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Dear Parents and Carers

The staff of St. Paul's Academy continue to strive to do their very best for all students, regardless of their ability and in all aspects of the school community. The collegiality of staff is another outstanding strength of the school and the hard work and dedication of both staff and students alike is to be celebrated and commended.

We are delighted with the examination results of our students and offer them our heartfelt congratulations on all that they have achieved in their five years at St. Paul's and wish them every possible success as they embark on the next stage of their education.



Very well done Class of 2017.

Best Wishes
Patrick Winston
Principal

St Paul's Academy are pleased to report on the successful and well deserved examination results of our students.

This is the first year the Reformed GCSE specifications for Mathematics and English have been assessed. All schools across the UK have experienced the implementation of teaching the more rigorous and challenging content of these Reformed GCSEs which have a higher threshold of achievement. We are delighted to announce that 76.1% of students achieved a 4 or above in Mathematics, 71.7% in English Literature and 70% in English Language. This means that we can report that 68% of our students achieved the expected 4 and above in English and Mathematics. Early indications show that these results are significantly above the national average. These results will also provide us with the confidence to successfully embed the other Reformed GCSE courses in September and will enable us to build on the proven success of accurately tracking pupil progress.

There are many curriculum areas that have achieved amazing results. 100% of students who sat the ICT qualification in Year 11 received a Pass, Merit, Distinction or Distinction*. We are also delighted to report 100% A* – C results in Physics and Biology, with 95.2% in Chemistry. In our first year of introducing Statistics, a most creditable 72% of students received A* – C grades. Religious Studies and History have produced yet another set of excellent results, outperforming their national average.

Such high quality results are testament to the dedication of our staff to the students at St. Paul's Academy. One of the outstanding strengths of our school is the aspirational and hardworking ethos that is promoted by staff, embraced by students and supported by families. The opportunities to attend holiday and Saturday booster sessions and to sit Walking Talking Mocks have been of enormous benefit. The exam season this year was one of the best on school record in terms of preparation from staff and in terms of student confidence. Our students' motivation and self-esteem have been boosted throughout the year, not only in curriculum areas but by the Inclusion Learning Zone, the Raising Standards team and pastoral staff in preparing them not only for the exams but for their Post - 16 pathways.

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We continue to value our belief in the merits of early entry qualifications and advocate students sitting exams early when appropriate and where possible which is borne out by a fantastic 100% of the Year 10 cohort who sat their Mathematics achieving a 4 or above. The picture was similar in PE where 97% of students achieved a C or above. 68% of students achieved a 4 or above in English Language, in line with the Year 11 result which is significantly above national average. This provides the majority of the year group the opportunity in English to focus solely on their Literature paper. As we further embed the Reformed GCSE course, we can forecast excellent results in this subject next year. In Mathematics, every single early entry student will now be able to prepare for a further qualification in Mathematics, which is a great opportunity for them especially in preparing for possible further study in their Post -16 pathway.

Enterprise Specialism

Our Enterprise Specialism continues to flourish; since becoming an Academy in 2005 we have raised in excess of **£175,000.00** for a range of charities at local, national & global level.

Planning is well underway for the Advent Charity Appeal and the key events will be:

- Fun Run on Wednesday, 29th November
- Christmas Fayre on Wednesday, 6th December
- Christmas Dinner for friends of the Academy on Wednesday, 13th December
- Talent Show/ Lesson Buy Out on Thursday, 14th December

Plaque presented to the Head of School, Miss Malone, for £175,000 on behalf of the students and staff of St Paul's Academy.



Previously, our citizens UK group were able to organise a meeting with the Borough Commander of Greenwich (Simon Dobinson) with the support of Sophie Linden the Deputy Mayor of London. This took place on the 16th of July, when Mr Dobinson agreed to visit our school to discuss our local issues. The meeting was very important to us as we saw our campaign as being a very serious one which widely affects our local community.

The meeting was opened by our Head of School Ms Malone, who greeted everyone present. Apart from us this was: Greenwich Free School, Greenwich Borough Commander Dobinson, Chief Inspector Sharpington and our own School Police Officer, PC Verrall.

We debated our issues with Mr Dobinson and explained what they meant to us personally. He challenged us with some valid points - one being how it would be impossible for police officers to cover all issues when there are limited amounts of officers on duty and whilst listening to his feedback we realised not all of our proposals were possible. However, the meeting concluded on a positive note, with the Borough Commander offering to hold a follow up meeting in April of

Miss Duffy – England Netball Teacher of the Year 2017 – National Award Winner



Saturday 16th September saw international netball players and volunteers from across the UK come together under one roof for an evening of glitz and glamour at the National Conference Centre, Birmingham, to recognise the outstanding contributions they make to netball, both on the national and international stage. **The England Netball 'Goalden Globe' Awards** is a collective celebration, beginning at a regional level with various events held between May and July, and culminating in a prestigious national awards evening.

As England Netball continues to adopt a digital first approach, selected categories were opened for the first time ever for all netballers to have their say on who should win.

Having already been awarded the **England Netball London and South East Netball Teacher of the Year Regional Award** in July, **Miss Duffy** then proceeded to the **England Netball 'Goalden Globe' National Awards** as the London and South East representative.

Two days prior to attending the national awards ceremony, Miss Duffy was awarded **Kent Netball Teacher of the Year** at the annual Kent Netball AGM in recognition of the contribution she has made to the development of netball throughout Kent.

The evening of the England Netball National Awards Ceremony saw Miss Duffy compete against six other regional award winners from across the UK in the **'Teacher Award'** category. This award is given in recognition of a teacher's outstanding contribution to netball delivery in the education environment. Nominees must have volunteered for a minimum of three years and this must be outside of their statutory responsibilities as a teacher.

Miss Duffy was nominated for this prestigious award for a number of reasons. In 2013, Miss Duffy helped to set up and establish Netball at St Paul's Academy. Each week up to 70 plus girls across Years 7 to 11 participate in regular

next year to discuss how we would move forward.



Due to all our hard work and our achievements we were rewarded with a trip – which we got to choose. As a group we came up with many different places to go: Margate, Brighton, Southend.

We took a vote and the majority agreed it would be Southend, as there were so many things to do there. We were (mostly) lucky with the weather and enjoyed a sunny day out at the coast, something all members were able to attend. We spent most of the day at Adventure Island, where the rides were fantastic. It really was a fun filled day and everyone was grateful to Richard for organising the trip for us. (Even more so as Richard and Diana paid for our lunch.) Even though it rained badly for a short amount of time it still didn't put down our mood -we were too excited going on the rides to really notice. During the day there was not a moment when anybody was unamused or unhappy. Before we left,

most of us purchased a slush puppy for the hot ride home in the mini bus.

On the 12th of September we had a school assembly directed by Ms Malone awarding us with our certificate of achievements for completing a Community Leadership course with Research and Campaigns aimed at making our local area safer for young people.

Sadly, Froilan (our citizens UK leader) informed us he was leaving Citizens UK. This was upsetting news to hear as he helped us through our campaign. Froilan was a very good role model to us as Citizens UK students. He was able to change our perception of things and helped us to see the bigger picture - how important our environment is. We will miss Froilan and hope he will

continue being a good leader to other young people in a different role. One of the things we girls will remember him for is the advice he gave us, as young women, to be more active in the political meetings and for us to be more vocal, open and confident in voicing our opinions. What stood out for the boys was the encouragement to speak out in front of a large audience and to have a better understanding how the political process worked.

We wish Froilan the very best and a healthy happy future.

Moving forward we are keen to work with the new appointee of Citizens UK in November. We are determined to continue to achieve our goals for a safer community.



netball training sessions with Miss Duffy delivering up to three netball training sessions a week for pupils. Miss Duffy, along with **Miss Stone** is responsible for coaching 5 netball teams at St Paul's between Years 7 to 11, ensuring the participation and engagement of all 5 teams in regular competitive fixtures throughout Greenwich and Kent. This year the SPA Netball girls have recorded their most successful season to date, winning 5 out of a possible 8 Greenwich Schools' Netball League and Tournament trophies up for grabs.

Over the last 3 years Miss Duffy has also dedicated her time and energy into establishing a **Greenwich Secondary Schools' Netball League** for the very first time. Acutely aware of the lack of competitive fixtures available for her girls to play when she first started at St Paul's and the lack of structure for secondary school Netball in Greenwich, Miss Duffy made it her mission to establish a sustainable league. Miss Duffy's vision was to enhance participation in Netball

for all girls in Years 7 to 11 across schools in Greenwich. Miss Duffy aimed to set up a league which would allow girls to engage in regular, competitive netball fixtures, in turn developing the levels of skill and understanding of the games as well as building meaningful and lasting relationships between Greenwich Schools. Over the last 3 years the Greenwich Schools' Netball League has continued to grow and within the last 12 months has seen the involvement of 8 secondary schools in regular netball fixtures across the borough each week. A further 3 schools to date will also join the league next year. Working closely with staff across all schools, Miss Duffy's passion and enthusiasm for netball has helped to hugely enhance its status and levels of participation throughout Greenwich Borough. Within the last 12 months Miss Duffy has also been working extremely closely with members of Greenwich Borough Sports Development department to help develop netball in Greenwich even further. During the upcoming academic year Miss Duffy

also aims to introduce and establish a Greenwich Primary Schools' Netball League for our local feeder primary schools.

It is as a result of Miss Duffy's hard work, dedication and willingness to devote her time to the development of netball in her school and borough that all of the above has been possible. Miss Duffy has been the driving force of Netball in Greenwich and as a result was awarded the prestigious **ENGLAND NETBALL 'GOLDEN GLOBE' TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD 2017** in recognition of all of her achievements. This is a fantastic achievement and well deserved recognition for all of Miss Duffy's relentless work and passion to ensure the continued development of Netball in Greenwich; enriching the lives of hundreds of young girls across the borough on a weekly basis.

Well done Miss Duffy, we are incredibly proud of your achievements, keep up the great work!

REGEN Project



Thamesmead is a town which is currently undergoing regeneration. We were privileged to visit Peabody on the 29th September 2017, to see the proposed plans for Southmere Lake's NEW Library design. The REGEN Project by Peabody fascinated me as this is an area which I have lived in since I was born, and although Thamesmead is a very large area, I never saw real development. The houses often seemed outdated, grey and dismal, dilapidated even, however, with these proposed plans it will bring a welcome regeneration to Thamesmead.



Figure3- The 'Swan Nest' Design A Southmere Library.



Figure 2- The 'Swan Nest' Design A Southmere Library.



Figure 4- The 'Swan Nest' Design A Southmere Library.



Figure 7 - Princess voting on the design of new library



Figure 8 - Amy Krens (article write) casting her vote

Figure 5- The 'Swan Nest' Design A Southmere Library.



Although the proposed plans had their own unique agenda, some caught my eye more than the rest. My personal two favourites were the 'Swan Nest' (Design A) and the multi-faceted facilities in Design D. The Swan Nest was unique and very creative; it brought nature into the design which is a key passion of mine. The entwining branches within the building gave it a natural but a unique feel, and although it may look very modern - which is good for our contemporary society- I am almost certain the older community would like this too because they have a closer connection to nature.

Similarly, we had Design D which I really liked, as it was sustainable and multipurpose to use its space wisely. On the top it had a sports pitch, which is ideal for the younger community, it is a place where people can socialise and make bonds with new people in the community. Additionally, it had a retro interior which brought a warm, friendly feeling which is needed to attract people to a library. However, a lot of the Geography Ambassadors commented that they were not overall keen on the exterior of the library. So, we all wrote our comment down and placed them in the comments box making our mark for the future. It was a real privilege to have a say in the future of Thamesmead.



As well as admiring the models, it was lovely to see the new current year 11s Ambassadors again, as I have sadly had my time at St Paul's Academy (currently a year 12 student), and it was lovely to meet and bring our geography knowledge together, to bring a positive impact to our community. Geography has shaped us all and I think I wouldn't understand everything like I do now. I really hope that you consider taking up Geography in the future because it certainly has intrigued me to learn about the world we live in.

Where is your next Geography classroom ?

First International History Trip - 2017

The first international History trip to Berlin was organised by the History department, where we spent four days and three nights exploring the historical sights of Berlin City. We were very busy with activities each day that linked in effectively with the new GCSE curriculum.

Students got the opportunity to visit key places such as the prison camp Hohenschonhausen, concentration camp Sachsenhausen, the Jewish museum and the House of Wannsee-Conference. We were also assisted with excellent tour guides for each activity who shared great historical knowledge with students and staff.

Our students were excellent ambassadors of St Paul's at all times being very respectful on all activities and in the public eye. They learned key information that they were able to share with others who did not go on the trip. Students really enjoyed this trip and we are hoping to run this trip every academic year for different year groups.



Callista & Stephanie at the Wannsee Conference House



Students outside the prison camp Hohenschonhausen



Examining the train that was used to transport prisoners to the prison camp



Staff & students at Checkpoint Charlie - most famous for crossing point between East Berlin and West Berlin during the Cold War.



The tour guide explaining to the students that this was the room where Hitler and others discussed the final solution of the Jews



Staff & Students at the Reichstag building



Students excited for a full day of activities



Students experiencing what an outdoor cell was like to stay in



Tour guide explaining the site of the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe, known as the Holocaust Memorial



Students discovering their way through the pillars at the Jewish Memorial Museum



Walking through the concentration camp



Students outside the House of Wansee - Conference

English National Opera takeover day!

At St Paul's, we have been lucky enough to organise a year-long partnership with the English National Opera (ENO) with a takeover day being the 'launch day' of the partnership. On Thursday 5th October, students and staff experienced the beginning of this fantastic partnership. Throughout the day there were a number of workshops taking place for Music and Drama students, as well as choir and band members. Along with these workshops there were also 'Pop up' performances throughout the day hosted by members of the ENO.



Lorna Donlon, Music Subject Lead at St Paul's has expressed how delighted she is at securing this partnership. 'This unique opportunity will broaden the students' cultural horizons, stimulate their imagination, and allow them to experience first-hand the art-form that comes closest to expressing pure emotion'. Students will also visit the Coliseum to watch performances and meet staff and artists backstage and also participate in workshops. It was truly an enjoyable day for all!

SPA Netballers attend British Fast5 Netball All-Stars Championships

In recognition of all their hard work, commitment and dedication to the continuous development of netball at St Paul's Academy, a group of netball players from Years 9 to 11 were given the opportunity to attend the British Fast5 Netball All-Stars Championships. The first of its kind in the UK, this tournament was staged at The O2, North Greenwich on Saturday 23rd September and was also broadcast live on Sky Sports.

Showcasing the best of British female sporting talent at one of the country's most iconic venues, the British Fast5 All-Stars Championship brought the world's most exciting format of netball to centre-stage as the top eight teams in the UK Superleague took part in a thrilling fast-paced format of netball.

Offering a record-breaking prize fund of £100,000, the British Fast5 All-Stars Championship features just five players-a-side, shortened match times, multiple point shots, unlimited roll on-roll-off substitutions and an exciting double point power play; setting the stage for guaranteed entertainment.

England Netball CEO, Joanna Adams said: "This is an incredibly exciting event to add to the netball calendar as our fans can watch their favourite stars competing at an iconic venue

in one of the most entertaining formats of the game."

Perched in our front row seats, our SPA netball girls enjoyed over 5 hours of non-stop netball action throughout the evening. The girls were able to experience the high intensity and fierce competitiveness of elite level netball up close. Our players were in awe of the sheer physicality and high levels of fitness on display from each superleague player. Such an experience has further inspired our SPA netball girls to train even harder and continue to work on their netball skills in the hope that one day they too could play in the netball superleague.

Following many hours of high intensity match play, it was England Roses' Nat Panagarry who captained Loughborough Lightning to the first ever Just Eat British Fast5 All-Stars Championship title as they beat Team Bath 35-33 in a gripping final which went down to the wire at The O2.

It was a fitting finale to a non-stop evening of thrilling netball. To top off a wonderful trip our girls also had the opportunity to personally meet many of the superleague and international netball players; an experience they will truly never forget.



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TERM & HOLIDAY DATES 2017 - 2018

Autumn Term

Tuesday, 5th September
(Year 7 only return)

Wednesday, 6th September
(Year 8 - 11 return)

Friday, 22nd December

Autumn Half Term

Monday, 23rd October

Friday, 27th October

Spring Term

Monday, 8th January

Wednesday, 28th March

Spring Half Term

Monday, 12th February

Friday, 16th February

Summer Term

Monday, 16th April

Friday, 20th July

Summer Half Term

Monday, 28th May

Friday, 1st June

PLEASE NOTE

Friday 1st December 2017
INSET DAY - school closed for all
students

Thursday 29th March 2018
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students