violence towards Women & Girls, Living Wage Celebration, Nurturing Relationships and Housing. All organisations were informed that not all groups would be successful getting through to the borough wide action during May's elections. Fortunately SPA students were one of the groups who were voted through.

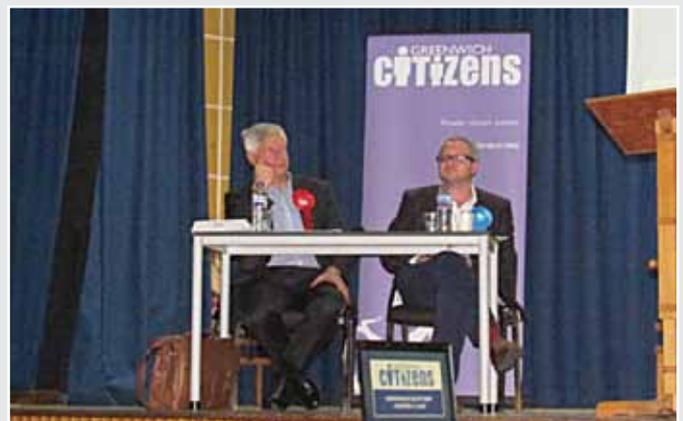


The next phase of their mission was to take their campaign to the Halley Academy to speak again about their concerns on unsafe neighbourhoods. On Tuesday 24th April they left the Academy premises at 5pm by minibus to arrive at the Halley Academy for 6pm, where they were joined by Councillor Gardner (Labour) and Councillor Hartley (Conservative) and many other campaigners.

When it was time for our students to present their case they were able to discuss their aims and objectives to both councillors and audience and to ask councillors Gardener and Hartley, to join them. The councillors agreed to support their project for Safer Neighbourhoods in the local area by joining in a community walk within the first 100 days of the local election. They also agreed to arrange a meeting with the chief superintendent of Greenwich, Lewisham and Bexley (Simon Dobinson) and leaders and representatives from Greenwich Citizens in the first 6 weeks after the election.

The successful night ended at 9pm after an evaluation from Paulina of Citizens UK, in which overall the assembly was rated a B. We were all very pleased with the outcome of our performance. Our aim is to minimize the number of knife crimes by using better lighting and cameras. The reason behind this is we have surveyed 100s of young people within our school and area who have concerns and these are the issues which are raised most frequently. During our research, we also discovered the shocking facts that 36 people had been fatally stabbed in London since January 2018 and 62 killed overall.

In conclusion, we are looking forward to working with Cllr Hartley and Cllr Gardner in the near future in order to make a change on this growing issue. We are depending on the Cllrs to fulfil our requests and develop our work. We are hoping that they will invest in our safer neighbourhood vision.



Amazing Triumph for Joyous Sextet

Staff and students witnessed incredible scenes in a series of assemblies featuring the musical talents of 5 students accompanied by **Mr Bond. Esosa Uworuya and Ashraff Bangura** have been working for months composing and arranging their own songs in Music Therapy and were duly rewarded by the raucous and emotional ovations of both staff and students.

Ashraff wrote his song in his first language of Italian to describe the progress he has made since moving to London and St Paul's Academy.

'When I came here I didn't like it and I didn't speak, but now I'm talking. All the Teaching Assistants have helped me, I want to thank them. When they were cheering it was epic and awesome, I was emotional. It sounds like we can do anything!'

Esosa managed to demonstrate both his keyboard and drumming skills as well as his singing.

'The message of my song was fabulous. Drumming in the name of the Lord, it's about people being safe with Jesus. It's making me feel so very, very happy and sometimes it's like, when they scream, when they jump, it's just amazing what the people are doing. You always need to praise God for that!'

The band, consisting of Jeremiah **Uworuya** and **Franklin Adeleye** on vocals and **Emmanuel Aworinde** on drums, were vital to the success of the event. **Mr Bond** commented.

'They were immediately enthusiastic about the project and played with incredible intuition and skill, it was an absolute thrill to play with them and it shows how much talent there is in St Paul's.'

The success of the shows and the incredible responses they garnered demonstrate perfectly how inclusive the whole community of St Paul's is.

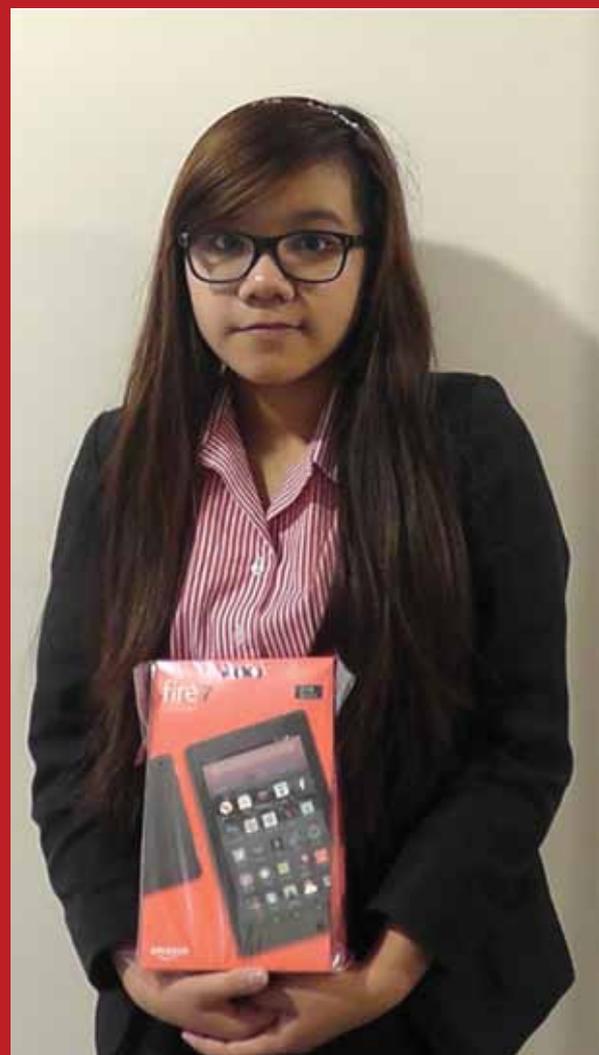


Doddle Easter Challenge winner

Year 11 student Jade Nguyen won an Amazon Fire 7 tablet for taking part in the Doddle Easter Challenge.

She won the prize for her usage on Doddle over the two week Easter period. Over that time, Jade completed 258 resources and spent just under 9 hours on the e-learning platform.

15,000 students nationwide entered the competition and Jade was among the Top 3 users. Congratulations Jade and keep using Doddle!



SportInspired Community Games Festival 2018

Working in collaboration with the charity organisation SportInspired, Thursday 26th April saw St Paul's Academy host the **2018 SportInspired Community Games Festival** once again. This festival was supported on the day by 25 employees from DC Advisory who gave up their time to volunteer on the day. This event was specifically targeted towards those pupils in Years 3 to 8 within the Greenwich Borough who have a special educational need. The aim of the festival was to help instil a love of sport and physical activity in these pupils who may not ordinarily be given the opportunity to engage in such activities as often as they would like.

Utilising our top-class sporting facilities at St Paul's we were able to deliver 6 different physical activity sessions for our 150 plus students in Years 3 to 8 who attended the festival. The children had the opportunity to experience a range of new and engaging activities which included Boxing, Boccia, Football, Athletics, Dance and Polybat. Participation in what were new sporting activities for a number of the students will hopefully help to further encourage students to continue participation in sport and physical activity in the future.



The enjoyment felt by each of the students who participated in the festival was clearly evident to see throughout the duration of the day. Pupils enjoyed learning new skills, making new friends as well as getting the opportunity to work alongside

our numerous DC Advisory volunteers and Sports Leaders.

One of the greatest highlights of the day was the unbelievable work carried out by each and every one of the 40 St Paul's Academy **Sports Leaders** throughout the entire duration of the day. All of the external companies who were in school as well as all of the other staff from our neighbouring schools who attended the event simply could not praise our Sports Leaders highly enough. One DC **Advisory employee** commented:

'It was excellent, everyone was great and I was really impressed with the Sports Leaders.'

It is definitely safe to say that our young leaders more than stepped up to the mark, were true leaders in every sense of the word and were simply awesome across the board! This is testament to the hard work and dedication shown by our sports leaders over the last number of months working extremely hard to prepare themselves for this event. As well as ensuring that all of the kids participating in the event had an enjoyable day, all of our Sports Leaders have gained immensely from the event which is something we also set out to ensure. All of the Sports Leaders notably grew in confidence as the day progressed as well as enhancing their leadership, teamwork and communication skills to name but a few. One motto which our Sports Leaders believe in at St Paul's is that 'Great leaders don't create followers, they create more leaders' and leaders in their own right is exactly what our students became on the day. Providing our students with such valuable and worthwhile opportunities is crucial to ensuring their holistic development.

Reflecting on their experiences of the festival, our **SPA Sports Leaders** expressed how during the day there was 'a great atmosphere surrounding the entire event' (Kyah, Year 8)

'This event has really taught me how to be a leader.'
(Kenzie, Year 8).

*'The kids are very enthusiastic and inspirational'
(Sharon, Year 11).*

*'Today has been a joyous day and I never thought
I would meet such wonderful young people' (Nana,
Year 10).*

Students who participated in the event from schools throughout the Borough of Greenwich also liked how they got the chance to work as a team and learn to play new sports on the day. One Greenwich primary school teacher commenting on their overall experience of the festival said:

'Thank you so much for inviting our school to take part in the festival, the children absolutely loved it and it was organised perfectly!

The best school sport event I have ever been to! The team you had were amazing and so supportive of the children the whole time. Just a fantastic day and one they will remember. Thanks again, already looking forward to next year!

Such positive feedback simply reflects the overwhelming success of the day which was visibly enjoyed by all parties involved, be that pupils, staff or volunteers. As a school, St Paul's would like to thank SportInspired for their continued help and support, our numerous sports providers who assisted in the delivery of our many sports, all of the Greenwich schools who participated on the day as well as all the employees from DC Advisory who helped to make the day truly memorable.

We look forward to continuing to build upon such positive working relationships as well as ensuring that a legacy for inclusive engagement in sport and physical activity for all is achieved. An event such as the SportInspired Festival simply illustrates the power of sport!



Year 7 Netball Team Shine at Greenwich Schools' Tournament

As the netball season draws to an end, our Year 7 Netball team are bringing their inaugural year representing St Paul's Academy to a glittering close. On the 9th May the girls travelled, with their coaches Miss Duffy and Miss Stone to St Thomas More School in Eltham where they took part in the annual Year 7 Greenwich Schools' Netball Tournament. The girls put in exceptional team performances on the day with the squad scoring a total of 22 goals and conceding only 2 across all of their games. The results of the girls' matches are as follows:

- Blackheath High School: 3 - 1 (win)
- Eltham Hill: 5 - 0 (win)
- Royal Greenwich Trust School: 7 - 0 (win)
- St Thomas More: 7 - 1 (win)

As a result, the girls emerged as winners of the tournament and have remained undefeated in all of their Greenwich School League fixtures to date, currently leaving them sitting at the top of the Year 7 league table.

The girls have worked hard throughout the year to develop their skills and knowledge of the game as well as truly beginning to gel as a team. This all bodes well for this talented group of players who are showing great potential moving forward.

On the day, the girls were excellent ambassadors of St Paul's Academy, displaying brilliant behaviour and a positive attitude throughout the tournament.

Well done girls on a fantastic start to your St Paul's Academy netball careers, we look forward to hearing about your future achievements. Keep up the great work!

Year 7 Netball Team:

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| 1. <i>Tonye Gayle-Briggs</i> | 6. <i>Jessica Akomolafe</i> |
| 2. <i>Trinity Okafor</i> | 7. <i>Amara Chukwurah-Okolo</i> |
| 3. <i>Jasmine Adonri</i> | 8. <i>Precious Olaore</i> |
| 4. <i>Nancy Adeleke</i> | 9. <i>Emanuella Ojiako</i> |
| 5. <i>Morgan Yao</i> | 10. <i>Chiamaka Obosi</i> |



Year 10 Football Team Show Warrior Spirit to Become County Champions

Over 80 secondary schools entered the U15 Kent County Cup this year. Our Year 10 football team won the Cup in thrilling fashion after beating Hurstmere 3-2, following a nail-biting period of extra time. After an exhilarating first half of football, our boys found themselves going into the latter stages of the game 2-0 up; with well-worked goals from Bobby Dunn and Leslie Ariku. However, in the closing stages of the match, our opponents piled on the pressure and managed to level the score in the dying minutes of full-time, bringing the match to extra time. This was sure to bring back memories to the players of last year's All England Cup Semi Final, where the team had also conceded two agonising late goals to bring the game to extra time. This was ultimately lost on penalties to Beths Grammar, who went on to win the All England.

With the memory of last year's semi-final driving the team forward, the group simply refused to be beaten, giving every breath they had to support each other and compete in their personal battles, Atta Gyedu was expertly put through on goal and finished clinically to put St Paul's 3-2 up. However, with just minutes remaining, Hurstmere almost equalised again but after a miraculous save from, Tunde 'The Cat' Ajidagba and some outstanding defending from our back four, the team closed out the game and were crowned Kent County Champions 2018; sparking an impassioned frenzy of celebrations on the pitch from the players and from the crowd; which included many staff members from St Paul's as well as the players' families.

The journey for this exceptional group of players began in September with a resounding 8-0 win over Gravesend Grammar School and continued through 6 rounds of intense competitive football to become County Champions and allow Sam Braddick the team's captain to lift the trophy. With the level of commitment exhibited in over 50 training sessions, their inner belief and togetherness as a group and ability to act like champions in all aspects of their footballing performance allows the players to take immense pride in being superb ambassadors of St Paul's Academy. Mr. O'Donoghue, Mr. Verrall, Mr. Meade and all the staff and pupils at St Paul's Academy would like to congratulate the boys on this outstanding achievement and wish them even more success in the coming football season. Well done to an exceptional team who Mr. O'Donoghue says that *"like true champions, the team is already looking forward to the challenge that next season will bring"*.



Year 11 Boys win Kent Schools' Cup

St Paul's Academy 8-0 St Anselm's Catholic School

On Thursday 26th April, the Year 11 boys captured the under 16 boys Kent Schools Cup with a fantastic team display at the Sporting Club in Thamesmead. Lekan Orimolusi deserves a special mention, as he managed to hit the back of the net 5 times in an excellent individual performance. The remaining 3 goals were scored by Michael Ononye, Israel Oyeogbe and Bolaji Williams. At the end of the game, the trophy was presented to the team captain, Michael Ononye. Commiserations to St Anselm's who never threw in the towel despite the score line. The competition started in September 2017 with over 60 schools from across Kent and South East London. Over the course of the competition, the team managed to score 39 goals and only conceded 3 times. They thoroughly deserved to be crowned champions for 2018. The football season has now come to an end- unfortunately it is the last time the boys will play together as they prepare to end their time at St Paul's Academy. A very talented bunch so we hope that they continue their participation well into the future.

Year 11 team members

<i>Olawale Omojola</i>	<i>Lekan Orimolusi</i>
<i>Samuel Adenola</i>	<i>Bolaji Williams</i>
<i>Samuel Shangobiyi</i>	<i>Samuel Osei</i>
<i>Daniel Kamara</i>	<i>Lucky Aragua</i>
<i>David Ozobia</i>	<i>David Kamara</i>
<i>Michael Ononye*</i>	<i>Blake Williams</i>
<i>Sahid Kamara</i>	<i>Destiny Oladipo</i>
<i>Israel Oyeogbe</i>	<i>Joel Ibuzo</i>



St Paul's Basketballers shoot for the Stars!!

This academic year Basketball has given many students a platform to excel in a sport that is becoming very popular in schools within the UK. With such an enthusiasm amongst all year groups, St. Paul's was fortunate to have three basketball teams, which consisted of a Year 7, Year 8 & 9 and Year 10 & 11 teams.

All teams entered into the Bexley Basketball League where competition was very high, with schools including Beths GS, Erith, Trinity and St. Columba's all fighting for the number one spot. With great fighting spirit, determination and the empowering St. Paul's ethos of 'never give up, never let up' engrained in all teams, there was no surprise when the Year 7 team were crowned Bexley champions with wins over all of the other schools within the league. With hard work, determination and persistence both Year 8 & 9 and Year 10 & 11 teams finished 3rd respectively.

The Greenwich basketball league which was set up by Mr Kwabi in 2016 has seen an increase in popularity and has benefited from more schools being involved this academic year which has helped to improve the recognition and participation of basketball within the Greenwich Borough. The participating schools were Woolwich Polytechnic, John Roan, St Mary Magdalene & Thomas Tallis.

The Year 7 team were triumphant again in this league finishing undefeated and becoming Greenwich league champions for the first time in the school's history. The Year 8 & 9 team came Runners Up. Although it was disappointing not to win the competition, there is much to look forward to next year with great optimism and desire to do even better. The Year 10 & 11 team finished 3rd but hope to come back stronger next year to win back at least second place that they clinched last year.

It continues to be very rewarding to be part of the basketball set-up this academic year, to see the joy, excitement and appreciation from all students involved only cements my own dedication to keep promoting and running the sport. From the response basketball has gained over the last 3 years, I am almost certain that the sport will only get bigger and better and all St. Paul's basketball teams will be a team to fear in the near future.



Successful Gaelic Football Trip

A special mention to 12 of our students outlined below who travelled to Ireland in mid-March to represent the South London under 15 Gaelic football team with Mr Donnelly and Mr Maher.

There were four games played over two consecutive weekends.

On the 1st weekend, the team defeated Galbally from County Tyrone and Killeavy from County Armagh.

On the 2nd weekend they defeated Don aghmore Ashbourne and St Colmcille's, both from County Meath.

The standout result across both weekends was defeating St Colmcille's who have only ever lost one game in 6 years. A fantastic achievement for a team that have only been together for a single year.

The South London team will now be taking a short break before resuming training in mid-May in preparation for the All-Britain championships.



Year 8

Michael Parker

Year 9

Emmanuel Ananzo Chie
Juan Ondo Mecha
Oluwagbotemi Adetula
Marciel Nascimento
Ryan Frietas

Year 10

Gavin Kantsa
Leslie Ariku
Michael Akala
David Ononye
Noah Simao Barzalona
Armani Orji
Joaldo Cravid



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Term & Holiday Dates: 2018 – 2019

Summer Term

Monday, 16th April

Friday, 20th July

Summer Half Term

Monday, 28th May

Friday, 1st June

Autumn Term

Wednesday, 5th September
(Year 7 only return)

Thursday, 6th September
(Year 8 – 11 return)

Friday, 21st December

Autumn Half Term

Monday, 22nd October

Friday, 26th October

Spring Term

Monday, 7th January

Thursday, 11th April

Spring Half Term

Monday, 18th February

Friday, 22nd February

Summer Term

Monday, 29th April

Friday, 19th July

Summer Half Term

Monday, 27th May

Friday, 31st May
