

## SIR JOHN CASS & RED COAT CofE SCHOOL

# CASS NEWS

Summer Term Newsletter 2019



The Steel Orchestra performing at the Stepney Fun Day hosted at Sir John Cass & Red Coat School on 4th July.



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## GCSE Drama Theatre Visits 2018/19

By: Ms Cervi, Head of Drama

The Year 10 Drama GCSE class have been working with The Old Vic School's Club project.

They have been to see the SYLVIA (in September), A Christmas Carol (in January), The American Clock (in March) and All My Sons starring Bill Pullman and Sally Field (in May).

They have also participated in three drama workshops run by School's Club. The stand out favourite production so far, has been A Christmas Carol because of its imaginative staging, lighting and acting.







## **Making Advertising Campaigns**

By: Ms Lording, Head of Media Studies



An enthusiastic group of of Year 7s and Year 8s got an insight into film-making and advertising this term, as Attain Productions joined us for a media workshop.

Seventeen pupils from Key Stage 3 spent a day creating storyboards, filming footage and editing an advertising campaign for the East London Health Partnership competition to promote the HPV vaccine.

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It was fun! I didn't know how to use film camera before and now I know!

Ayan

My favorite bit of the day was filming

**Abigail** 

It's pretty fun!

Raya

I was amazed by how much effort goes into making adverts. I never knew.

**Boudica** 

The entries have been sent off to be judged in the competition - fingers crossed!

## Cass Futures Programme Nuffield Research Foundation

By: Ms N Haque, Social Science Teacher

Following a lecture on memory, as part of the Cass Futures Programme by Dr Imogen, Psychology students applied for a place with Nuffield Research to boost their research methods skills by helping trained professionals undertake research.

The following Year 12 psychology students have been successful in gaining a place to undertake research with Nuffield Research Foundation. They will be spending the summer helping professional researchers conduct primary research in various fields, sharpening their research methods knowledge and skills that will help them with their final psychology exams.

**Naima:** gained a place at <u>City University</u> to help academics conduct research in the field of work and employment in European countries. **Maisha:** gained a place at <u>Goldsmiths University</u> to help academics conduct research in the field of Developmental Psychology, looking at babies.

**Sajida:** gained a place at <u>UCL</u> to help academics conduct research in the field of memory.

**Ishan:** gained a place at <u>UCL</u> to help academics conduct research in the field of cognitive neuroscience.



## LSE Choice Summer School

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Five Year 12 students have been successful in securing a place with LSE Choice. This is a non-residential Summer School that lasts for five days from 19 - 23 August 2019. Participants study a subject of interest to them, and take sessions designed to develop their key skills and critical thinking. This is followed by 16 Masterclasses, from 21st September 2019 to March 2020. The successful students from SJCR will be taking part in the Mathematics, History and Economics stream. Here are the names of the students:

- Omima Shirazee
- Sanjida Begum
- Mahadi Hassan
- Rahim Abdur-Mohammed
- Fardin Fahim

LSE CHOICE stands for:

LSE Challenge

LSE Higher

LSE Opportunity

LSE Investment

**LSE Commitment** 

LSE Excellence

## **Trainee Graduation**

By Jane Barnes, School Professional Tutor



Trainee teachers of 2018-19 at their graduation ceremony.

All have successfully completed their School Direct training at Sir John Cass Redcoat and all have jobs, 5 of them, we are pleased to say, here at SJCR. They have all made a significant contribution to their departments and the school during their year with us. We wish them every success in their future teaching careers.

If you are interested in finding out more about training to teach at SJCR look at the school website under "Learn to Teach at SJCR" or contact Jane Barnes, Senior School Professional Tutor at: jane.barnes@sjcr.net.

## Carnegie Book Awards

By: Ms Charman, School Librarian

A group of 17 KS3 students shadowed the Carnegie Book Award for a few months. This means they had to read 8 shortlisted books and then vote for their favourite. The Award Ceremony took place in June, and the book Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo won both the Shadowers Prize and the Carnegie Medal.



## **Primary Languages Festival**

By: Shahraaz Khan and Redwan Khan

On the 1st July, our school held it's annual Primary Language Festival.

The primary schools which participated brought 10 students from Year 5, to learn and get an introduction to 7 different languages Spanish, French, German, Bengali, Arabic, Yoruba and Korean. The pupils learned different colours, letters and words in each language. They also learned how to do the flamenco and at the end of the festival - we all joined in and danced together. It was a nice dance experience for the pupils because they got a chance to see if they would like to study one of these languages in the future.







Year 8 STEM at UEL By: Ms Akhter, Science Teacher

12 Year 8 students attended the Science and Technology challenge day trip that took place at the University of East London on Friday 7th June 2019.

The day gave an insight into STEM higher level activities and students from different secondary schools competed against each other. Students completed the following activities: programming a robot to navigate through a series of obstacles, using E-FIT software to create an image of a criminal, designing an electric vehicle and diagnosing a patient with diabetes.

The year 8 students were all excellent and worked very hard on each of the challenging tasks set. Both Shahraaz 8D and Fela 8T won the final regional competition and will now be competing in the national final competition in December this year! Well done!

The students below also participated and were excellent.

Alan 8S	Aisha 8D
Mustafa 8S	Boudica 8T
Radhe 8A	Sadiah 8T
Raya 8A	Shoyrul 8T
Nimah 8D	Ilias 8E

#### Piano Achievement



By; Mr Holder, Head of Music

Congratulations to Bianca who achieved a merit for her piano exam with 121 marks!

Year 8 Football Tournament



#### By: Mr Khan, PE Teacher

Our Year 8 students took part in a football tournament on the 13th of March. Well done to they boys who finished in 8th place.

## **Music Performances**

By: Mr Holder

There have been a number of music performances from students that have taken place this term. This includes:

- THAMES Secondary Schools' Showcase - ELAM - SJCR Steel Orchestra - 26/06/19
- Transition Day SJCR Steel Orchestra - 02/07/19
- Transition Day SJCR Steel
   Orchestra 03/07/19
- Full School Assembly Aisha Rodrigues, 8D Piano
   Entrance 04/07/19
- Stepney Fun Day SJCR Steel Orchestra - 04/07/19
- Summer Music Concert -09/07/19
- Classorama SJCR Steel
   Orchestra 12/07/19





## Slambassadors Poetry Competition



By: Ms Higgins, English Teacher

A huge well done to the Year 9 students who took part in the Poetry Society's Slambassador competition last week. We are especially proud of Jaquline who won Best Performance!

## **Anti-Bullying Week**

By: Ms Jech, Assistant Headteacher

## The 1st - 5th July marked SJCR's first anti-bullying week.

During this week students were involved in a number of different activities. Drama, English and Art lessons had an anti-bullying focus. In addition, tutors spent time in registration working through anti-bullying activities.

Years 7 & 8 were visited by Troy Simpson our Safer Schools Officer and we unveiled both out antibullying ambassadors and winning pieces of art work in our whole school assembly.

Friday 5th July was our fundraising day - students and staff were invited to wear odd socks and students held a bake sale at lunchtime with all proceeds going to Stonewall and The Stand Up Foundation - both charities support young people who find themselves the victims of bullying.

Our anti -bullying ambassadors also welcomed the new Year 6 students at their transition day on Friday 5th July.

We will be continuing the great work in November as part of National Anti-Bullying Week.

Many thanks to all staff and students for their support.





## Gifted & Talented Events Summary

By: Ms Begum, G&T Coordinator

We have had a number of workshops and visits this academic year for the G&T students at Sir John Cass Red Coat.

During the autumn term the Year 13 students took part in mock Medicine and Dentistry interviews conducted by NHS professionals in preparation for panel interviews requested by certain universities. There was also a session for Sixth Form students on applying to Medicine and Dentistry with information on different interview styles delivered by ex-SJCR student Sarina Quiyum; who is currently studying Medicine at Kings College London University. "During MedSoc, Sarina gave an informative talk which helped me understand more about university life as a

medical student, how she was able to get into a medical course and BMAT test preparations."

Year 12 and a few Year 13 students also attended the Biology Live workshop in January delivered at the Apollo Victoria theatre. The day was packed with a series of novel and captivating issues surrounding Biology and Medicine as well as a session from examiners on examination questions and styles. "I enjoyed the biology live trip as it was great to learn about different areas and advancements in science. The exam tips were also helpful."

"The biology trip was very enjoyable and fun. It was interesting to hear a variety of biologists talk about

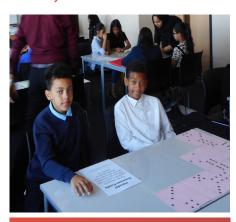
### Year 11 Maths Breakfast Club



By: Ms Anjum, Maths Teacher

Students were in at 7:30am to do an extra hour of Maths work with dialogic teaching, group work, and a specific focus on exam questions. Well done to those students who attended every week!

## **Primary Induction**



By: Ms Anjum, Maths Teacher

On Friday 5th July 2019 SJCR welcomed the new Year 7 students. All students engaged in a Maths lesson with group activities, logic puzzles, and lots of problem solving discussion!

inheritance, grey matter etc. in depth. It was also nice seeing lots of different schools coming together for this event."

Year 12 students attended a student conference organised by Oxford and Cambridge at Epsom Downs to assist them in applying to relevant courses for UCAS. "The student conference was also helpful as it answered questions regarding the application process."

Year 10 students visited Oxford University in January to attend

various taster sessions and had an opportunity to speak to current students about studying at University.

Year 9 and 10 Bridge the Gap Medicine/Dentistry programme students completed multiple workstations at Queen Mary University in May to give them insight into both careers which included taking blood from a model arm and monitoring blood pressure.

Year 12 Bridge the Gap Medicine/ Dentistry students have attended various workshops at Queen Mary University throughout the year to help them prepare in the application process as well as understanding what the career path entails. Year 12

Goodbye & Good Luck

The following staff members will be leaving at the end of this term. We wish them all the best in the future.

Matthew Brotherhood

Martyn Cooper

Desheeta Gunnasaya

Jahidur Rahman

Nazira Uddin

Jerry Spillane

**Towhid Hamid** 

Nick Casey

Leena Hussain

Fran Cervi

Nicolette Wall

Elliot Green

Aaliya Deen

Melissa Osbourne

students have also attended MedSoc once a fortnight throughout the year to discuss the application process as well as discussing issues affecting the NHS. Year 8 students attended the Science and Technology challenge in June with Fela 8T and Shahraaz 8D winning the competition and will be representing the school for the nationals in December. Year 8 students also attended various workshops at the Science Museum to help them think about possible careers in Science and Technology.



## Medical Notice - A Holiday Reminder

By Ms Anderson, Medical Coordinator

As we are approaching the summer holidays please ensure that you check the expiry dates of your child>s medication as some are due to expire in July, August and September. The school holidays is the ideal time to ask your doctor to provide you with a new prescription so your child will be organised for the first day back to school in September without worrying that their medication is expiring.

Please ensure you ask your GP/
Consultant to write up additional
spare medication as you are required
to supply this as per school medical
policy and Government guidance.
This could be providing a second
Adrenaline Auto-injector (Emerade/
Jext/Epi-pen), or Inhaler (plus
volumatic spacer) and Antihistamines
for use in an emergency according to
your child's action plan. This will be
stored in the medical room in case of
an emergency or if your child forgets
their medication or it runs out.

If your child has a medical review or hospital appointment over the summer, please send in a copy of their

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## IMPORTANT REMINDER

updated health care plan or copy of the consultant's letter marked for the attention of the Medical Needs Coordinator.

If your child has been provided with either Buccolam for Epilepsy, Antihistamines/Inhaler and Adrenaline Auto-injector for Allergic Reactions or an Inhaler for Asthma, they should carry it with them at ALL times in case they require it at school, during sporting activities or on their way to and from school. During the school holidays your child should also get into the habit of carrying it with them at all times especially if they go out with their friends.

It is parent/carer's responsibility to ensure that they maintain adequate supplies of their child's medication and that expiry dates are checked regularly. Thank you for your co-operation and have a happy and healthy summer.

#### September

2nd September - INSET Day 3rd September - Registration Day for Students Years 8-11 4th September - Usual School Day