



Happy New Year!

It was a busy end to last term with students finishing assignments whilst beginning to think about the challenge of the mock exams coming up over the next few weeks. We ended the year on a festive high with a glorious **Carol Service** and our annual **Awards Evening**, celebrating the outstanding achievements of our 2017 leavers.

We hope you enjoyed the break; taking time out with friends and family after the demanding pace of College life is important - but now it is over, it is imperative 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 students through what can be a confusing process. Do contact our Personal Tutor team should you have any uncertainties.

Happy New Year to all and best wishes for the months ahead!

Coming up...

Take a look at our [College calendar](#) for all upcoming events.

Spring Term: *Thursday 4 January to Thursday 29 March*

Parents' Consultation Evening: *Wednesday 24 January 5.30pm - 8.30pm* This evening is intended for parents of second year students whose review data indicates 'improvements needed' (Grade 3) or 'significant concern' (Grade 4). Click [here](#) for more information.

Open Afternoon: *Wednesday 7 February 2.00pm* This event is for prospective students who were unable to attend our main Open Days in October. The afternoon will begin with a talk from the Principal and then a tour of the College campus. Tickets are free and you will need to reserve your place [here](#).

Spring reading week: *Monday 12 to Friday 16 February*

Mock Exams: *Monday 19 February to Friday 2 March* During this fortnight the College day will start and end at normal times. First year students will have extended lessons and second years who study subjects with external exams in the summer will have internal mock examinations. These exams are crucial preparation and students are expected to prepare as if they were the final exams. Results will be published as part of the final review data and on the Parent Portal from 30 March. Mock week timetables are available on CristalWeb.

What's been happening?

Health and social care students carried out work experience at a variety of local placements

Law students had their day in court at the National Bar Mock Trial competition

Stuart Bernard visited media students for an exclusive question and answer session on producing and directing television documentaries

'Later with Jools' evening showcased an eclectic and vibrant cabaret style concert

Road Safety Week raised awareness of the importance of safe driving to students

The Senior Maths Challenge saw students excel in the national competition

Teacher Gabi Reigh won first prize for her translation of Marin Sorescu's poem 'The traveller'

Psychology Week gave all students the opportunity to attend fantastic lectures and take part in fascinating research projects

Spotlight on...series

These articles investigate activities our students are doing in and outside of the classroom and have been created to provide information on the variety courses of we offer.

Spotlight on...the LRC



Our Student Stars!

Click [here](#) to keep up to date with our stars on Twitter



Well done to the **Swimming team** who were fantastic at the English Schools National Relay Finals. Read about their challenging day [here](#).

Congratulations to first year student **Corrina Cox**, who took part in a Royal Holloway University research project about Word Recognition as part of **Psychology Week** and won a £25 Amazon voucher.



Thank you to everyone who donated to the fundraising week for local charity **Positive Action and World AIDS Day** - you helped raise over £260!

Click [here](#) to read all about the activities they organised.

Congratulations to second year students **Sena Miyazaki & Layna Miyazaki** who came first in the 'Formations' Category at the International Dance Organisation **World Dance Tap Championships 2017!**

