

# OLIVER! Buzz

12 February 2018

Congrats to the cast of Oliver for a fantastic performance!

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# Letter from the Headmaster

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**Oliver!**

**Wow!**

Fabulous performance and a huge thank you to all the cast, crew, musicians and directors who pulled off a superb three evening's entertainment.

I, and the whole school community, are immensely proud.

Have a good holiday.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'M. J. ...' with a flourish at the end.

# Notice Board

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## Chicken[shed] Run for the London Marathon!

Tanya Nicholas, Teacher of Science

Hello! Biology teacher Ms Nicholas here. I have recently taken on the exciting challenge of running the 2018 Virgin Money London Marathon, taking place on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> of April. I am proudly running in support of **Chickenshed Theatre**, a wonderful organisation who pride themselves on championing 'difference through inclusion, to enrich lives and transform our world.' Chickenshed enable young people from a diverse range of backgrounds, including the marginalised and vulnerable, to engage in theatre and performing arts when they would otherwise not have access to these experiences. In some cases individuals don't have access to mainstream education at all so the work of this charity is critical to building self-esteem, particularly in young people (<https://www.chickenshed.org.uk/>).

I am pleased to report that my training is already in full swing and I am currently feeling excited about the task ahead (this may change as we get closer!). As my first-ever marathon event, whilst I'm hoping to just finish the race intact, my competitive Australian spirit means that I am also hoping to tackle the 26.2-mile course in less than four hours. Fingers crossed!

With a pledge to raise £2000 for Chickenshed Theatre, I would be extremely grateful to receive your support and donations towards this fantastic cause. I would also LOVE your support on the day and hope to hear many of you cheering me on from the sidelines.

You can visit my fundraising page to make a donation at:

[https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Run\\_Tanya\\_Run](https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Run_Tanya_Run)

Thank you for your support and I look forward to seeing you on the day!

Ms Nicholas



# News

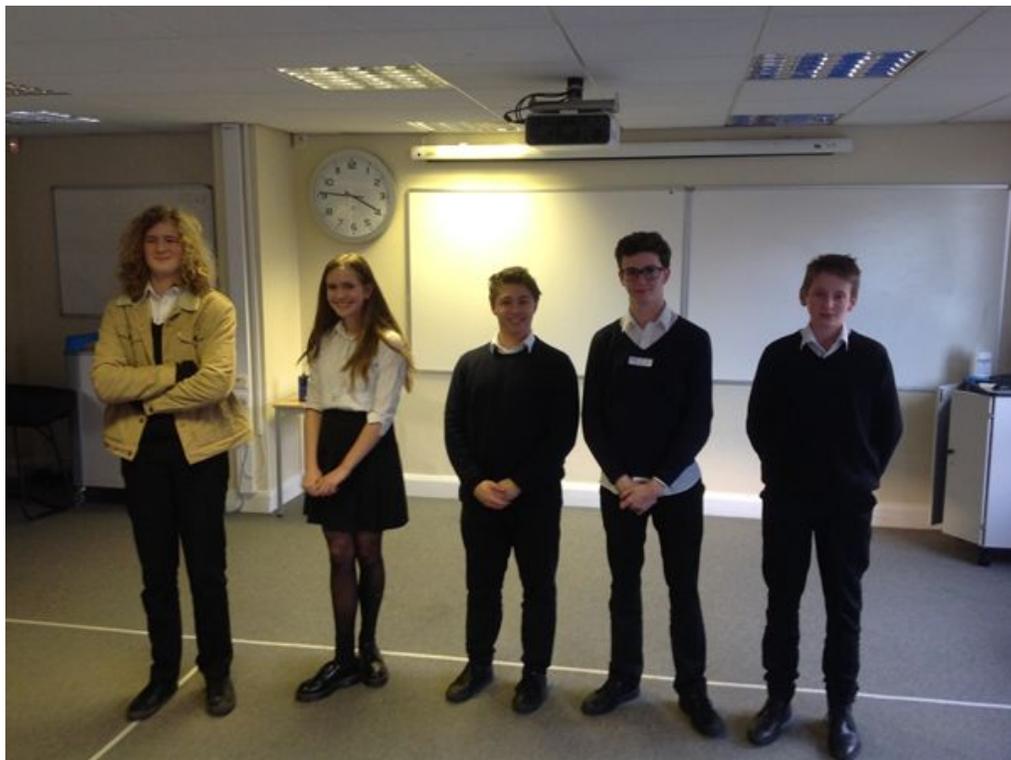
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## The speakout challenge comes to Portland Place School

*Guest piece by Tommy Souter*

On Tuesday 6 February 2018, the English Department organised The Speakout Challenge. All of Year 10 and 5 selected Year 11 students participated in a public speaking training day. We were divided into two workshops and learnt how to be better speakers, control our nerves, construct arguments and perform with confidence.

The workshop was led by trained specialists who maintained high levels of energy and ensured that all of us got something out of the day. It was a jovial and satisfying experience where we spent the day performing various confidence boosting exercises, such as telling personal stories as if they came straight from the pages of a novel. The whole day led to us finally giving our carefully written speeches to the rest of the year with the best speakers repeating them in GPS Hall to a wider audience. Congratulations to the winners who received prizes: Teddy, Mila, Lex, Ewan and Max (Yr 11)!



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## Best linguist

Thomas Lalande, Head of Modern Foreign Languages

Best linguist-of-the-term awards go to Y8 students Elliot, Zeynep and Amy. These students are currently making excellent progress in Spanish and French, always leading by example in class.

Well done to all of them who won squishies as prizes!



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## Year 11 Enrichment

Joe Kubik, Teacher of Physical Education

Last week, pupils from Year 11 received an excellent career talk from PPS parent Alexandra Wooster, who spoke to the pupils about her career path in 'Operations'. Ms Wooster discussed her interesting and varied experiences in different industries, countries, and cultures and highlighted the importance of being proactive and making the most of potential opportunities in the workplace. PPS staff and pupils would like to say a big thank you to Ms Wooster for supporting our Year 11 enrichment programme.



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## Year 7 Visit

Thomas Lalande, Head of Modern Foreign Languages

On Wednesday, our Y7 French students went to La Fromagerie in Marylebone. The place is a unique French cheesemonger where students had a chance to enjoy a full session of cheese and apple juice sampling in French. Students got to learn about France and its regions, according to the cheese they were tasting, such as Fourme d'ambert or Napoleon brie. After visiting the cheese room, students practised their French with the cheese masters David and Arno, who we look forward to seeing again next year!

Monsieur Lalande



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## Theme week

Hannah Bridge, Assistant Head of Sixth Form

This week encompassed two important themes - Safer Internet Day and Children's Mental Health week. We incorporated this into registration and our assembly with Sixth Form. On Tuesday during registration, students filled in a Safer Internet Day quiz to explore their relationship with the internet. On Wednesday, during assembly, we explored the impact of the internet on our lives and our mental health.

After half term, some of our students are going to lead their own assemblies, using academic research, to demonstrate the impact of the social media on our mental health.

# News *continued*

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## Year 5 & 6 Spanish Meal

Charlotte Magniez, Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages

The Year 5 and 6 enjoyed an authentic Spanish meal in Ibérica restaurant last Tuesday. The children did their best to order their dishes in Spanish and tried a wide range of typical Spanish tapas like croquetas, jamón Serrano, patatas bravas and paella. ¡Qué rico!



# Sports results



# Sports

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## Rugby - Mouth Guards and Studs

Jamie McLoughlin, Head of Physical Education

In the best interests of pupils' safety, we strongly recommend that all players wear a mouth guard during any contact rugby session. It has been shown that this significantly reduces the incidence of dental injuries. Good mouldable mouth guards can be brought at most sports shops or from [www.schoolblazer.com](http://www.schoolblazer.com) which supplies the new Portland Place PE kit. Can you ensure that pupils have RFU Approved British Standard Kite Marked studs in their football/ rugby boots as opposed to plastic football studs. If your child has rubber mouldable studded boots then that's fine but screw in studs should be RFU approved. These will cost around £5 from any sports shop.

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## Swimming

Jamie McLoughlin, Head of Physical Education

Swimming has commenced for the lower school during PE lessons. It takes place at the Oasis Sports Centre in Holborn and pupils will be grouped in their year groups and experience half a term of swimming each. Swimming will take place on Monday P1 & P2 for Years 5 & 6; Monday P4 & P5 for Year 8 (Girls first half term and Boys second half term); and the Year 7 pupils will swim on Tuesdays P4 & P5 (Girls first half term/ boys second half term). Please ensure you bring your swimming kit in as well as your normal PE kit for double lessons and check the notice boards to see which group you are in. Girls should wear dark coloured one piece costumes and boys' dark coloured swimming shorts or trunks. It is advisable to bring swimming goggles and swimming hats are optional. ***Please Note that the groups change after half term and the boys will now be swimming in Yr 7 and Yr 8 lessons!***

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## Sports Hall Athletics

Jamie McLoughlin, Head of Physical Education

On Wednesday 31st January the Year 8 Girls team took part in the Westminster Borough Championships for Sports Hall Athletics. The girls took part in a variety of running and field events. The events included, shot put, long jump, standing triple jump and sprint and middle distance. The girls put in maximum effort and several individuals managed to place in the top three in some of the field events. Each pupil could compete in 2 two field events and 3 running events and were awarded points for their position. The Year 8 girls finished in 7th place overall. Well done all the pupils that took part.

The team consisted of:

**Amy Cooper, Eve Johnson, Beatrice Curto, Jess Metchem Hermer, Sumaya Al Thani, Cristina Carbosiero, Frida Hill**

# Sports *continued*

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## Sports Hall Athletics

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# Sports *continued*

## London Schools Cross Country Championships

Scott Rider, Teacher of Physical Education

On Wednesday four athletes represented PPS in the London Schools Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships, which doubled as trials for the London Schools team. With over 150 athletes in some races, fighting for places in the London Team, it proved to be a very competitive affair. The race took place at Wormwood Scrubs, near Hammersmith, home of Thames Valley Harriers. Over a course which ranged between 2700m to 6300m PPS pupils battled over the rough terrain and muddy surfaces with the rest of the field. It was a fast course and everyone competed well in some very competitive races. Well done!

Inter Boys A race: **Colin Ballbach 54<sup>th</sup>**

Junior Boys A race: **Curtis O'Keefe 20<sup>th</sup>** ; **Dylan Cohen 40<sup>th</sup>**

Junior Boys B race: **Elliot MacLeod DNF**



# Calendar and Contact

## Monday-5-February-¶

8.00am-¶	GCSE-Chemistry, H3-¶
08.00-08.30am-¶	Table-Tennis-Club-Y8-&-9-PPS-Hall-¶
12.45-1.30pm¶	Symphonietta, Miss-Boyle, R2¶
12.45-1.30pm¶	Woodwind-Ensemble, Mr-Slack, R1¶
1.00-1.30pm¶	KS3-Bookclub, Ms-Hubner, Library-¶
3.30pm¶	Yoga-Class-(Year10-13), Ms-Wellby, ¶
3.45-4.30pm¶	Classical- Civilisation- GCSE- Revision- Club- G31¶
4.00-5.00pm¶	Dramastudio¶
4.00-7.00pm¶	Arabic-Advanced, Mr-Mohamed, R36¶

## Tuesday-6-February-¶

08.00-08.30am¶	Table-Tennis-Club, Y5, 6-&-7, PPS-Hall¶
1.00-1.30pm-¶	Debating-Club, Ms-Baig, Library-¶
12.45-1.30pm¶	Percussions-Ensemble, Mr-Jesson, R2¶
12.45-1.30pm¶	GCSE-Italian-Club, R23¶
12.45-1.30pm¶	French-Exam-Club, R22¶
12.50--1.20pm-¶	Weightlifting- Club, PPS- Boys- changing- rooms-¶
1.00-1.20pm-¶	Netball-Shooting-Club, -Girls-PE-office-¶
1.10-1.30pm-¶	GCSE-PE-Club, boys-changing-rooms-PPS-¶
3.45-4.45pm-¶	KS3/4-Computing-Club, R34-¶
3.45-4.30pm¶	Year-7-9-Maths-Club, R10¶
3.45-4.30pm-¶	Year10-12-Maths-Club, G12-¶
3.45-4.30pm¶	GCSE-Revision-Chemistry, H3/4-¶
3.45-4.30pm-¶	GCSE-Revision-Physics, H6/7-¶
3.50-4.30pm-¶	GCSE-Revision-Geography, G22-¶
3.45-4.45pm-¶	Table-Tennis-Club, All-Years, PPS-Hall-¶
4.00-5.00pm¶	Arts-Award-Club-(all-years)-Ms-Birtles, B3-¶
4.00-5.00pm¶	Japanese, Ms-Komaki, R36¶
4.00-4.30pm-¶	GCSE-French-Club, Ms-Magniez, R33-¶
4.00-5.00pm-¶	Year-11-DT-GCSE, -¶

## Wednesday-7-February-¶

12.45-1.30pm¶	Music-Theory-Club, Ms-Bottrill, R42¶
12.45-1.30pm¶	Guitar-&-Ukulele-Ensemble, Mr-Hill, R1¶
12.45-1.30pm¶	Soul-Band, Mr-Bentley, R2¶
12.45-1.30pm-¶	Music-Theory-Club, Ms-Bottrill, R42-¶
1.00-1.30pm¶	Spanish-Bilingual-Club, Ms-Picado, Library-¶
1.00-1.30pm¶	Netball-Shooting-Club, -Girls-PE-Office-¶
3.45-4.30pm¶	EAL-Homework-Club, R23, Ms-Florea-¶
3.45-4.30pm-¶	GCSE-Classical-Civilisation-Club, G41-¶
3.45-4.45pm-¶	GCSE-History-Club, G23-¶
3.45-5.00pm¶	KS2-Art-&-Craft-Club, R22-¶
4.00-4.45pm-¶	GCSE-Art, Art-Studio-¶
4.00-4.45pm-¶	GCSE-Computing-Club, G11-¶
4.00-4.30pm¶	Italian-Club, R10-¶

## Thursday-8-February-¶

12.45-1.30pm¶	PPS-Choir-&-Tour-Choir, Mr-Hill, R1¶
12.45-1.30pm¶	Brass-Ensemble, Mr-Bentley, R42¶
12.45-1.30pm¶	Club-de-Francais/Ms-Magniez, Library¶
12.45-1.30pm¶	PPS-Choir-&-Tour, R¶
3.45-4.30pm-¶	Year-13-Maths-Club, G12-¶
3.45-4.30pm¶	GCSE-Economics-Club, G43¶
3.45-4.45pm¶	KS2-Homework-Club¶
3.45-4.30pm¶	GCSE- Music- Composition- Support, Mr- Bentley-&-Mrs-Hill, R42¶
3.50-4.30pm¶	KS3-Humanities-Club, Room-10¶
3.45-4.45pm¶	GCSE-Revision-Biology, H2¶
4.00-5.00pm¶	Whole-School-Art-Club¶
4.00-5.00pm¶	DT-Cubs, Year-5-&-6, Mr-Macfarlane, B3-¶
4.00-5.00pm¶	Madarin, Miss-Kong, R36¶
4.00-5.00pm¶	Chamber-Choir, R1, Miss-Boyle-¶

## Friday-9-February-¶

8.00--8.30am-¶	Table-Tennis-Club, Y10-13, PPS-Hall-¶
12.45-1.30pm¶	String-Ensemble, Miss-Boyle, R1¶
12.45-1.30pm¶	Jazz-Band, Mr-Hill, R2¶
12.45-1.30pm¶	Textiles-Club-(all-years), Ms-Birtles, B3¶
12.45-1.30pm¶	Russian-Beginners, Mr-Burton, Library¶
2.40-3.40pm¶	KS2-Visit-to-New-London-Architecture¶
4.00-6.15pm-¶	LAMDA, Lessons, R11¶

## Spring-Term-Parent-Teacher-Meetings¶

Parent/Teacher-meetings-will-be-held-on-the-following-dates-on-the-5th-floor-of-the-GPS-Building-from-4pm.¶

Parents-evening-booking-system-opens-two-weeks-before-each-event-Please-note-that-certain-teachers-are-only-available-from-4.30pm-due-to-teaching-commitments.¶

Monday-26-February, ¶ Year-9¶

Monday-12-March, ¶ Year-5-&6¶

Monday-19-March, ¶ Year-7¶

Monday-26-March, ¶ Year-8¶

## TERM-DATES:¶

### SPRING-TERM2018¶

Term-Starts ¶ Thursday-4-January-¶

Half-Term ¶ Mon 12-Feb--Fri 16-Feb¶

End-of-Term ¶ Wednesday 28-March-¶

## CONTACT-DETAILS:¶

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58-Portland-Place, London-W1B-1NJ¶

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101-103-Great-Portland-Street-W1W-6QE¶

### GPS-BUILDING-(Years-10-13)¶

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