



A word from the Principal

It was a busy end of term with students finishing assignments whilst beginning to think about the challenge of the mock exams early in January. We ended the year on a festive high with a glorious **Carol Service** and our **Certificate Evening**, celebrating the outstanding achievements of our 2016 leavers. It's healthy for all to enjoy the break, taking time out with friends and family after the demanding pace of College life - but once that's done, it's important to allow sufficient time to revise for the mocks, which are a serious test of progress under exam conditions.

The majority of UCAS applications have now been completed and second years are anxiously awaiting responses from their HE choices. During this time - especially once invitations to interview arrive - Personal Tutors provide excellent support to guide our students through what can be a confusing process. Do contact your son/daughter's Tutor should you have any uncertainties.

Season's greetings and very best wishes for the winter break to all our students and their families - the New Year is certain to be hectic with major exams only five months away!

Once again, the Prospect Theatre played host to our annual Christmas production, which this year was the chilling *Wolves of Willoughby Chase*.

Read more about the production [here](#).



Coming up...

See our [College calendar](#) for all upcoming events.

Start of the Spring term: *Tuesday 3 January 2017* - teaching begins at 9:00am.

Concerto Competition at the Royal Academy of Music: *Sunday 15 January 2017, doors open at 3:00pm* - Our Concerto Competition finalists perform one movement from their chosen Concerto in the auspicious surroundings of The Royal Academy of Music in London in front of a panel featuring some of the country's leading musicians. The winner will perform the entire concerto with a professional symphonic orchestra! More information and tickets can be found [here](#).

Open Afternoon: *Friday 17 February 2017 at 2:00pm* - This event is for those who were unable to attend our main Open Days in October 2016. The Open Afternoon begins with a talk from the Principal, Simon Jarvis, and will also include a full tour of the College campus. Tickets will be available to book in January 2017 and more information can be found [here](#).

Spring Reading Week: *Monday 20 to Friday 24 February 2017.*

Training, Employment and Apprenticeship Fair: *Thursday 2 March 2017.* This event is the first of two progression fairs taking place at the College this academic year. The TEA Fair is a recruitment event and focuses on opportunities for students leaving College in July 2017. At the TEA Fair, students will have direct access to employers and training providers who value training and development for their employees via recognised apprenticeships, formal additional qualifications or in-house training.

What's been happening?

Bringing business to life - students hear from leading local and international companies.

Students discover how the brain works - Royal Holloway 'Psychology for Schools' talks.

Later with Jools - an eclectic evening of music performance.

A snapshot into a photography career - students hear from an aerial drone photography specialist.

Question Time for politics students - Sir Gerald Howarth talks about the new Conservative government.

A night at the movies - Chamber Orchestra and Big Band concert celebrates music from the big screen.

An outstanding performance at Arborfield - students help to raise record-breaking funds for charity.

Next stop: Paris for 'Sixth Spice' - College Jazz Ensemble performs in Meudon.



Our Student Stars

Click [here](#) to read about more stars.

Students **Saleena Limbu** and **Farjana Chowdhury** were successful in their applications to the highly competitive Nuffield Summer Placement 2016. Find out more [here](#).



A team of **14 A level law students** participated in the Regional round of the National Bar Mock Trial competition. Find out more [here](#).



Our **student buskers** helped to raise over £600 for charity. Find out more [here](#).



Congratulations to **Amy Began, Olivia Lewry** and **Magdalena Ciesnowska-Jankowska** who won a Haiku competition run by the English department. Find out more [here](#).



Our **swimming team** competed in the English Schools National Relay Finals. Find out more [here](#).



Our Health and Social Care students completed a week of work experience. Find out more [here](#).

Politics students Josh Nicholson and Calvin Winstanley took part in the British Council's Mock EU event. Find out more [here](#).



Students **David Sugden, Madeline Day, Ella Norris** and **Amber Li** carried out internships at the archives of Guildford Cathedral. Find out more [here](#).



Ex-student Scott Butcher secured the role of Junior Broker at Starflight Aviation. Find out more [here](#).



Congratulations to **Ebonnie Bridges** who represented the College at the Colleges and University Judo Open at East London University, taking gold in the Under 21 category and silver in the Seniors category.