

POST-16 NEWSLETTER

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Ms Gumbrell judging the desserts made in the Post 16 Bake Off



First Prize: Chocolate-Orange Pavlova made by Maia



Brilliant Club Meeting



Donations gathered for the Enfield Women's Centre (EWC)

News

Enfield County Sixth Form Bake Off

On the 27th of November we kicked off the Festive Season with a Bake Off competition. It was a fierce and fevered atmosphere in the kitchen as the nine teams raced to complete their creations in time for a 4:15pm judging. There were a wide range of different bakes, including a volcanic Victoria Sponge, a light and spongy Chai Cake and an anime inspired cake covered in a fondant. Ms Gumbrell, Kaycie and Alexandra were the judges. The winners received a Bake Off Spatula. First Prize went to Maia with her Chocolate-Orange Pavlova. Second Prize went to Zerda and Shehnaz for their Kunefe and in third place was Maria, Mia and Estel with their eco-themed chocolate cake.

Coming Up and Recent Events

Upcoming

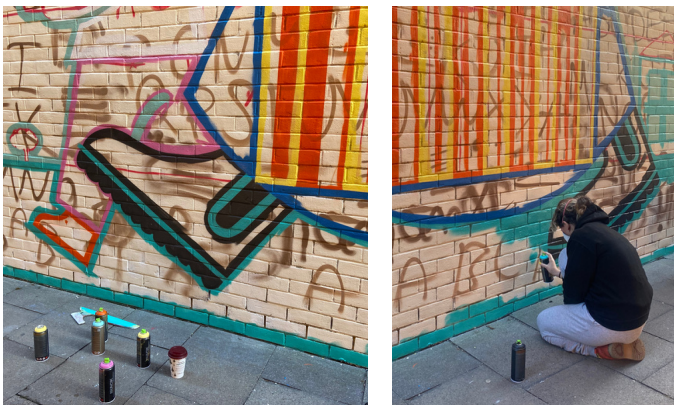
- Year 13 Achievement assembly: Monday 18th December
- Year 12 Achievement assembly: Tuesday 19th December
- Christmas Market Trip: Tuesday 19th December
- Last Day of Term: Wednesday 20th December (12pm finish)
- First Day Back: Tuesday 9th January
- Year 13 Textiles PPEs: 10th - 12th January
- Year 13 Final PPEs #5: week beginning 29th January
- Year 12 PPEs #2: week beginning 19th February

Clubs

1. Biology Club - Monday lunchtimes in O7
2. Chemistry Club (AS Level) - Wednesday lunchtimes in O7, (A Level) - Tuesday lunchtimes in O16
3. Games Club - Friday lunchtimes in B30
4. Computer Science Club - Tuesdays at 3:30pm in S18

Enfield Town Art Instalment

12 of our Year 12 art students were nominated to help out with the 'Curate Enfield' public art commission alongside artist Anna Nicoló, supported by Arts Council England and Enfield Council. The mural will be inspired by Enfield's heritage as a market town, its historical landmarks, industry and innovations; and reference the contemporary energy of the shopping centre.



Words of Wisdom

"Nothing binds you except your thoughts; nothing limits you except your fear; and nothing controls you except your beliefs."

– Marianne Williamson

The Brilliant Club

14 of our Year 12 students have started the Scholars Programme. This is an independent piece of academic work, led by a PhD student. It aims to develop the skills to support students in later securing places at the top universities. Find out more about the Brilliant Club:



Events

Year 12 students collected toiletries from each form class to be donated to women at the Enfield Women's Centre. They made boxes of these toiletries as gifts to be donated.



Book Review

- 'Colorless Tsukuru Tazaki and His Years of Pilgrimage' by Haruki Murakami is a captivating novel focusing on the exploration of identity, friendship, and the search for self-discovery. It begins on a random school day, when all of Tsukuru's friends cut all ties with him, out of the blue. This mesmerising narrative uncovers how Tsukuru, a Japanese railroad engineer, embarks on a journey to uncover the mysteries of his past and the profound impact of severed connections that continually affect him throughout his life. The novel is a poignant reflection on the complexities of human relationships, beautifully written with Murakami's trademark blend of magical realism and introspection. It's a compelling tale that resonates with readers long after the final page, and is a read like no other!

– Review by Ayesha, Year 13 Student

Enrichment and Progression Opportunities

External Speakers

- Yr 12 Health & Social Care students were visited by social workers Morna and Chloe. Social workers typically work in a constantly changing society and environment and in a profession which challenges injustices & aims to improve people's wellbeing and life. Being a social worker involves working with many cases simultaneously and to help figure out people's strengths and weaknesses in order to target what they need help with. They work with other professionals and build rapport through communication and listening. The job seems to be quite rewarding in the aspect where you are changing lives for the better.
- On November 27th ex-student Jammi, who is currently studying civil engineering, visited Post-16. She spoke about her university experience so far, which was quite eye-opening, as her first year of University entailed general engineering before choosing a specific department. Some tips she shared when choosing a course is to research into the industry, look at the modules and attend taster days where you are able to speak to students.
- On the 28th of November, ex-student and design apprentice at Virgin Media O2, Aisha Caunhye presented an assembly discussing her route after Post-16. She shared how not only was she exposed to the industry professionals and gained experience through undertaking many tasks, but was also having a source of income whilst still going to university once a week. Aisha also spoke about how many apprenticeships are not subject specific and therefore allow all students to have a chance at applying.



Guest Speaker Aisha

Extracurricular Opportunities

- **Dugdale Arts Centre**
A range of entertainment from performances to workshops, cinema, talks and craft clubs.
<https://www.dugdaleartscentre.co.uk/>



- **Speakers for Schools Work Experience Opportunities**
<https://www.speakersforschools.org/work-experience-opportunities/>



Careers

- **Microsoft Apprenticeship Scheme**
<https://microsoft.getmyfirstjob.co.uk/Search/Job/241945/microsoft/various-locations/register-your-interest---2024-microsoft-appre?mkt=494>



- **PwC Graduate Schemes for Black Students Introductory Scheme (14th December, online)**
<https://www.aceducationnetwork.com/pwc/>



Puzzle

Guess the Christmas film from the emojis!





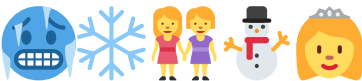














1. A Christmas Carol 2. Home Alone 3. Nutcracker 4. Grinch 5. Elf 6. Polar Express
7. The Nightmare before Christmas 8. Frozen