WE PRESS ON

The great idea of St. Paul’s in his letter to the Philippians is that we should “press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me”. He looks back to the cross and resurrection of Jesus for a secure undertaking of how much he is adored and valued by God. He looks forward to fulfilling his unique calling and purpose as a person whom God has redeemed.

Pressing on is the great theme of this year in school. After the difficulties of last year, engendered by the challenge of considering the offer of a second site, we can now press on and once again concentrate our efforts more fully on what we do best: education here.

Our A Level results from last year were broadly most encouraging, with the highest percentage of A* and A grades yet, and well over 40% of all grades at B and above. There are areas still for improvement, but the overall trajectory was a good one.

At GCSE there were many good individual performances. There were also a number of pupils in turbulent personal or family circumstances whom we supported to achieve good results nonetheless. There were, however, also some disappointments in the statistics, particularly at the higher grades. Broadly speaking, the pupils made good progress in Year 11 itself, but for this year group the foundation from Years 7-10 proved not as strong.

Having set about significant changes to the Key Stage 3 curriculum in 2018, starting with Year 7 then we know that the current Year 11 and subsequent year groups will prove to be better prepared for the GCSEs as a whole. We have also started this academic year with a renewed focus on higher ability pupils and with some other innovations to promote greater independent study.

We were thrilled to have so many good school events in the summer term: from Founder’s Day to the Year 11, 12 and 13 Eucharist, the Years 7-10 Presentation Evenings, Sports Day and the Sports Presentation Evening, the GCSE and A Level Art Exhibition and further outstanding success by our pupils in the Croydon Dance Competition; ‘Let your Feet Compete’.

We have also been excited - and much encouraged - by the improvements
made to our school buildings over the summer: we now have new classrooms in Geography, Maths and even part of History. It makes a huge difference on a daily basis. The new Sports Hall floor has now also been laid. Work on the new changing rooms continues. Better, and lighter corridors and stairs are another bonus of this new school year. The new look to Reception is also being appreciated.

We look back at where we have come from. We look forward to what can now be achieved. We press on.

Mr Parrish
Headteacher

Archbishop Tenison’s 60th Year in Selborne Road
On 18th November 1959 the Queen Mother opened Archbishop Tenison’s School at our current site, Selborne Road. 60 years later, we look forward to marking the anniversary with various events throughout the school year, including preparing a time capsule, the official opening of the Sports Hall, a special Founders’ Day Service, music performances and photographs.

We welcome the following new members of staff

Mrs Burland - Head of Health and Social Care and Psychology
Miss Tetchner - Teacher of Art
Miss Oginni - Teacher of Maths
Mrs Oguntola - Teacher of Maths
Ms Picott - Teacher of English
Ms Matthews - Teacher of Music
Mr Okolo - Teacher of Geography
Mr Owen - Teacher of French
Mr Richardson - Learning Support Assistant
Mr Buhoc - Learning Support Assistant
Mrs Haddingham - Learning Support Assistant
Mrs Mills - Administration Clerk
Mrs Ganpot, Mr Pearson and Mr Tucker - LSA Volunteers
Sports Hall Floor

From all the generous donations we have received, we have been able to install the new sports floor. The new polyurethane Sports Hall floor is tough, resilient and will be used for many sporting activities.

We are now working hard to build the new PE changing rooms, which hopefully will be completed by the beginning of the New Year.

Thank you to everyone who has helped to raise funds.

Mr Balch
School Business Manager

New Polyurethane Sports Hall floor
Football News
Benjamin Gambrah, Year 9 has been selected to play for 4 England Football training camps at St George’s Park FA training ground for the England U14 Football Team.

Benjamin currently plays for Fulham Football Club and also Surrey Schools County Football Club.

This is a fantastic opportunity for Benjamin and we wish him the best of luck.

Year 9 and 10 Football Teams
Congratulations to the Year 9 and 10 Football Teams, who have progressed to the next round of the English Schools Football Cup Competition. This will take place after half-term.

Cross Country
Well done to the Year 7 pupils who took part in the Cross Country Competition at Lloyd Park in October, great effort and determination was given by all who took part.

Netball and Football
All the teams are mid-season and continue to take part in the Croydon League Competitions.

Athletics News
Congratulations to former Tenisonian Samir Williams who has been offered a scholarship at the University of North Texas, United States of America for Athletics.

We wish him continued success in his career with Athletics.

Sports Fixtures Week Commencing Monday, 4th November

Tuesday
Year 7 Football: Tenison's v Lanfranc (Away)
Year 9 & 10 Netball: Tenison's v Woodcote (Away)

Wednesday
Sixth Form Netball: Tenison's v Old Palace (Home)

Thursday
Year 8 Football: Tenison's v Lanfranc (Away)

Friday
U14 Football ESPA Round 2 (Home)

PE Department
Enrichment Days to Frylands Wood
Year 11 pupils are currently very busy preparing for GCSE Mock Exams. To help with this, in September pupils went on a team building day to Frylands Wood.

The purpose of this day was to help Year 11 bond as a year group, but also for pupils to develop new skills and understand that with practice and perseverance they can succeed.

We look forward to seeing this positive spirit in the forthcoming exams.

Mr Archer
Assistant Head of Year 11 and Head of RS

Year 12 and 13 Enrichment to Frylands Scout Centre
At the beginning of the Autumn term, Year 12 and 13 students enjoyed an Enrichment day at Frylands Scout Centre. Students participated in adventurous activities such as Earthball, Sumo, Archery and other Team Building Activities. From the epic walk to the centre, through nail biting activities, to an excellent group rapport; every aspect of the trip was memorable. As a result, we have a close-knit Sixth Form who are working towards their goals, with diligence, determination, discipline and decorum as we continue to open doors to the future.

The enrichment trip was a huge success.

Mr Spence - Head of Year 12
“Is Democracy Dangerous?”

Year 11 pupils, Mr Beazley, Assistant Head of Maths and Miss Smerald, Head of MFL took part in a YouTube video called ‘The School of Life’: Is Democracy Dangerous?

The video stars Lady Leshurr a British grime and hip hop rapper, singer, and producer and is all about democracy.

Pupils spent the afternoon filming a mock election with teaching staff vs the celebrity in a bid to understand how political parties try and influence and win votes from the public.

The video is available via YouTube Premium (a trailer is available on regular YouTube): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jehth6Sckzc

Miss Smerald
Head of MFL

How to Make Gospel Music Work For You

On Tuesday, 8th October Roy Francis, Author of ‘How to Make Gospel Music Work for You’ visited school to give a talk about his autobiography.

The book is about Roy’s account of how Caribbean Christians came to Britain in the 1950s and 60s, with their music and songs as part of the ‘Windrush Generation’.

This music is what we know today, as ‘Gospel Music’.

The evening was a great success.

Mrs Bryson- Teacher of SEN
Sinfonia Rehearsals

I am really pleased to announce that Sinfonia Orchestra for Years 7-13 will restart on Monday, 4th November from 8.20am until 9am in room 37. We would like to trial the 8.20am start to get a really good amount of time to set up and then rehearse. The orchestra will be conducted by former pupil, Thomas Nielsen.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Gravett via 020 8688 4014.

Looking Ahead

It is not too late to join in for the Carol Service or other musical events for the rest of the Autumn term.
Please see the extra-curricular activities list for times of all rehearsals www.archten.croydon.sch.uk/extracurricular

Informal Concert  School Hall - Thursday, 5th December 2019 at 7pm

Carol Service Rehearsals - Monday, 9th December, in school
Carol Service Rehearsals - Wednesday, 11th December at St Mildred’s Church, Addiscombe all day (details to follow)

Carol Service - Wednesday, 11th December at St Mildred’s Church, Addiscombe 7.30pm. All welcome.

Thank you
Mrs Gravett
Head of Music
Welcome to our new Drama Ambassadors - Abbie Attenborough, Georgina King, Lidiya Antonlenin, Lily Attenborough, Matthew Bridges, Makeba Chase-Anderson, Phoebe Cuxton, Clarice Ganpot, Nathaniel Hann, Soleil Johnson and Lizzie Walker.

Drama Ambassadors (or Das!) are pupil representatives of the Drama Department. Many of the ambassadors did outstanding work at our recent Open Evening and were complimented for their maturity, confidence and public speaking. The group carry out a number of roles, including running Junior Drama Club, (which is a large and ever growing extra-curricular activity), take part in productions and help out in a number of ways.

Thank you to our new Das!
**Ms Forrester Head of Drama and Ms King Teacher of Drama**

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**School Drama Production 2019**

**Archbishop Tenison’s Drama Department presents Charles Dickens’ A Christmas Carol.**

**PERFORMANCES:**
- Wednesday 27th November
- Thursday 28th November
- Friday 29th November

*All performances start at 7pm*

*Please note that tickets will go on sale after half term.*
ATPA

Mufti Day - Thursday, 21st November

Please send your child with the following items in return for wearing their own sensible clothing on the morning of **Thursday, 21st November**.

**Years 7-9** - Boxed chocolates and multi-packs of sweets/chocolates

**Years 10-13** - Bottles (2 litre soft drinks) wine or other alcohol.
Annual Bake Off Competition for all Year Groups
All entries should be handed in by 8.30am on Friday, 22nd November

Help Needed Saturday, 23rd November - Christmas Fair
If you are able to you offer help with organising / setting up the Christmas Fair - please email Mrs Beneochrist via bbeneochrist@gmail.com by Thursday, 14th November at the latest.

Specific Help Needed
9am to 12pm - setting up stalls, decorating the School Hall and Reception areas, helping with the catering.
12 noon to 3pm - to manage a stall
3pm – 4.30pm - to help to clear up

ATPA polo shirts will be supplied on the day.

Donations
Do you work for an organisation who could match-fund one of our stalls, or could you donate a prize/experience for our raffle e.g. Driving lessons, a taxi journey, a meal etc.? If so, please email bbeneochrist@gmail.com or contact the school 020 8688 4014.

Please remember to tell your family and friends about the Christmas Fair and encourage your children to come along and support the event.

Let’s make this year’s Christmas Fair a great success, maybe the best ever!

Thank you for your continued support

ATPA
RUSH KENYA

'Reaching out to the Unreachable through Self-Help'
Under the support and trusteeship of International Needs UK charity www.ineeds.org.uk, we would like to continue to make a difference to children’s lives by supporting this wonderful charity.

For many years, pupils, students, parents, carers and staff have supported RUSH Academy Primary and Secondary School in Kakamega, Kenya. The school mainly relies on voluntary contributions and charity donations. However, the International Needs Charity; began working with RUSH Kenya, inspired by a visit from Lucy and Andrew Amukowa, founders of the charity, who plan to work with International Needs to enter a new phase for RUSH, Kenya.

RUSH, Kenya now involves three key ministries:
RUSH Academy (primary and secondary school)
RUSH Vocational School
RUSH Women’s Fellowship

The above ministries help approximately 1,000 people each year, through children getting a good education, women getting vital health support, young people developing their skills and much more.

To run these different projects takes a substantial amount of funding each year. The charity is grateful for all the incredible support from people in the UK to help RUSH get this far, and they hope this support will continue as we go into a new phase for RUSH Kenya.

International Needs are working with Andrew and Lucy. They are helping develop a sustainable model to run these ministries so that they can benefit children now and for many years to come. This model will rely on local income generation (such as growing maize and sugarcane), 50% of parents at the school paying school fees and with reliable support from the UK. The fees charged are relatively low compared to other schools and the academic performance is high.
The focus for the Kenyan Curriculum, is for play and craft based learning and schools are required to have adequate playground equipment.

Currently the school dining room and girls’ dormitory urgently need updating. They also require recreational outdoor equipment for sports activities. The girls from primary and secondary school share a dormitory block, often in bunks of three in height. The girls sleep at school as the distance to return home is too far.

Through much use, the dining hall is also in great need of repair. There is no furniture for the pupils to eat their meals, so they stand to eat. For some pupils who still live at home, it is often the only food they eat during a day. Tables and chairs would make their lunch more sociable and much more enjoyable.

Year 10 pupils, as part of their Life-Skills lessons, decided to interview Mrs Jackson, Teacher of SEN (who with pupils, has previously raised thousands of pounds for RUSH) and Amy, intern with International Needs, to find out more about RUSH Kenya and how we as a school can help them. Pupils plan to focus on fundraising for RUSH Kenya in the second part of the Autumn term. Assemblies will be held, together with a variety of other fundraising events. Each group will set themselves a target and raise money for a specific item or purpose.

Please encourage and support pupils with their fundraising and consider helping International Needs to increase their monthly support to RUSH Kenya. Maybe you could sponsor a child at £20 per month, share sponsorship or help to find more sponsors to make a difference to a child for whom education is not free. Perhaps you could Join the IN family by setting up a regular gift for RUSH Kenya.


Education is very much the key to breaking the poverty cycle. Help us to help them.

Thank you

Mr K Smith, Senior LSA Assistant, Mrs Sutton, Learning Support Manager and Mr Green, Head of Geography