



CASS NEWS

SIR JOHN CASS REDCOAT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Investing in Our Future

By Osman (11A), Mohsin (11D) and Mr Uddin (Work Experience Manager)

A group of gifted year 10 students were selected to attend a STEM event at Hermes Investment Management. The theme of this trip was to explore jobs within STEM and experience what working within a corporate environment would be like. The trip was designed to introduce students to office life and teach them the necessary skills and work ethic needed to help them to become successful in the life of work. First, they were given an introduction to certain career paths. An emphasis was placed on physics and mathematical sciences as there is a shortage of suitable candidates within these areas. Students were then tasked with a range of activities in groups,

replicating the typical chain of command at Hermes. After, the students were given an opportunity to speak to employees at Hermes. They were given advice on career paths, work etiquette and were also given insight into the roles that different staff play in the company. The last activity the students were challenged with was to look at investing in a car company. They were given the option to choose from four car makers. After being split into groups of three, they were given data about the car companies, their recent profits and predicted profit. The students had an hour to find out which company was the most profitable, and they then made a presentation to the rest of the



groups and the judging panel which included Hermes staff and an international expert from within the field. The winners; Nigela, Maria and Osman were rewarded with a prize.

the effort that students showed on the trip, Hermes have offered work experience during the summer holiday to a selected number of students.

Overall the day was a resounding success and due to

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IntoFilm Youth Advisory Council

By Ms Lording (Head of Media)



The Media department is delighted that Year 11 pupil Charlotte Hull has been selected to be a member of the IntoFilm Youth Advisory Council. Charlotte's application, which demonstrated her passion for media and film, was up against hundreds of others from across London, so we couldn't be more thrilled.

Charlotte will be joining this panel of passionate young people, aged between 10 and 18 years-old, later this term. She will have her say on all the latest developments at the film charity and discover more about careers in the industry. IntoFilm will hear and act on the panel's feedback on everything from their

film catalogue, to teaching resources through to the Into Film Festival.

The council is hugely beneficial for young people's personal, social and academic development. They meet regularly throughout the academic year.

SJCR's IntoFilm Club run screenings across the year, keep an eye out for posters.

For more information, resources and competitions from Into Film, visit www.intofilm.org



Music Updates

By Mr Holder (Head of Music)

NEWS FROM THE END OF THE SUMMER TERM 2017

Congratulations

- Congratulations to Jonas Martin, 11T who passed his Grade 5 ABRSM Piano exam.
- Congratulations is also due to our violinists, Samuel Johnson, 9D and Anisha Pervin, 9D both were successful in their Grade 2 ABRSM Violin exams. Chloe Ayeni also successfully passed her Grade 1 ABRSM Violin exam.

Performances

- Our SJCR String Orchestra successfully performed at a Lower School Assembly. Pieces performed included "Beauty & The Beast", "Menuet- Water Music" & "Over The Rainbow".

- The school held a steel band concert for parents on the 13 July 2017 in the Drama Theatre.
- The Sir John Cass Steel Orchestra competed in National Classorama and was successfully awarded 3rd place.
- The Sir John Cass Steel Orchestra performed at the Stepney Funfair on the first day of the summer holidays – 19 July 2017.

Welcome

- We'd like to wish a warm welcome to our two new instrumental music tutors who started in September 2017. Livia Frankish (Woodwind) and Roxanna Albayati (Cello).

Smart Futures for Smart Students with Ernst & Young (EY) Foundation

By Mr Uddin (Work Experience Manager)

Smart Futures is a ten month programme for Year 12 students, which starts with paid work experience and is run in a number of EY offices across the UK during the Easter and summer holidays. Students gain a variety of transferable skills that will give them a head start in their career. The programme can make students more employable, helping them to get a job after school or go onto higher education.

All young people studying any range of subjects are invited to apply as long as they meet the eligibility criteria. During the first two weeks of the programme the young people take part in sessions and workshops that cover a wide range of topics to help make them more employable and to widen their understanding of the working world at large organisations like EY, including the following;

- How to network effectively and build positive relationships
- Communication styles in the workplace
- How to be an effective team leader
- Developing effective presentations
- Dragon's Den pitches (full day)
- Business negotiation game run by the ICAEW (full day)
- CV reviews, interview practice and job application techniques

In the third week, the young people will spend time working on real life client projects with teams at EY (or other organisations e.g. a large law firm), their work depends on what team they are assigned to, but they could be working on mini research projects, taking meeting notes, attending meetings, data entry and analysis, designing client presentations. All the young people also achieve a Level 2 qualification from the Chartered Management Institute in Team Leading, assuming they complete the first two weeks of the programme successfully.

This year a large cohort of students from SJCR were selected to take part and they did the school proud. Samson Adeola (Head Boy for the 6th Form) impressed the staff so much so that he has been invited back to present at the Young People Awards ceremony.

"Samson was a larger than life character. He had an amazing amount of confidence and this reflected well on the other students. I believe the other students saw Samson as a role model as they hoped to gain some of the confidence he showed."

Linda Trevor | Smart Futures & Our Future Programme Delivery Coordinator | EY Foundation

"My 3 weeks work experience at Ernst Young during the summer was an extravagant experience full of much



enjoyment and learning. This experience was put forward to me by my careers manager Mr Uddin, and we attended an initial after school workshop with the EY Foundation. This was a paid work experience that covered learning new skills, shadowing workers and gaining new qualifications. The experience began with us learning some new skills as well as aiming to acquire a cmi qualification in team management and I received an additional ICAEW Qualification due to my team winning a group activity - one of many. "



Join us at one of our SIXTH FORM LECTURE SERIES



Wednesdays

Time: 3.00-3.45pm

Location: SO 6/7

- 4/10** **Applying to competitive universities**
Kings College London
- 18/10** **Neuroscience: How can we use knowledge of the brain to improve life chances?**
Dr Mhoriam Ahmed, UCL
- 1/11** **How to get into medicine**
Doctors and medical students give their top tips for potential medicine applicants
- 15/11** **Cambridge University Lecture: How can students in Year 11 and 12 prepare now for Cambridge applications?**
Charlotte Ellis, Clare College, Cambridge University
- 22/11** **My career as a Journalist**
Speakers from the Economist and Thomson Reuters discuss their work
- 29/11** **Imperial History Lecture: A taste of what studying History at university would be like**
Professor Drayton, KCL
- 10/01** **What does a good personal statement look like?**
Jane Marshall, Imperial University

For more information see
Mr B Ahmed or Ms Rowley-Conwy



Sport Updates

By Mr Rayney (PE Teacher)

Cross Country Success

First and Second place went to Sir John Cass school in the Cross Country championships last week. Benji Bream and Khalad Miah (both Year 11) represented Sir John Cass in style when they powered home at the Tower Hamlets Cross Country Championships. Both Benji (1st) and Khalad (2nd) have been selected to represent the Tower Hamlets team for the London Youth Games Cross Country Competition along with Brodie Bunker (Year 8) who came 3rd in his event.

Congratulations are also due to Zakariya Ibrahim who came 3rd in the Year 9 Cross Country. The girls also performed exceptionally well with Abi Haddow (Year 7) 3rd place, Cheila Dennis (Year 8) 4th place, Esmeralda Atikpoe (Year 10) 4th place and Boudaca Callahan (Year 7) 6th place.

It was fantastic to see so many of our students trying their best and to see everyone cheering on each other. They were a real credit to the school.

Well done to all the team who performed well in a strong field and also for their great behavior and sporting attitude towards other competitors on the day. It was an enjoyable day and a number of the team have now said they are now going to be doing extra training for next year.

Football Champions

A large year 8 squad descended on Mile End astro-turf for the borough 5-A-Side competition with Sir John Cass reigning supreme to emerge as winners of the tournament. They remained

unbeaten throughout the tournament with the highlight beating our close rivals Stepney Green 3-1. Player of the tournament was Humayun Ali who was immense playing at the back and also powering through to score a number of goals. The Year 8's have also made a good start to the football season beating Swanlea last week at Hackney Marshes.

Girls Football

The year 9 and 10 Girls Football teams have also started playing in their football league at St Pauls Way this term. The Year 9 team have had to play against older students from other schools and narrowly lost their opening two games against Bishop Challoner and Central Foundation. The year 9 Player of the matches was Hannae Affelad who played really well in midfield.

The Year 10 Girls team beat Central Foundation school with a great goal from Aliya Ackie. The year 10 Player of the matches was Salma Ismail who was very impressive in central defence.

Boys Football

The Year 7 Boys team played their first match last week at Hackney Marshes and should have won their opening game but ended up drawing 6-6 v Swanlea. Player of the match was Ezekiel Agiyiri who dominated the midfield and scored two goals. It was great to see over 40 year 7 boys at training on Thursday. Those who didn't make it into the school starting team should continue to come training on Thursdays from 3.00-4.30pm.

The Year 10 Boys team continued their impressive form as Borough Champions from last year by

beating George Green 2-1 in their opening fixture at Millwall Park. D'Angelo Lisbie playing Centre-Half was Player of the Match for the second week running against George Green as they played the Year 11 team in a friendly the week before.

A number of players attended district football trials last week to see if they could follow in the steps of Ashley Cole and Ledley King who both went on to represent England after playing for Tower Hamlets. Good luck.



We have recently re-launched our rewards system.

SJCR's rewards system celebrates success, reinforces good behaviour, achievement and effort.

We believe that encouragement and praise is key to the promotion of high standards of learning and positive

behaviour. We believe that the formal and public recognition of progress and a positive learning attitude makes students feel valued, builds their confidence and self-motivation.

By Ms Dow, Assistant Headteacher



CASS REWARDS

Key Stages 3-5 (Year 7-13)

REWARD	VALUE	Reward given for... (examples)
Merit	2 points	Adhering to the CASS WAY 100% engagement Correct equipment Excellent uniform presentation Excellent piece of work / homework Excellent effort Meeting your target grade
Commendation	5 points	1 grade above target grade Exemplary work Challenge yourself Significant progress Commitment to extra-curricular activities
Cass Star	10 points	2 grades above target grade Helping at school events (e.g. parents' evening etc.) ambassador for the school Helping a visitor Helping out peers Outside excellence/ recognition
Cass Diamond	20 points	3 grades above target or highest grade possible
Headteacher's Award	50 points	Awarded at the headteacher's discretion

Points Make Prizes....

CERTIFICATE	VALUE (Point Total)	REWARD
BRONZE	125	You will receive... A Bronze Certificate and Badge + your choice of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Fast Track" lunch pass "Get out of Homework" card – students will still have to complete the homework, but deadline can be extended Choose Pip Music for the Day
SILVER	250	You will receive... A Silver Certificate and Badge + your choice of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Fast Track" lunch pass "Get out of Homework" card – students will still have to complete the homework, but deadline can be extended Choose Pip Music for the Day You will also be entered in to raffles for a £50 voucher
GOLD	500	You will receive... A Gold Certificate and Badge and... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A £5 Voucher A Reward Trip at the end of the Academic Year
PLATINUM	1000	You will receive... A Platinum Certificate and Badge and... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A £10 Voucher Entered into a raffle for an iPad Mini A Reward Trip at the end of the Academic Year

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2017

~~FOOTNOTE~~

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BLACK HISTORY

Test or enhance your knowledge of Black history.
Seize the opportunity to find out a little bit more, while carrying out research for these activities.

Activity 1. Earn yourself a merit!
Correctly match the names to each of the faces in the poster.

Activity 2. Earn a commendation!
Write a short account about one of the characters featured in the poster.
The best entry will receive a £10 book voucher.

Activity 3. Earn a commendation!
Create a piece of artwork inspired by one or more of the characters featured in the poster.
The best entry will win an Art-pack.

Entry forms for all activities can be collected from your form tutor or Mr Couloute.

Completed forms & work must be handed in to Mr Couloute by Thursday 19th October.

Black History Month

Zadie Smith / Bob Marley / Toni Morrison / Jean-Michel Basquiat / Rosa Parks / Jimi Hendrix / Malcom X / Mandela / Martin Luther King / Mary Seacole

This October marks the 30th Black History Month in the UK. The annual event, first celebrated in the US in 1976, aims to highlight the ongoing struggle for equality and to educate people on the achievements of members of the African diaspora.

Of course there is plenty to celebrate, from both a historical perspective and in modern society.

S. Jamshidi
2nd Oct 2017
Guardian online



check out what events are on near you at www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/listings/

Barclays Career Ready Programme

By Mr Hoque (Head of Year 10)



Throughout the year, twenty year 10 students will be working with the Barclays Career Ready Programme. On 2nd October members from the Barclays Career Ready Programme visited and conducted one of twelve workshops that will be taking place this year. We are the only school out of 5 in London to be selected to receive these workshops.

The workshops will involve mentors from many different businesses working with the students in order to help prepare them for working life and to raise their aspirations.





D OF E BRONZE AWARD

14 Students from Year 10 and 14 students from Year 11 have been enrolled onto the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award for this year.

To get involved please see
Mr Rayney
(D of E Co-Ordinator)

The Bronze DofE Award is achieved by completing a personal programme of different activities for 3 months in 3 sections plus a further 3 months in any one of the volunteering, physical or skills sections:

- **VOLUNTEERING:** undertaking service to individuals or the community. Could include coaching, working with animals.
- **PHYSICAL:** improving in an area of sport, dance or fitness activities. Could include team sports, martial arts, swimming.
- **SKILLS:** developing practical and social skills and personal interests. Could include creative, performance arts, music.
- **EXPEDITION:** planning, training for and completion of an adventurous journey for 2 days and an overnight stay.
- If you are unsure as to whether your activity is suitable then please speak to Mr Rayney (DofE Co-Ordinator) in PE dept.



KEY EVENTS AND DATES THIS TERM

23rd- 27th October – Autumn Half Term

2nd November – Prize Giving Evening

3rd November – Late Start for all Students at 11.00am

16th November – Women's Coffee Morning, 9.15-10.45am

16th November – Sixth Form Open Evening

17th November – Late Start for all Students at 11.00am

11th December – Carol Service at St. Dunstan's Church

13th December – Academic Review Day

14th December – Year 13 Parents' Evening

21st December – 2nd January – Christmas Holiday

3rd January – INSET Day