

## The Sixth Form Echo

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We have had a very busy yet a deeply enriching half-term in St Gregory's Sixth Form. On Thursday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October and Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> of October we had a Maximising Year 13 Evening and a Maximising Year 12 Evening respectively. It was such a pleasure to have guest speakers from Cambridge University, Oxford Brookes University and St Mary's University at both of these excellent evenings. A huge thank you to all the staff and students that helped make both evenings so rewarding and memorable. A special thanks also to two of our Year 13 students – Killian and Lorcan O'Kane, for sharing their experiences and advice with our current Year 12 cohort at the Maximising Year 12 Evening. We are also very much looking forward to showcasing our 'Outstanding' Sixth Form to the current Year 11 cohort on the 7<sup>th</sup> of November. We are also working closely with our Year 13 students who are finalising their Oxbridge and Dentistry Medicine & Veterinary Science applications. To each and every one of the Year 13 students now applying for Oxbridge places I say this: you have shown resilience, perseverance and a level of reflectiveness that I really admire in pursuit of your aspirations. These skills will serve you greatly in the future. The Year 12 cohort and I also greatly enjoyed the Year 12 Induction Day – participating in 'Go Ape!' at Alexandra Palace. Another recent highlight also included showcasing the university experience and providing much needed information on university options to over 40 Year 11 students at St Mary's University.

**With best wishes, Mr Dannie, Assistant Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form.**

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### YEAR 12 INDUCTION 'GO APE!' EVENT

*"When we arrived at Alexandra Palace, we were briefed on the series of obstacles and challenges facing us for the next few hours! The first part was extremely nerve-wracking yet with the support of the instructors and fellow group members, we all managed to successfully complete it. The second level contained a hair-raising 'Tarzan Swing' but we all managed to conquer our fears. The final activity was a 15m plummet that made my stomach drop! Overall the Induction Day allowed me to conquer my own fears and generate new friendships, especially with the students newly arrived in St Gregory's"*

**Bv Rafaela Darbin. 12M.**



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

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#### NOVEMBER 7TH

Sixth Form Open Evening: An exciting opportunity to find out more about what our 'Outstanding' (Ofsted 2019) Sixth Form offers to our students

#### NOVEMBER 19TH

'Making a competitive application to Oxbridge and the Russell Group': how to prepare in Year 12' at Harrow School delivered by Dr Mark King.

#### DECEMBER 4TH

Gresham College Lecture for Year 12 Students: 'Finding Purpose in Your Career', delivered by Professor Alex Edmans in the Museum of London

## OTHER NEWS

### VOLUNTEERING AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH'S SOUP KITCHEN:

"On the 6<sup>th</sup> of October, Mary Ogbagabriel, myself and other Sixth Formers of St Gregory's were given the excellent opportunity to go to St John's Church in Ealing and volunteer at the Soup Kitchen. At St John's, we distributed food to the homeless within the local community – lasagne, leek and potato soup, and cake. I am truly grateful for this experience – as it both develops our own range of experiences yet most importantly it actively supports the needy within our society. A special thanks also to our Form Tutor – Mr Cullen, for organising our involvement in the Soup Kitchen".

**By Folksy Clever-Egbedi, 12M.**

### FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE ECO-GARDEN

As part of our engaging Enrichment programme for Year 12 Students one group of students led by Mr Bynoth and Ms Hovey have started work on further developing the school's impeccable Eco-Garden into the Sixth Form grounds. This experience of planning and working with our environment has been hugely beneficial already in increasing the range of skills of our Year 12 students involved in this exciting project. This further development can only add to the excellent accolades already bestowed upon our Eco-Garden. St Gregory's recently won the Eco Schools Green Flag Award for the fourth consecutive time. Our school is one of only three state maintained secondary schools in London to hold the Eco Schools Green Flag Award and the only one to have achieved it four times. This year's further expansion of the Eco-Garden by our Year 12 students will further the excellence of our already stellar Eco-Garden.

**By Mr Maguire, Head of Year 12**

### HARROW SCHOOL TALK FOR 'WOMEN IN EDUCATION'

Year 12 students enjoyed an excellent trip to Harrow School on the 16<sup>th</sup> of October to attend a lecture on 'Women in Education' by Cherie Blair, QC. The talk was a thoroughly enjoyable and beneficial experience as outlined by Daneera De Souza of 12J: "The talk was really eye-opening and showed us lots of different ways in which women can progress further in their careers. Cherie Blair's informative responses to pupils' questions were also very helpful". Our Sixth Form has also got a great opportunity for students to attend a Gresham College lecture in December on 'Finding Purpose in your Career' at the Museum of London. Throughout the year there will be a wide range of lectures available for students to attend and this also serves as good preparation for students future university experiences.

**By Ms Woodhouse, Gifted and Talented Coordinator.**



## IN THE COMMUNITY

### ST LUKE'S HOSPICE AND MACMILLAN ASSEMBLY:

Representatives from St Luke's Hospice and Macmillan showcased an excellent opportunity for our Year 12 students to get involved in volunteering at concerts at Wembley. This 'Bucket Collections' assembly has already led to an enthusiastic response by students – this will give each student a superb opportunity to enhance their UCAS application next year.