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## EBS IS RATHER SPECIAL



'I shall retain the visual memory of your entrance foyer for a very long time – it says so much.' This is a quote from a letter I received from Michael J Ive OBE. Some of you may recognise the surname, as Michael's son is Jonathan Ive, the designer of the iPhone and iPad. His letter, which also contains many other lovely comments, came after a visit from the Board of Trustees of Young Engineers, another of whom wrote, 'Congratulations to everyone for so wonderful a school spirit'.

Sometimes it is good to be reminded by others that what we consider normal is actually quite special.

We have prided ourselves in offering students a range of educational experiences that very few schools can match. This has included over 60 trips each year, artists, authors, designers and actors in residence, lecturers and eminent speakers, robotics, etc. All this will now be recognised in a publication that Ofsted will soon send to every school in the country to celebrate this aspect of our work, which they think particularly benefits our most able students. They have already put the word out, so we have had several requests from schools all over the country to pay us a visit.

As I have mentioned in my EBS News stories on a number of occasions, I find it so inspiring when a student comes to my office or stops me in the corridor to say, "Sir, I have found this money on the floor". This has happened on several occasions this year and it makes me realise how the EBS ethos of 'doing the right thing' has been adopted by the huge majority of our students. I can see this in the faces of the students who hand over such money because they are clearly making a statement that their honour is far more important than money. All those students know who they are; I could not be more proud of them.

On Friday, 3rd July, we celebrated the loyalty of seven members of staff who have given the school 30+ years of outstanding service. All of them are still as passionate about our school as I am and carry the ethos with them in all that they do. This may be my 18th year at EBS, but to them, I am probably still the new Headteacher! I would like to thank and congratulate Mr Hallam, Mrs Reid, Mr Chatterton, Mrs Christou, Mr White, Mrs Brennan, and Mr Gillitt for the fabulous contribution they have made to the education of so many generations of students at EBS.

I wish all members of the EBS community a wonderful summer break.

N. Christou  
Headteacher





SPORTS DAY  
10TH JULY '15  
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## CAROLINE GREEN WRITER IN RESIDENCE

I have just completed my third year as East Barnet School's Writer in Residence and my weekly visits continue to be a highlight of my working life.

There is something about the atmosphere here that makes it feel like a particularly welcoming environment. It could be the clever design (so much light!) but maybe it's just something about the school's open, friendly feel.

I have enjoyed working with Mrs Colangelo-Lillis and Miss Pieri from the English Department for Triple E School this year. We worked with Year 7, helping them produce online picture books through the excellent Storybird website and it has been wonderful to read the imaginative stories produced by the students.

The lunchtime Carnegie book club, run by Mrs Colangelo-Lillis, was also great fun and we had some lively discussions in the group on the question of what makes a book an award-winning title.

But the real highlight of my Thursday afternoons continues to be my after-school writing club, which has gone from strength to strength. From a handful of regular students in the first year, we now have about fifteen committed club members and their work manages to surprise and delight me every single week. Some of their best work features

in an end of year anthology, which will be available in the library for anyone who would like to know more about the work we do.

It has been my pleasure to be East Barnet's Writer in Residence for another year and I look forward to the new term starting in September.

Caroline Green



# RESIDENCY PROGRAMME

## LARA SPAREY DESIGNER IN RESIDENCE

The completed Wall of Wonder presented a welcome return for students and staff at the beginning of this school year. With final adjustments being made in the summer holidays the wall twirled and clunked its way into the school day. The wall is now very much part of the school's infrastructure and I would like to thank the EBS team who were involved throughout.



This year we have been working on the EBS timeline, again a major wall installation to wrap around the exterior wall of the auditorium. The frieze will highlight moments in time from the Big Bang to present day and provide a valuable learning aid for all subjects.

The EBS Design Team have helped design the layout of the timeline and have been invaluable in collating historical references and relevant images to correspond with each 'moment' in history.

We have many exciting design projects in the pipeline for the up and coming year and I would like to encourage all students to come and be part of the talented and enthusiastic EBS Design Team.

The Design Team meets every Thursday lunchtime in room 219.

Lara Sparey



GORDON WARNECKE  
ACTOR IN RESIDENCE

This year I have been working with the Year 7 Triple E classes on a six week cycle on a Thursday afternoon as well as a lunchtime drama club comprising of Years 7 and 8 on the same day.

The Triple E class has been going very well and I hope the students are enjoying it as much as I am. Whenever I begin a new class, the first thing I ask them is to leave their pens and pencils in their bags and just bring their imagination into the room. Apart from the obvious delight that they, the students, do not have to do any written work for the following 50 minutes, their overall enthusiasm and willingness to participate in improvisations as well as starting each class with a gentle physical and vocal work out, has been approached with great vigour and some fantastic work has come out of it. Many of the students have done drama before and those who are slightly shy are soon joining in with the rest of their friends. The joy for me has been, and always will be, to see young people being allowed to express themselves in a relaxed environment and, apart from having fun, to also learn about themselves and each other through drama.

The lunchtime drama class has been rolling along and is attended by students on a voluntary basis. Sometimes there are as many as 15 in the class, which is great to see,

especially as they are giving up their lunchtimes. It is a really fun and mad, almost hysterical 50 minutes and it is fantastic to see Years 7 and 8 working together. It is usually the same students who turn up (only two girls, the rest are boys, so it would be nice to get more of a balance) and once the class has finished I am totally revved up for the Triple E class that follows straight after.

Looking forward to the next term already!!

Gordon Warnecke



AMME 2014 - 2015



560 BCE: Buddha  
230 BCE: Pyramids  
500 million years ago: First Fish  
400 million years ago: First Forest  
230 million years ago: First Dinosaurs  
2.6 million years ago: Ice age  
1564-1616: Shakespeare  
1790: Industrial Revolution  
1812-1870: Charles Dickens  
1875: Alexander Graham Bell  
1876: First practical telephone  
1881-1955: Alexander Fleming  
1914-1918: WW1  
1922: Discovered  
1928: Penicillin  
1948: NHS Founded  
1939-1945: WW2  
1874-1965: Winston Churchill  
1881-1995: Martin Luther King, Jr.

# SPORTS ROUND-UP 2014 - 2015

## ATHLETICS

62 students in Years 7-10 travelled to Allianz Park for the Barnet Schools Athletics Championships this year. Based on our record breaking result last year (10 team medals), it was always going to be a difficult task to repeat the success. The day got off to a great start in the field, with a number of our students picking up medals, these included:

Ruth O. 1st Shot  
Mel M. 2nd Discus  
Alexa T. 3rd High Jump  
Ellis R. 2nd Triple Jump

Agata G. 3rd Shot  
Amanda C. 3rd Discus  
Ellis R. 1st Long Jump

Our students did remarkably well in the track finals:

Jamie G. 1st 1500m  
Abi W. 1st 75m Hurdles  
Stefania C. 3rd 80m Hurdles  
Imogen S. 2nd 800m

Frankie R. 3rd 800m  
Beth H. 2nd 800m  
Imogen S. 3rd 300m

Our Year 7 Girls then topped off the afternoon with 2nd place in the 4x100m relay.

EBS came home with a new record of 15 medals and overall we finished in 5th place!!! The team placings were as follows:

Year 7 Girls – 3rd  
Year 8 Girls – 4th  
Year 9 Girls – 2nd  
Year 10 Girls – 6th

Year 7 Boys – 8th  
Year 8 Boys – 11th  
Year 9 Boys – 9th  
Year 10 Boys – 7th



On 9th June, Molly H. won the Middlesex Championships with a shotput throw of 10.20m (potentially far enough to allow her to represent at the English Schools Competition).

## BADMINTON

It has been another successful year for EBS Badminton with the Year 9 Boys becoming KS4 Bronze medallists and KS3 Silver medallists in the Barnet Competition and the Girls becoming Bronze medallists in the KS3 Barnet Competition. The successful competitors were:

Boys                      Theo D., James H., Connor W.,  
Tom F., Olly M.

Girls                      Agata G., Abbey W., Millie G.,  
Beth H.



## BASKETBALL

Our boys Basketball teams have made another step forwards, and are now competing well on a borough level. Most notable were our Year 7s, who made it through to the Barnet Schools' Cup semi-final, narrowly losing out 20-15 to Mill Hill County (see picture below).



However, special mention should go to our senior team (pictured below) who, for the first time in over a decade, played their way through to the borough final. Having beaten many top sides along the way, they were faced with their biggest challenge yet, the unbeaten team from London Academy. With a squad size of only eight, compared to the 15 of London Academy, it was always going to be a very tough ask. The game started well for East Barnet, leading the early exchanges. By half-time East Barnet were down by just six points. As the game progressed, East Barnet began to tire, but never gave in, eventually losing 74-64. The spirit, effort and teamwork of East Barnet were brilliant, and if it weren't for the 50 points scored by one London Academy player, it could have been a different outcome. The boys are a fabulous testament to the progress East Barnet School has made in Basketball and hopefully it will inspire many younger students to follow in their footsteps.



## CRICKET

### Year 8 Indoor

Well done to the boys for being Barnet League runners up, narrowly losing to Christ College in the final. Good luck next year!



### Outdoor Cricket

It's been another fabulous year for all of our cricket teams. After 29 matches and a win success rate of 59%, our Year 7, 8 and 9 teams just narrowly missed out on the borough finals. However, our Year 10 team, made it through to the

Barnet Borough League Final for the 4th year in a row! They will play Finchley Catholic again (for the 4th time), and if history repeats itself (Year 7 - Finchley, Year 8 - EBS, Year 9 - Finchley), it should be our year again! The final will be played on September 11th at Cockfosters CC. In addition, they also made the Middlesex Cup semi-final (again), this time, just beaten by a fabulous team from Highgate school.

## CRICKET STATS

From all of our results, the top 10 batsmen and bowlers are listed below, as well as our fantasy team!

### GOLDEN BATSMEN (TOP 10)

Name	Team	Total Runs	Average
Charlie B.	10	297	59
Alex W.	10	51	51
Zain M.	7	72	24
Ellis R.	10	114	19
Tom H.	7	37	19
Sam B.	10	61	15
Faraz S.	8	36	12
Harshil V.	9	23	12
Alex M.	8	44	11
Nikhil P.	10	41	10

### GOLDEN BOWLER (TOP 10)

Name	Team	Overs	Runs	Wkts	Ave	Econ
Sadat M.	10	5.3	28	6	4.67	5.28
Charlie B.	10	20.2	63	12	5.25	3.12
Shaan P.	7	6	42	7	6.00	7.00
Dhikash U.	10	3	15	2	7.50	5.00
Maxx N.	10	1.4	15	2	7.50	10.71
Usman A.	8	18	86	10	8.60	4.78
Muneeb M.	9	8	58	6	9.67	7.25
Paddy O.	7	2	11	1	11.00	5.50
Ben O.	8	11	80	6	13.33	7.27
Jack N.	9	5	44	3	14.67	8.80

### CRICKET FANTASY TEAM

Number	Name	Year	Discipline
1	Alex W.	10	Bat
2	Zain M.	7	Bat
3	Ellis R.	10	Bat
4	Tom H.	7	Bat
5	Sam B.	10	Bat / WK
6	Charlie B.	10	Bat / Bowl
7	Sadat M.	10	Bowl
8	Shaan P.	7	Bowl
9	Dhikash U.	10	Bowl
10	Maxx N.	10	Bowl
11	Usman A.	8	Bowl

## CROSS COUNTRY



It was a successful cross country season seeing a record number of students regularly attending training each week and competing in the Barnet races at Allianz Park. The following students finished in the top 10 this season:

**Year 7**

Max B.  
Tom H.  
Josh A-X.  
Holly T.

**Year 8**

Holly G.

**Year 9**

Ewan J.  
Giacomo R.  
Beth H.

**Year 10**

Jamie G.

**Year 11**

Raul P-S.  
Bella S-T.  
Molly H.

**Year 12**

Charlotte J.

Certain students progressed to compete for Barnet in the Middlesex Championships:

Year 12: Charlotte J., Year 11: Raul S-P, Molly H., Year 10: Jamie G., Year 9: Ewan J., Darryl W., and Year 8: Beth H., Holly G.



Our greatest success came from Charlotte J. who finished 3rd in the Middlesex Championships and then went on to represent Middlesex at the English Schools Championships in Lancashire where she competed against the best runners in the country.

## MINI MARATHON

February saw our most committed and enthusiastic runners qualify for the London Mini Marathon representing Barnet: Molly H., Charlotte J., Darryl W., Ewan J., and Jamie G. and Enfield: Beth H. and Lily R.



## DANCE

The EBS Dance Group performed at the Barnet Dance Festival on 10th March at the Artsdepot. The group took the audience by storm, producing a piece named "Speakeasy Fusion"; partying in the middle of a war blitz! Hits included 'Shake a Tail Feather' and 'Pencil Full of Lead'. The girls rehearsed early mornings to get the piece perfect for the depot stage. And not only did the girls perform brilliantly but they conducted themselves in a professional way that EBS should be proud of.



## BOYS FOOTBALL

**Year 7**

The Year 7 footballers battled hard this year against teams from a very strong U12 Barnet Schools League. They progressed all the way through to the final of the Plate Competition; defeating Archer Academy 7-1 in the quarter-final and St Andrew's 13-0 in the semi-final. Compton were the opponents in the final, and despite starting with confidence, EBS were losing 4-0 in the first half. A brave second half performance saw them pull back two goals, but unfortunately they were unable to recover from the first half damage and lost 5-2. Good luck for next year, boys!



**Year 8**

The Year 8 footballers had a very successful campaign this year, becoming Year 8 Barnet Schools Football Cup Champions! Our boys defeated The Wren Academy 3-2 in an epic final which started with us conceding. Through sheer hardwork and determination the EBS boys battled back and with a truly brilliant team performance, they earned a well deserved victory.



## Year 8 & 9

The Year 8s and 9s joined forces for the football season and having a wider pool of players to choose from certainly gave Mr Glancy and Mr Marriott a headache when it came to working out tactics and agreeing formations! Although there was more competition for places, it didn't stop healthy turn-outs to weekly training sessions and a genuine sense of optimism for the season ahead. Wins didn't come easily at first as the team took time to gel, but greater achievements were to surface in the cup with success in the Barnet Plate Competition. Rousing wins against Bishop Douglass and a thrilling 3-2 victory over London Academy in the final ensured the boys could look back on their season with a great deal of pride and satisfaction. Stand out players for Year 8 were James H. (midfield) and James H. (goalkeeper) whilst the Vetrano twins in Year 9 often pitched in with important goals and 'never-say-die' performances. Well done to all who played in a most enjoyable season.



## Year 11

After successfully defeating Compton 3-2 in the semi-final, with Luke F. scoring a truly stunning goal, Year 11 reached the final of the Barnet League. It was always going to be a tough game away to London Academy and the game finished 1-1 even after extra-time, which meant penalties. After eight penalties it was 3-3 and it was down to the final two. Time for heroes! Joe T. of EBS pulled off a fine save to keep London Academy out and Yaw A., (Captain since Year 7), scored in a cool and calm way. Barnet League Champions! The boys showed great class and sportsmanship by congratulating the other team before taking part in huge celebrations; they thoroughly deserved their success. Many congratulations!

## Year 10

The boys had an impressive season, making the semi-finals of the Barnet League and County Cup, with the biggest success coming in the National and County Cup. The boys had an amazing run in the National Cup, reaching the last 16, losing out to the eventual runners up. Their greatest triumph was the County Cup, where they made the final (for the second time). This year, they were not to be undone, playing a great Claremont side. After extra time with a 1-1 scoreline, penalties decided the winners. EBS missed two, but three successful penalties later, and three saves from Charlie B. earned them a much deserved trophy. Well done!



## Senior Football

The 1st XI achieved 5th place in the Middlesex League and the semi-final in the Barnet Cup. Stand out performers were Alfie P. with 15 goals and Charlie H. and Jason W. who rotated in goal due to a lack of permanent goalkeeper. Well done!



## GOLDEN SCORER (TOP 10)

Name	Year	Appearances	Goals	Ratio
Jake M.	8/9	7	10	1.43
Luke M.	7	9	11	1.22
Isiaiah B.	10	16	19	1.19
Ellis R.	10	15	16	1.07
Ollie K.	8/9	2	2	1
Luke F.	11	4	4	1
Florin P.	8/9	1	1	1
Abdou G.	8/9	7	7	1
Alfie P.	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	17	15	0.88
Mabruck M.	11	4	3	0.75

## GOLDEN GOALKEEPER (TOP 3)

Name	Year	Appearances	Clean Sheets	Ratio
Sam B.	10	16	6	0.38
Will M.	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	3	1	0.33
Charlie H.	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	3	1	0.33

## GOLDEN TEAM

Year	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points	Max Points	Win %	Points %
7	10	3	1	6	35	42	-7	10	30	30	33.33
8/9	12	8	0	4	46	28	18	24	36	60.67	66.67
10	17	13	1	3	51	14	37	40	51	76.47	78.43
11	5	3	1	1	15	12	3	10	15	60	66.67
1st XI	19	8	2	9	43	40	3	26	57	42.11	45.61

## FANTASY TEAM OF THE YEAR



## GIRLS FOOTBALL

**Under 13s**

Our U13s played well this year, but the competition was of a very high standard. The girls always played with a smile and determination, winning some fantastic indoor games against The Totteridge Academy and The Wren in the Barnet League; but we didn't secure enough points to make it to the play-offs.

**Under 14s**

It was an amazing season of girls football, with our U14s becoming the first ever girls team to get through to the Middlesex Final. We played in all conditions, from muddy pitches to the Brunel University first pitch surrounded by an

athletics track where Usain Bolt trained! The girls played as a team, full of encouragement and respect for each other and their opponents. In every game, there were some amazing goals: top corners; dribbling the ball from our own half passing opposing defenders; and magical skills from Chloe P., Olivia C. and Zoe B. to pass the ball to Olivia K. to see the back of the net. In the final, we played with determination but unfortunately Drayton Manor had some outstanding players and they won the game. Thank you for a wonderful football season and bring on 2015/2016 where we are entered into the U16 competition.

## INTER-HOUSE

Inter-house competition is a sporting competition that takes place every Thursday lunch time. Students compete in their house against the other houses and gain points depending on where they finish. The sports they have competed in this year are: basketball, cricket, trampolining, dodgeball, athletics, football and table tennis.

This year's winners were 'Murray'.

## INTER-HOUSE SPORTS COMPETITION

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
1st	Chama	Chama	Murray	Murray
2nd	Murray	Keller	Keller	Keller
3rd	Keller	Tutu	Tutu	Chama
4th	Tutu	Murray	Chama	Tutu

## NETBALL

This year was very successful for Netball which saw EBS teams entered for the first time in Year 7, 8, 9 and 10. What a season!

**Year 7**

The Year 7 team coached by Year 12s Alice L. and Isabel F. was our most enthusiastic bunch of netballers. They started off well by winning at Ashmole and qualified for the winners tournament at the end of the season. They played really well in the tournament but just missed out by 1 point to get into the semi-final. They will definitely be a team to watch next year.

**Year 8**

The Year 8 team could be compared to Arsenal; started off slowly but got better and better, scoring lots of goals in the second half of the season. EBS qualified for the play-offs but unfortunately were outplayed by the winners of the South League. This Year 8 team will be a winning team next year.

**Year 9**

The Year 9 team have played some outstanding Netball all year, but the level in the Borough has just been too good this year. The Year 9s had so many close matches just losing by one goal. I am sure 2015/2016 will be your year.

## Year 10

The Year 10 Netball Team had an outstanding season, winning the Barnet Netball Tournament at the start of the year and then remaining unbeaten in all league fixtures. As a result of a successful Barnet league, the Year 10 Netball Team qualified for the winners' tournament held at St James School in March. The team was unbeatable with fantastic middle court play from Erika G., Claire G. and Lisa G.. The strong defence made up of Dominique H., Mel M., and Lizzie meant that it was near impossible for other teams to score. Rae T. and Lauren kept their eye on the goal and scored some fantastic shots, making East Barnet School the 2014/15 Barnet Champions. A truly amazing and thoroughly deserved achievement. But most importantly, the etiquette that they displayed, both whilst playing and receiving their winner's medals, was a very proud moment.



## ROUNDERS

### Year 8

The Year 8 girls played exceptionally well in such a close competition. The campaign started with a game against Compton who had some exceptional fielders that repeatedly got us out at first base. As the tournament progressed, we played St Martha's and this time we won by a few rounders. The girls played with determination and great leadership. In all, we came second in the tournament.



### Year 10

The Year 10 girls played the annual Rounders Tournament at Compton School on a beautiful sunny afternoon. We started off slowly losing our first game by 1 run but we went on to be the runners up in the group stages. Semi-finals were next and we played Whitefield. With some superb hitting from Lisa G. and Erika G. we made our way with ease to the final. We had previously played Henrietta Barnett in the group stages and lost, but this time we knew how they played. The game came down to the last ball and unfortunately we lost by half a rounder. Unlucky, girls, but well done, your sportsmanship was excellent.

## RUGBY

### Year 7 & 8

Considering a few of these students picked up a rugby ball for the first time this year, the standard of play was very high. The Year 7 team battled their way into the semi-finals, and were unlucky to lose a close, great game to the eventual winners, Mill Hill County. Taylor Bremner-Davies finished as the top try scorer. The Year 8 team reached one stage further, losing in the final to a very strong Finchley team. Both year groups were commended for their courage and attitude throughout.

### Year 9 & 10

The standard of rugby being played across the borough is ever advancing and nowhere is that more noticeable than at East Barnet. Both year groups played some fantastic stuff and both would have qualified for the semi-finals until a change in the structure resulted in just a final being played. Ellis R. finished top try scorer for the 10s, with Sam J., Frankie T. and James H. sharing the spoils in Year 9. A special mention to the 'pitbull' Josh D. in Year 10, for the finest display of tackling ever seen, in the most terrible of conditions.



## SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS



It was a talented group of boys and girls selected from their marks, set in PE lessons, that represented EBS at the Barnet Schools Sports Hall Athletics competition. The Year 7 girls team finished 2nd, the Year 7 and 8 boys teams 3rd and the Year 8 girls team came 5th in what was a really competitive, noisy but incredibly exciting series of competitions.

## SPORTS LEADERS

This year has been another successful one in developing and nurturing our leaders of the future. 20 students have successfully completed their Sports Leaders Level 2 Award. This involved having to attend a weekly additional class before school, helping assist sports clubs, organising Inter-House competitions and the running of primary school festivals. These really are a great group of students and they should be really proud of the way they have conducted themselves and matured into fine young leaders.



## SQUASH

Congratulations to Abbie W. who represented Barnet in Squash for the London Youth Games. Her team came 3rd and won the bronze medal which is a fantastic achievement. Well done!



## SWIMMING

On Sunday 15th March, three EBS students (Imogen S., Jamie G. and Holly G.) competed at the Crystal Palace National Aquatic Centre, at the London Schools Games. All three swam well, setting various personal bests, with Imogen S. gaining a bronze medal in the 100m Backstroke. Overall, EBS placed 37th out of over 100 schools.



## TENNIS

## Year 7 &amp; 8

This was the first time that East Barnet have entered a tennis league and the team comprised of a mixture of Year 7 and 8 students. The boys competed against four other schools and finished third. It is pleasing to see tennis taking off in the area and the boys should be proud of their efforts. Well done to Aaron L., Max G., Luke W., Ben N., Kyri W. and Boris T..

## Year 10

The boys made an excellent start to their league, winning their first fixture by 12 points to nil. The competition did get more challenging throughout the season, with excellent tennis being displayed. The boys finished in 3rd position, which is a great effort for their first season. Well done to Chris K., Emiel D., Harry D. and Alex W..



## TRAMPOLINING

The annual Barnet Trampolining Competition took place at EBS on Thursday 19th March and once again East Barnet proved to be extremely successful. The hours of training from all students paid off and we walked away with several individual and team prizes. The students all tried incredibly hard and performed some outstanding routines which were scored very highly by the panel of judges. Everybody involved had a great time and we look forward to continued success next year...keeeeeeeep bouncing!

- Year 7 Girls Team: 1st Place  
Gold Medal: Amelia P-C.  
Bronze Medal: Grace M.
- Year 8 Girls Team: 3rd Place  
Gold Medal: Dalia A.
- Year 9 Girls Team: 3rd Place
- Year 10/11 Girls Team: 2nd Place
- Year 8 Boys Team: 2nd Place  
Silver Medal: Archie H.
- Year 9 Boys Team: 2nd Place
- Year 10/11 Boys Team: 1st Place  
Silver Medal: Jack W.



## VOLLEYBALL

EBS entered three Year 9 boys teams into the annual Barnet Schools Volleyball Championships, chosen because of the huge progress they have made in their PE lessons with Mr Carrington. Despite playing a year up, they were excellent finishing 2nd, 3rd and 4th respectively. The eventual winners were a Year 10 squad from Whitefield. Roll on next year!



## TRIATHLON

On the 5th July, seven East Barnet students competed in the 2015 Supertri Triathlon at Dorney Lake in Eton. Charlotte J., Elle H. (Year 12) and Molly H. (Year 11) completed a course consisting of a 400 metre swim, a 10.6km bike ride, and a 2.9km run. The girls described how exciting it was to be a part of such a great event. They all finished one after another, with Charlotte coming 12th overall with a time of 44:26 minutes, Elle 13th with a time of 45:18 minutes and finally Molly was 14th with 46:02 minutes. Jack N., Ewan J., Giacomo R. (Year 9) and Jacob H. (Year 8) completed a course consisting of a 300 metre swim, a 10.6 km bike ride, and a 2.9km run. They all completed the course in very respectable times considering this was their first Triathlon! Jack was 26th (42:40 minutes), Ewan 37th (43:28 minutes), Giacomo 58th (47:05 minutes) and Jacob 71st (49:39 minutes). Well done all of you!



## GET INVOLVED

Sport is a great way to stay fit, make friends, have fun and bring out some competitive spirit! There are a wide variety of teams and clubs to get involved with at EBS. If you are keen to join in, talk to one of the PE staff. Congratulations and well done to everyone who got involved this year.

## GIFTED AND TALENTED

Another exciting and eventful year. Our students have had the chance to extend their learning experiences and show their talent through the various opportunities on offer at EBS. This would not be possible without the effort and dedication of our inspirational members of staff. Here, we have included highlights from every faculty.

J. Gillespie, J. Alford and M. Hassan

## ENGLISH

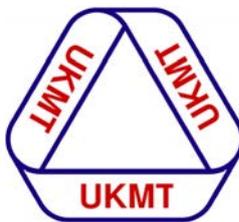
A range of different activities and trips have been offered to East Barnet students this year to further develop and foster their enjoyment and success in English and English Literature. Many of these were aimed at all students: the Year 13 Language students visiting a local nursery school to observe 'child language acquisition; the Year 12 Literature trip to Canterbury, linked to their study of Chaucer's 'Wife of Bath'; many Year 11 students attended the Poetry Live event at the South Bank and got to hear poets on the GCSE syllabus perform and discuss some of their famous poems; the Year 10 trip to the Victoria and Albert Museum to watch recorded performances of their Literature drama texts (Priestley's 'An Inspector Calls' and Miller's 'A View From the Bridge'); Year 8 students all got to work with the school's writer in residence Caroline Green and the popular day spent at The Globe Theatre by Year 7 students who had recently studied Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. Following on from its successful trial last year, the Golden Pen handwriting competition (writing a Shakespearean sonnet) was done this year by all, yes – all, students in the school. Thanks to the PTA for helping to making this possible!



There were also varied and exciting opportunities that students could choose to take part in. For the Carnegie Shadowing scheme, students read the short-listed books for this teenage fiction award, discussed their views with Mrs Colangelo-Lillis and Caroline Green and chose their 'pick' for the winning novel. The New Views script writing workshops and competition to have an original play performed by professional actors from the National Theatre was also popular again this year. Similarly, the We Read event – an opportunity to read recently published novels and a chance to meet their authors at University College School in Hampstead – was again a tremendous success. 30 Year 9 students were fortunate to be selected to go to the Guardian Newspaper and learned about journalism and created their own front pages. Also, in Year 11 we have offered a range of English GCSE sessions throughout the year aimed at the A/A\* group.

The weekly Writer's Club run by Caroline Green continues to produce some phenomenal pieces of creative writing. Their blog on the school's website is well worth a visit, as is the Literacy Leader's blog which has some thought-provoking and challenging articles to explore.

## MATHS



On the 30th April, 20 Year 8 very able mathematicians took part in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge. This is a national competition which involves answering 25 very difficult multiple choice questions in an hour under exam conditions. As usual, our students performed extremely well, achieving gold, silver and bronze certificates. Well done to Aaliyah R., who qualified for the next round of the challenge, (The Kangaroo).

The Maths Faculty continues to provide opportunities for more able mathematicians to extend their learning. This year, students in Year 9 have started their study of the GCSE course at the beginning of the spring term, seven students in Year 10 completed their GCSE course and sat the exam this year and three Year 11 students were entered for the first module of the AS course.

## SCIENCE



In July 2014, Bethany H. and Dominic H. were part of an EBS team that won the London Borough of Barnet Science challenge day. Their reward was to represent Barnet in the Southern England Science Challenge Championship. On 6th January, Bethany and Dominic went to the prestigious Kings College University on the Strand in central London to compete against 12 other winning schools from all over Southern England. Paired with two students from Mill Hill County, they set about designing, building and programming a robot to undertake certain tasks. In the ultimate test and

presentation their Robot was judged by a panel of experts to be the runner up out of 12, (their robot actually performed the best, however, another school's presentation was a little more eye catching).

Bethany and Dominic represented themselves and the school in an outstanding manner all day and should be very proud of their achievement

Congratulations to both of them!

## HUMANITIES

This year the Humanities Faculty have been developing new assessment frameworks so that all students including the most able are stretched to the best of their ability. All Key Stage 3 lessons next year will have these new methods of formative and summative assessment rolled out. Philosophy club continues to be run weekly by Miss Robb with Sixth Form students leading many of the discussions. The faculty also continues to run Key Stage 3 trips allowing students of all abilities to be stretched and learn outside of their comfort zones. Some of the trips students have enjoyed include the Tower of London in Year 7, Lee Valley Farm in Year 8 and the newly refurbished Imperial War Museum in Year 9. Mr Vincent has run essay writing skills sessions for more able Sixth Form students to allow them to access the very top grades and develop their general literacy skills. Sixth Form students have also been doing their leadership in various Humanities lessons working with individuals and groups to help stretch them. Year 13 History students have also attended seminars, covering topics beyond the syllabus, including more conceptual topics such as counter-factual ('what-if') history. All Year 12 students will also attend the RE conference at the end of the year, a chance to apply their analytical skills to new and interesting topics.



## MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

This year has seen many events taking place in the Modern Foreign Languages Faculty. Throughout the year, Year 9 and Year 10 students had the opportunity to attend several plays where actors performed in French, German and Spanish. The students found this to be an invaluable experience.

To assist younger and older students, Year 12 and 13 supported classes and individual pupils in lower years, as well as helping with speaking assessments at KS3 and KS4 in all languages. On top of this, an ex Year 13 student who studied 'A' Level Spanish visited EBS to speak to Year 12 Spanish students about studying languages at university and of her experience of spending a year in Madrid. Students have found all aspects of this programme useful and informative.

## SOCIAL SCIENCES

Year 10 Business Studies students were involved in an Enterprise challenge called My Bank, where they had to create a business to market and sell a product.

Our Year 10 and Year 11 Health and Social Care students had a very busy year. They were visited by the London Ambulance Service and Great Ormond Street Hospital. This allowed the students to learn about the great work done at these organisations. Furthermore, Year 10 students visited Brookhill Nursery and Noah's Ark about the work that is done at these two establishments.

Barnet's Green Party candidate for this year's election was invited to give a talk to Year 12 and 13 Politics students. As part of their studies, Year 12 students went on a visit to the Houses of Parliament.

## PE

The PE department continues to run its successful fast track GCSE course, with 14 Year 10 students sitting their exam early. The course is also set up for next year with 16 Year 9 students already a year into the programme. There is a significant interest from the current Year 8 students who want to start the course in September.

The department also offers a sports leadership course, a number of students attend study sessions every Thursday morning. At the end of the course, students will gain a qualification in sports leadership. Sports Leaders assist in many of the primary schools sports events where they lead and run competitions both at EBS and external locations.

In order to maximise the chances of the most able GCSE students achieving Grade A\*, the PE Department decided to increase the teaching opportunity of competitive swimming strokes and personal survival. To make this possible, a local swimming pool was hired, where students attended the required training sessions.

## LECTURE FROM DANNY COHEN

On 26th of September and in front of a very responsive staff and student audience, Sixth Formers Amber M. & Jasmine M., along with two other students Ben D. and Thomas H., welcomed to our school and interviewed the Director of BBC Television, Danny Cohen. They asked him a series of challenging questions including topics around the Jimmy Saville case, and the general neutrality of BBC news reporting. Despite the challenging nature of the questioning, Danny Cohen was happy to answer them with ease and detail. It was not only a great insight into what Danny himself does on a daily basis, but it was also a chance to get a feel for the journalistic world. Whilst providing our students with confident and strong responses, he also managed to make them laugh a few times, especially when informing them of his favourite musical artists!



## LECTURE FROM PROFESSOR JAMES CRABBE

On 17th of April, our Sixth Form and GCSE students attended a lecture by the renowned Biologist and climate change researcher, Professor James Crabbe. Professor Crabbe has won a number of awards for his work, including the Earth Watch international award for climate change research. He talked to our students about the effect of global warming on coral reefs and the lives of people who depend on them. At the end of his talk, Professor Crabbe answered many questions from a very enthusiastic audience, who were keen to learn more about the effect of climate change on the future of our planet.



## LITERACY ACROSS THE CURRICULUM - BOOKS ABOUT TOWN PROJECT

In the Autumn term, we launched a project in association with the National Literacy Trust called 'Books about Town', featuring a series of park benches, individually designed in the theme of different books. Artwork has been produced by top international and local artists to celebrate stories linked to London, and to promote reading for enjoyment. The benches, shaped as open books, were unveiled in various locations across London in Autumn 2014. Over the previous summer holidays, we held a 'Book Bench Selfie' competition where students had to locate as many 'book benches' as they could around the capital. A huge congratulations to Ruth S. in 9G who located all 50 benches!



The English Faculty joined forces with the Art and Technology Faculties to promote the importance of Literacy across the school. We held a design competition, where students would have the opportunity to have their designs painted on the bench and displayed in the school grounds. We had an overwhelming number of entries for the competition, and it was a tough decision to narrow it down to our finalists! Congratulations to our winners Katie-Mia D. 7G, Beth P. 7A, Emma T. 8B, Waseem B. 8B, Omed Z. 9D, and Sam J. 9C for their fantastic designs! With the help of our talented 'A' Level artists Marina L., Erin W. and Lucy C-B., the bench is now a work in progress. A huge thank you to our Librarians and to Mr Glancy and Mr Jenkins for their expertise in Art and Design! Well done to everybody who took part in this fantastic project!



## KARAKURI COMPETITION

Congratulations to all the students that took part in the Karakuri competition; the quality was very high this year! The best yet! A special congratulations goes to the winners of the Amazon vouchers; Porter L. in 8D for her 'Cat and Mouse', Archie Z. in 8F for the 'Kebab Man' and Jasmine H. in 8B for the 'Watermill'.

## YEAR 7 HISTORY CASTLE COMPETITION

All students in Year 7 designed and built their own castles this year. We were incredibly impressed with the quality of students' work and saw a host of different designs ranging from motte and bailey, to stone keep and concentric ring castles. Most designs were historically accurate and incredibly creative with some brilliant details like handmade mini vegetables and animals. Each form voted for the best castle from their class and then the History Department had the tough job of deciding the top three. After much deliberation we awarded third place to Dawid K. in 7E, with a particularly impressive working drawbridge and peasant living quarters. Second place went to Luke L. and Taylor B-D. in 7A, who had used really inventive materials and created realistic textures. In first place, Lucy D. in 7D created a really realistic motte and bailey castle and had even used real moss to cover the base of her design. Well done to all involved!



## 2015 ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY

This year's art and photography show was another roaring success, in what has become an annual celebration of all the wonderful talent we have here at East Barnet School. Visitors were treated to a spectacular display of some of the finest GCSE and 'A' Level art and photography work that can be seen anywhere in the country.

We are rightly proud of the determination and perseverance that our students have demonstrated over the last year. Each year our students succeed in bettering themselves with the breathtaking quality of their work; the work produced by students of East Barnet is of an incredibly professional quality. After witnessing the enjoyment of those who attended the exhibition, I am confident in saying that they would agree.

An example of work that was on show can be seen on pages 20 - 21 (the centre pages) and a full gallery of the work can be seen on the East Barnet School website.



## STUDENT LEADERSHIP

2014/15 has seen a significant increase in Student Leadership opportunities at EBS. Leaders of the future are developing in a number of specialist subject areas and students are taking on leadership roles within their form groups too. Form Captains continue to aid the smooth running of registration in the morning and afternoons and act as positive role models around school, influencing school decisions on a number of issues.

Overall, it has been an exciting year with regards to Student Leadership at East Barnet School. We look forward to creating even more opportunities to develop our students into future leaders next year!

Mr G. Carrington and Ms L. Coffill

## PE

This year, the PE Department has continued its work in developing high quality Sports Leaders. 20 students have successfully completed their Level 2 Award in Sports Leadership. This involved having to attend a weekly additional class before school, help assist sports clubs, organise Inter-house competitions and the running of primary school festivals. A key part of being a Sports Leader is to promote physical activity and engage other students into taking part in sport. All of our leaders have designed and delivered their own sports competitions, which has seen over 200 children take part in their Inter-house competitions in cycling, football, dance, dodgeball and athletics.

Our Sports Leaders have also played a key role in supporting our local primary schools by helping them to deliver after school clubs such as the work that Rhys C., Daniel C. and Alex H. have been doing with the Danegrove after school football club. The Year 10 Sports Leaders have also helped to run Barnet Primary Schools Competitions in Tag Rugby and Golf. These really are a great group of students and should be really proud of the way they have conducted themselves and matured into fine young leaders.



Year 10 Sports Leaders (Edward L. and Rhys C.) lead a session at Cycling Club.

## MUSIC

This year saw a new leadership opportunity arise in the Music Department. Last Autumn, around 30 talented and hard-working musicians were asked to put on a short performance for a group of Year 7 students that had expressed interest in learning a musical instrument. The Music Leaders then delivered a workshop for the Year 7s in order for them to try out a number of new instruments. The leaders inspired many of those present at the workshop and went on to deliver six individual lessons to one or two of the Year 7 students on their instruments. This gave some of the Year 7s a chance to learn a new instrument for free and the leaders a chance to develop their private tutoring skills!

The Music Leaders have also helped oversee the practice rooms at lunchtimes, have produced extra PowerPoints for the music display on the 60 Year Clock and have been a help during music lessons. Two of our Year 8 leaders are even planning to start their own a cappella singing group for younger students as part of their leadership work! The Music Leaders are now collating the evidence of all of their hard work in a folder, which will enable them to achieve an accredited leadership award from the SSAT.



Carys J. (8E) leads a music workshop for Year 7 students.

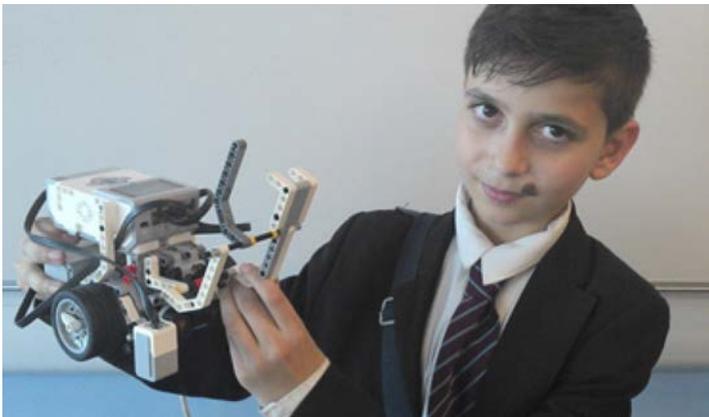
## MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Ms Berger and the MFL department continue to produce excellent Language Leaders, who are an inspiration to younger students at EBS as well as many primary school children they have helped to deliver sessions for. This year, 12 Language Leaders acted as ambassadors for French, German and Spanish during Open Evening, answering many questions from parents and children visiting the school. They also spoke to Year 9 students about taking Languages GCSEs after Options Evening. The Language Leaders have planned and taught language sessions to Year 7 students at lunchtime and have run a series of language workshops for children from St Mary's Primary School. The leaders will receive an accredited Language Leaders Award on completion of the course.

## COMPUTING

This year has seen Computing Ambassadors appointed for all KS3 classes. These students were identified by the computing teachers as having an interest and aptitude for computing beyond the norm for their year. The Computing Ambassadors have been helping to run extra-curricular robotics and computing clubs, where team leadership is key.

Their role is to develop leadership skills by managing teams of students in lesson activities and by finding innovative solutions to computing problems. They are able to disseminate knowledge and help when others have difficulties in lessons. In addition, the ambassadors are a point of contact for any computing-related problems in form groups for students and for staff. Under the guidance of Mr Warr and the IT Technicians they are now helping to improve computing across the school.



*Mario V., a Computer Ambassador, demonstrates how to use a robot he designed and built.*

## SCIENCE

2014/15 has seen the launch of Science Club, with the aim of promoting interest in Science at EBS and developing those who attend into Science Leaders. The club, run by Year 12 Science Leaders themselves under the guidance of Science Technician Mr Barrie, aims to enthuse younger students and build their confidence to act as ambassadors and leaders within the Science classroom setting.

Activities that the Science Leaders have experienced range from having gruesome fun making green slime (or whatever other colour they choose to make) to firing alcohol powered rockets and turning copper coins into silver and gold!

## MATHS

Maths have introduced a student leadership programme for the first time this year. The accredited Maths Leaders Award has seen 13 Year 10 students learn to lead others through basic Maths activities. The Maths Leaders have developed their communication, organisation and motivation skills under the guidance of Ms Zaman. They have used these to aid the planning and delivery of Maths lessons to Year 7 students at EBS and students from local primary schools.

Many compliments have been made regarding the Maths Leaders, from both students and staff who have been present in their sessions. The Maths Leaders are now planning to deliver a whole school Maths event in order to complete their course.

## ENGLISH

This Summer term has seen Miss Pieri from the English Department introduce Literacy Leaders. A 'Student News Room' on the school website has been set up, where a number of Year 8 Literacy Leaders have had pieces of work displayed. The 'Student News Room' gives students the opportunity to gain experience in journalism and to allow students to explore different styles of writing. Each month a new article is uploaded on the blog, written by our students on topics that matter to them. So far we have had some fantastic articles posted on the EBS website on topics ranging from global inequality; feminism; body image and the media and another article exploring the links between video games and violence.

The Literacy Leaders will also help their peers during lessons with general writing technique, helping other students with their spelling and grammar in cross-curricular subjects. Eventually our Literacy Leaders will extend their work to include more journalism not only on worldwide topics, but also reporting on an array of school events and sports fixtures within EBS. Well done to our fantastic Literacy Leaders 2015: Mohamed W. 8C, Clementine F. 8D, Rebekah A. 8D, Josie E. 8B, Chloe P. 8D and Viabav S. 8C.

The Student News Room blog can be found on the East Barnet School website on the following link:

<http://www.eastbarnet.barnet.sch.uk/eps-news/the-student-news-room/>

## SOCIAL SCIENCES

Ten Social Science Leaders from Years 10 and 11 have been busy promoting their subject to students lower down in the school. This year has seen them preparing displays for Open Evenings and delivering assemblies to students in Year 9 to help them with their option choices. The leaders were also on hand at the Year 9 Transfer Evening to answer questions from students and parents alike.

Having attended a Human Rights club run by Year 12 and 13 leaders, the leaders are now looking to produce a newsletter for younger students at EBS discussing issues and current affairs that are highlighted on the Social Sciences curriculum. On top of all of this, our Social Science Leaders have acted as positive role models for young children at Brookhill Nursery School, where they took part in interactive sessions with the youngsters in the nursery environment.



*Melinda K. leads an activity for children at Brookhill Nursery School.*



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## PERFORMANCES AT EBS

There have been four musical events this year in which East Barnet students have taken part. Last October, many of our younger students performed in the Autumn Acoustic concert. December saw our Christmas Show which featured many musical items as well as drama sketches and was held on the same night as the PTA Christmas Fair, which provided a very festive atmosphere! The Spring term saw many talented young singers and musicians performing at the Royal Albert Hall and we concluded our year with 'Midsummer Music', our annual summer concert, which was held on the 18th June. In addition, the Jazz band played at the Barnet Schools Music Festival which was held at the Artsdepot.

Clubs this year have included orchestra, jazz band, rock orchestra, choir, glee club, music tech club and grade V theory.





## EBS ROBOTICS

## REGIONAL COMPETITION

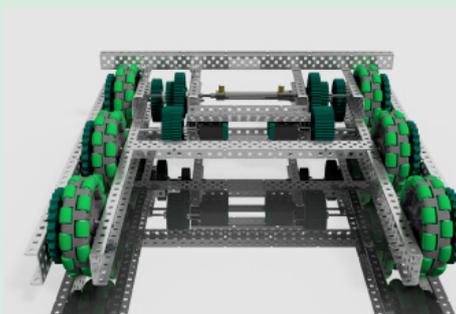
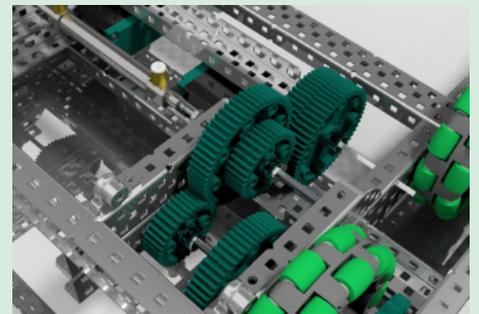
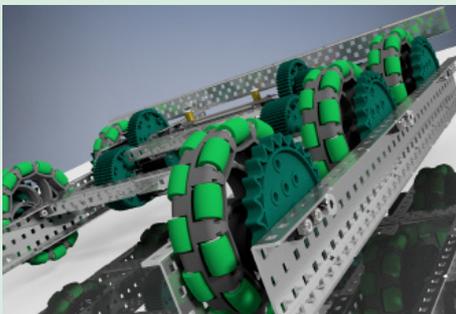
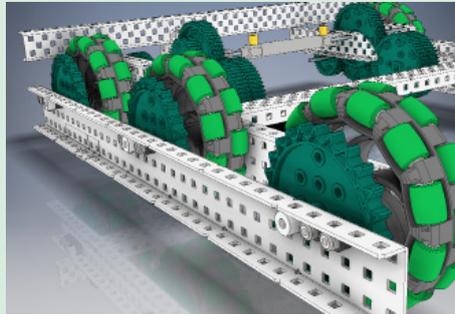
Once again, East Barnet School played host this 2014-2015 season to the VEX Robotic Regional Championships for the fourth year running. This year's game called VEX Skyrise required the EBS Robotics Teams (Volt, Virus, Dynamite) to design, engineer and build a robot to score coloured cubes in floor goals, on posts or on skyrise sections.

EBS Robotics (Teams Volt & Dynamite) represented the school proudly in three regionals, one skills event and the UK finals. Team Virus, now an independent team comprising of current and former students, also took part in two northern regional competitions.

Team Volt brought home at least one trophy from every competition with the exception of the VEX Nationals. Volt entered their first regional competition at the John Warner School back in November 2014 and won the award for Best Design with their impressive CAD and engineering notebook sketches. Although they didn't win their very first competition they gained the most recognition in the VEX Robotics Community with their extremely impressive robot design and design work in general.

For the past four years in a row, and since the inception of VEX Robotics here in the UK, the teams from EBS Robotics have literally dominated the VEX Robotics Design competition in the United Kingdom. It's only in the most recent years that other schools have been able to team up against EBS. The next competition that Volt entered brought home a tournament champion trophy showing the VEX community that EBS Robotics is still strong in the VEX robotics design system. The results continued in the next London Regional competition at Highgate School. Once again Volt won the competition bringing home two more pieces of silverware, a tournament champion trophy and a design award for once again their impressive design, engineering and CAD skills.

Team Volt also entered the VEX Robotics Robot Programming Skills competition, which took place at Stanborough School. This is a serious competition where teams demonstrate not only their driving skills but more importantly their programming skills. Once again, EBS Robotics (Team Volt) proved to have the best driving and programming skills. Team Volt brought home an additional two trophies as a result of winning the Stanborough Competition. Through winning their regional competitions, Team Volt qualified for the national finals. Unfortunately, the other EBS Robotics team, VEX Dynamite, failed to qualify for the National finals but for their first year they did exceptionally well reaching the semi-finals of one Regional Competition.



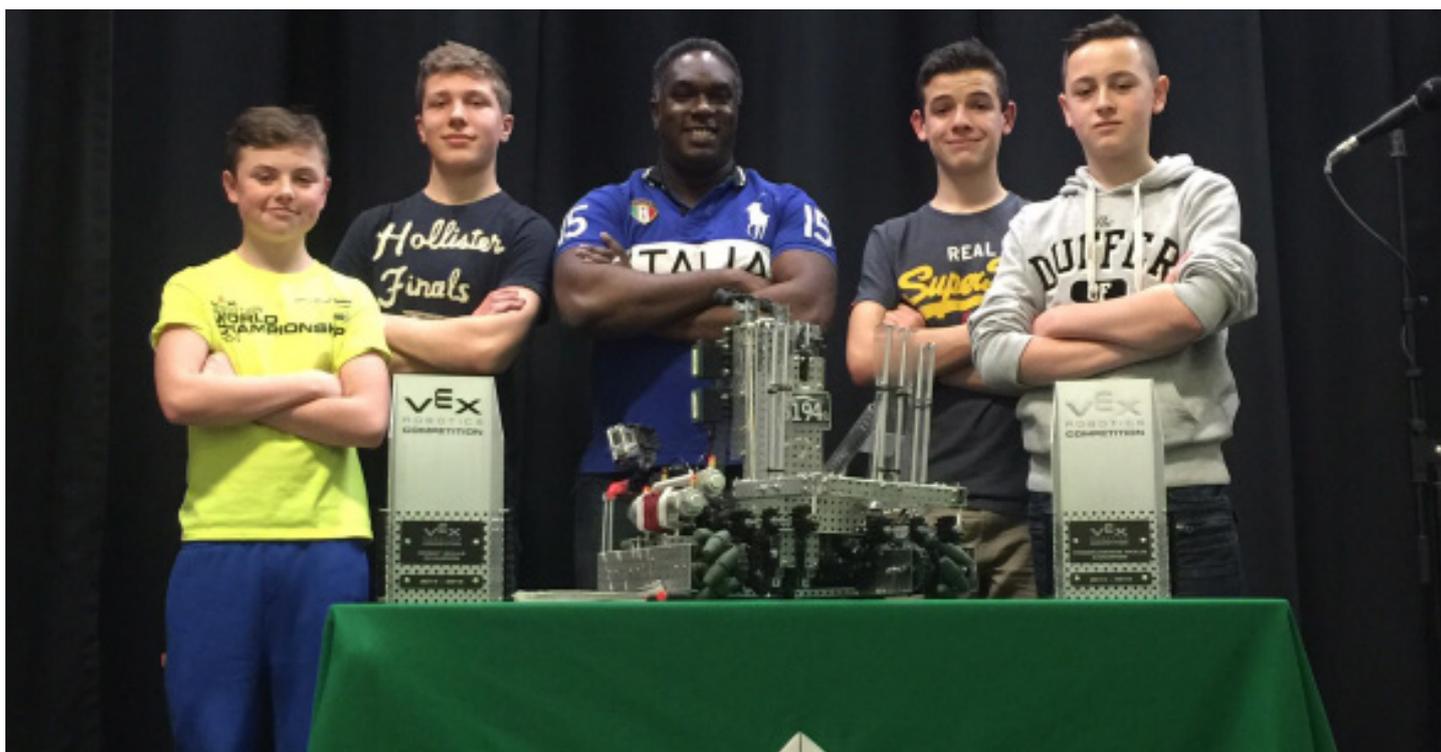
## UK NATIONALS @ THE BIG BANG

The VEX Robotics UK Nationals was a tough one from the word go. Unfortunately, Team Volt experienced connection difficulties at the UK nationals. As a result, Volt's robot was on numerous occasions immobilised on field, meaning the robot could not perform in any way. Not only was this frustrating for the driver, James K., but the team. The competition watched on and even they were puzzled as to why Volt's Robot would fail at the first hurdle. Team Volt were at one point bottom out of 40+ teams. A completely unusual position for them to be in. Meanwhile, Team Virus were continuing to battle on and perform well. Due to Team Virus's ranking they were at least able to have a chance at picking Volt as an alliance partner for the finals. However,

in this year's final it wasn't meant to be. It's as if the VEX competition knew that if two EBS Robotics teams got together it would be all over for everyone else in the finals. History wasn't to repeat itself this year and another team chose Volt meaning that they couldn't alliance with Virus who went on to win the Competition. Volt still got through to the semi-finals of the UK nationals though from being bottom in the competition at one point.

It is great that teams from EBS Robotics have the most recognition within the UK VEX Robotics community, not just for their performance in competition but additional design, engineering and programming.

Team Volt:  
Gavin Y-T., James K., Aaron F. and Daniel O.



## EBS LEGO NINJAS AT THE FIRST LEGO LEAGUE ROBOTICS COMPETITION - AUTUMN TERM

After many hours spent building and programming their Lego Mindstorms EV3 robot throughout the Autumn term, the EBS Lego Ninjas boarded the School minibus at 7am on a dark and cold Saturday morning back in December to represent EBS at the First Lego League competition in central London.

The competition involved them running a series of autonomous programs in order to get their robot to complete a range of difficult challenges against 28 other talented teams from all over the country. The guys did EBS proud and showed lots of great skills on the day, including team work, perseverance and the ability to keep a level head under pressure.

After an extremely near miss on making it into the finals, they walked away with a fantastic 4th place, one of the few competition trophies and a special mention from the head judge for their overall performance and professionalism!

Overall, a great day in which much was learnt and a lot of fun was had. A huge well done to all the team; Anand S., Milan S., Farid M., Saul M., Dexter K., Luke M., Alfie F. and Sacha S-D.

Preparation for next year's competition starts in September. If you have enjoyed using the Lego Mindstorms robots in lessons or clubs, talk to your computing teacher about becoming part of the team next year.



## LIBRARY NEWS 2015

The library enjoyed a busy year, with events and lessons for all year groups led by Mrs Cobb, Mrs LaTulip and Mrs Shah. The great readers at EBS borrowed over 4160 books this year, with many more used in classes and the library. The library is continually adding new books based on student and staff requests, awards and reviews.

### New developments this year:

#### E-readers

The PTA purchased e-readers for the library which are loaded with popular and classic books. Students have been using them at lunchtimes and staff can borrow them to use with small groups. The instant dictionary and ability to change text size are great benefits.



## AUTHOR VISITS

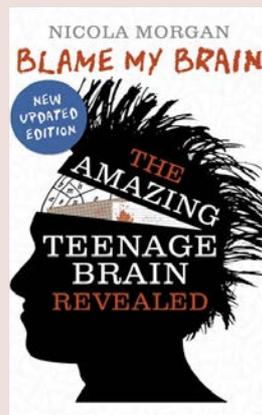
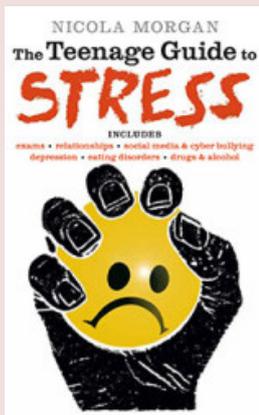
Author visits take place every year and are invaluable for the students as they are given the opportunity to meet and be inspired by current authors who are writing books they like to read.



### NICOLA MORGAN

Teenage Stress & the Teenage Brain

Author Nicola Morgan spoke with Years 9 and 10 on the teenage brain and handling stress. Her talk was reassuring, informative and based on good science. Nicola Morgan's books are available in the library for students to borrow.



## Twitter & Library Blog



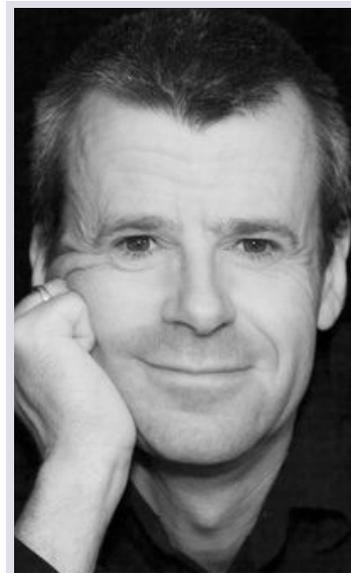
The library has a Twitter account and a blog whereby parents, staff and students can follow author and library activities. Students not old enough to follow on Twitter can see what is happening through the library blog on the school website.

Follow us on Twitter:  
@LibraryEBS

Follow our Library Blog on the EBS website!

## Online Encyclopaedia

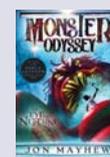
We have purchased an online encyclopaedia this year and students are using it for research. Encyclopaedia Britannica School online contains trusted information at an appropriate level for our students; links are accessible throughout the school.



### JON MAYHEW

Jon Mayhew recently visited EBS to talk to Year 7s about inspiration for his writing including books he enjoyed as a child which encouraged him to become a writer. He emphasized the importance of reading and how these books remain with you and find their way into your own creative writing. The students asked lots of questions at the end of his talk and met Jon in the library to get his autograph and buy his books. Jon has

written a number of books including Mortlock, The Demon Collector, Monster Odyssey, The Bonehill Curse and The Curse of The Ice Serpent.





## SONIA LEONG

In June we were very lucky to have the Manga author Sonia Leong come to speak to all of Year 7 and 8. Manga is a style of Japanese comic book which is aimed at adults as well as children. We have many in the library, including some of Sonia's books, and they are extremely popular. Sonia talked about how a Manga book is produced and even told us what type of pens should be used to produce the graphics! She then did

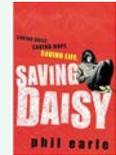
some Manga drawing workshops in our library which the students thoroughly enjoyed. There were queues at break and lunchtime as students waited to meet Sonia in the library and buy her books!



## PHIL EARLE

Author Phil Earle's gripping stories and passionate speech impressed the Year 7 and Year 10 whole year assemblies in October. Phil's writing philosophy to 'write about characters you deeply love, but put them in horrible situations' results in books about difficult moral situations that teens like to read.

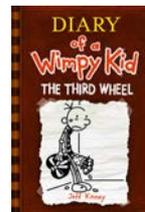
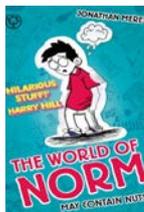
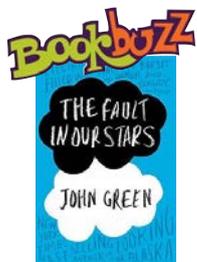
Phil's book, Being Billy, won the We Read teen readers prize in 2012, Heroic was on the shortlist in 2014 and his newest book The Bubble Wrap Boy is on the long list for the Carnegie Prize in 2015.



## BOOKBUZZ

In September all Year 7s were given a free book as part of the BookBuzz scheme. This was really exciting and the students enjoyed the titles they had chosen.

A whole variety of library lessons were delivered to encourage a love for reading and use of the library resources for independent research. New initiatives included Reading Road, where students evaluated books read during their lives and in-class book groups. Examples of some popular titles:



## SIXTH FORM

The library held research and bibliography workshops with Year 12 and 13 History, English, Psychology and Religion classes. These hands-on sessions ensure that students apply all they have learnt. This year we have expanded book collections in Maths, English Language and English Literature for the Sixth Form.

## STUDENT LIBRARIANS



Over the course of the year, student librarians have contributed towards an improved and successfully run library. We had a super visit to the British Library. Mrs Cobb and Mrs Shah took 10 student library helpers from Year 7 to Year 10 to learn about the different collections,

view the reading rooms, the Treasures Gallery and awe at the size of the King Henry Library collection. The British Library holds up to 17 million books, scripts, artefacts, sound recordings, stamps, art collections and maps and is laid over three floors with huge basement storage.

## LITERATURE QUIZ



The Year 7 Warriors represented EBS at the Barnet Literature Quiz at JCoSS on 30th April. Their knowledge of authors, books and films is impressive! The team members used strategy and teamwork, representing our school well.

# PTA NEWS

“BUSY?

PERFECT!

JOIN OUR PTA...”

*Arabella Weir  
Comedienne, Actress and Writer*

“Getting involved doesn’t mean you have to start running the show, just do what you can and take it from there”, says Arabella Weir who is herself, a member of her child’s school Parent Teacher Association (PTA). At East Barnet School, we understand that some parents/carers and staff can only help out once a year and that’s absolutely fine, we’re grateful for any help that anyone can offer at any time.

Arabella Weir writing for PTA+ magazine says, “Busy? Perfect! Join our PTA...”. She goes on to suggest that it is invariably the people who have learnt the art of juggling commitments who will step forward to help because, she proposes, “What’s one more ball to a busy parent?”, and I would agree with that. The majority of the stalwart few who help the PTA are extremely busy people, most have full-time jobs, some are single parents too, but they all roll up their sleeves and work together no matter what the task and all will say how rewarding it can be. There are many friends to be made and good times to be had with the PTA at East Barnet School which is made up of volunteers who are a bunch of like-minded people: parents/carers, staff and friends of East Barnet School who all believe that every student at the school deserves to have the best possible opportunities and education that we can offer them.

## IT’S NOT ALL ABOUT THE MONEY...

Your PTA doesn’t exist just to raise money, it helps to bring together the parents/carers and staff at the school and to help forge links with the local community. We have several events throughout the year where we can get together, let our hair down, have fun and where we can raise money for those extracurricular things that the school might not normally buy. This year, things we have funded include decorations and props for PTA and school events, equipment for the music department, top quality writing pens which were awarded to the prize winners of the handwriting competition, Kobo E-Readers for the library and rechargeable bicycle lights for the after-school cycling club. We will also be funding improvements to the 6th Form Café area; improvements will be taking place over the summer holidays. You helped us to raise money by coming to the Winter Wonderland event in December, by testing your mental mettle at our spring Quiz Night, enjoying our Live at the Auditorium III (a live music night with a 70s’ themed disco) in April and soon celebrated the arrival of summer at the East Barnet School Summer BBQ in July.

## UNPRECEDENTED CIRCUMSTANCES...

As you may be aware, there have been severe funding cuts in education this year. The PTA would normally only help to fund extracurricular items for the school, e.g. the Kobo E-readers which we recently bought for the library, but it has been necessary to fund essential items such as text books. Thank goodness for the generosity of those who have supported the PTA events because, without them, we would not have been able to help out the school at such a difficult time.





## PLANNING AHEAD...

In October 2015 we will have our Annual General Meeting (AGM) when we will be letting you know how we've done over the year and what we're planning for the year ahead. At the AGM, the officials stand down and a new team of officials is voted in. We can let you know now that three of the four elected officials will be standing down and won't be standing again for any of the official posts. This means that we need people to put themselves forward to take over in order for the PTA to continue running. Enthusiasm is all that is needed. If you'd like to learn more about the roles that will need filling (Chairperson, Secretary, Vice Chair or Treasurer) or if you would like to help the PTA in any other way please contact us at [pta@eastbarnet.barnet.sch.uk](mailto:pta@eastbarnet.barnet.sch.uk).



*L - R: Vivien Higgins - Vice Chairperson, Lise Miles - Chairperson, Mike Gibbons - Treasurer and Stuart Gates - Secretary*

## THANK YOU!

Thank you for your support, it's truly appreciated. We wish you all the best for a lovely summer and look forward to seeing you in September.

# YEAR 11 PROM 2015



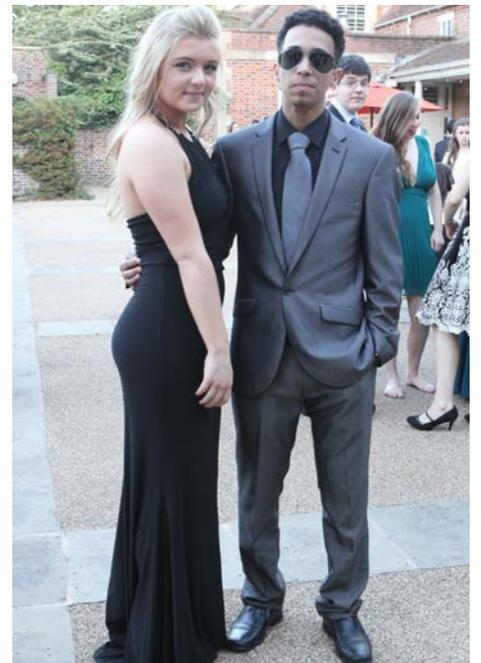
'Where did the years go?', I find myself asking. They say 'time flies when you're having fun' and, to be honest, the last five years have done just that. Some say my job is a difficult one and, for sure, it is, but these guys made it easy for me! What an absolute privilege. The class of 2010 have been, by far, the most sensible, delightful and hardworking year group that I have looked after. I have lost count of how many positive comments have been made over the years and this year's Prom was no exception. I was so proud of them; they all looked ready to take on the world and as you can imagine, we danced and laughed the night away!

They were the first 'Year 7's' of the new build and their first important task was to let balloons fly over the skyline of London, at the 2010 grand opening. The image of this event is forever captured in time, so it seemed fitting, as part of the evening, to release eight commemorative balloons to celebrate their time and achievements at school. My team, who have been invaluable to me, looked amazing too and I know, would share with me in wishing all of class 2010 every success ahead.

So all good things come to an end, yet the evening ended as the last five years started; with respect, unity and belief. As Mr Christou often says, "once an East Barnet student, always an East Barnet student..." and as I say, "dream, plan, act, believe and don't forget to kick butt!".

*C. Patsalis*





# SIXTH FORM PROM 2015

## HEAD BOY

My journey to become Head Boy started with a campaign involving discussions with teachers and students about particular things they would like changed and how significant developments for my peers could benefit the school. My experience with leadership (running Science Club for younger students) definitely assisted me in my campaign, and I hope I made people feel they could come and talk to me about their issues.

I have taken on an array of responsibilities with Head Girl, Sophia, such as speeches to Year 6 students, fund raisers and representing the school by laying a wreath for the soldiers that died, on Remembrance Sunday, for example. In addition, we met with Mrs Connick every two weeks to highlight issues brought to us, before meeting with Mr Christou to finalise any approved changes. During our time, we have seen improvements such as more bins in the coffee shop, new basketball kits, a new coffee machine, new chairs and tables in the coffee shop and the return of non-school uniform days! One of the most enjoyable aspects of being Head Boy was organising the prom which was a great success, *and* we managed to budget well enough for a photo booth and some drinks for everyone. It was a nice send off party with both friends and teachers.

Overall, being Head Boy was challenging but very rewarding; I liked working with the Leadership Team and the teachers to make significant changes to the school. I enjoyed the impact that I made in assemblies to younger students and hopefully I inspired the next generation of leaders.

*Patrick Nyanhi*



## HEAD GIRL

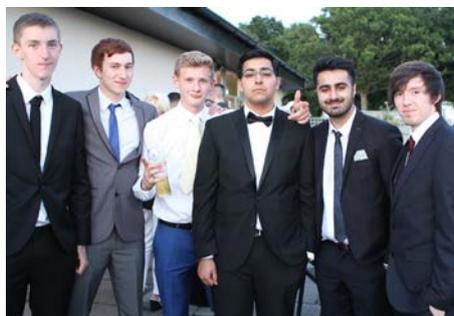
I applied to become Head Girl after my friends encouraged me to put my name down, and I am so glad that they did because I have enjoyed every moment, from making changes to laying a wreath on Memorial Day. The most nerve-wracking experience was delivering a speech to convince everyone to vote for me. I was competing against an amazing group of females in my year and didn't think I stood a chance, but when Mrs Connick told me I won, I genuinely screamed with excitement.

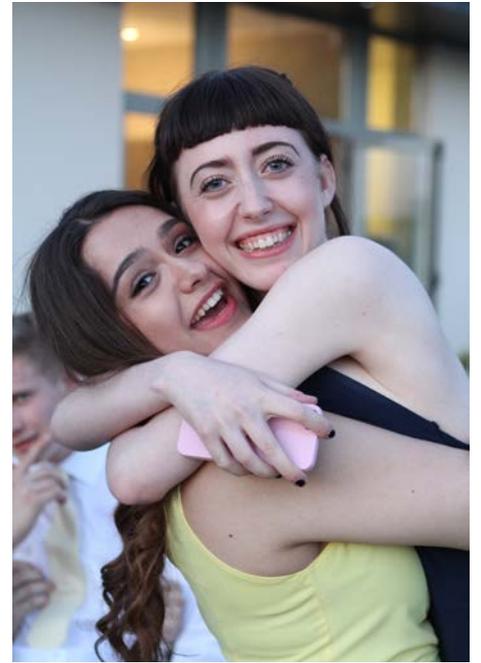
I have worked with an amazing Leadership Team who above all were able to cope with my tendency to be bossy and controlling! Alice was our creative side, Craig was our

brain, Patrick was the joker (of course) and I was the mum. Together we were the A-team!! We have taken suggestions from our peers to Mr Christou, and have been able to make a difference, mainly to the coffee shop, such as a working and tasty coffee machine, (thanks Patrick for the bins!!!). Before any speech I was always nervous and would make Patrick go first! When it came to my go I was surprisingly relaxed as I realised my peers voted for me because they believed I would speak best for them! I feel honoured to have been trusted with this responsibility and I hope that I haven't let anyone down or made anyone regret their vote!

There were so many responsibilities as soon as I became Head Girl. At times I doubted my ability to adequately fulfil the role but I did so to the best of my ability and never gave up. The most enjoyable moment was organising prom; on the night I was able to see my peers enjoying themselves and I couldn't help but think how much I'm going to miss my whole year group and being Head Girl of EBS.

*Sophia Georgiou*





## SCHOOL TRIPS 2014 - 2015

### WWI BATTLEFIELD TRIP

As part of the WWI centenary, the Government funded and organised a place for two students and one teacher from every state school in the country to visit WWI battlefields, memorials and cemeteries in France and Belgium. History GCSE students were invited to write an explanation of why this trip would benefit them. We had some fantastic submissions and the two students chosen to attend were Raul S-P. and Niko Z-B. in Year 11. After meeting other groups from North London Schools, we travelled to an activity centre where we took part in some team building and introductory sessions, involving explanations of some of the sites we would visit, artefact handling and researching the involvement in WWI of people who lived in our area.

Once we arrived in Belgium we had three full days of activities and visits planned. We visited several battlefield sites, museums, cemeteries and memorials across the Somme and Ypres Salient regions, receiving guidance along the way from expert guides, current serving soldiers, historians and the British Ambassador to Belgium. We were involved in a moving Remembrance service at the Menin Gate in Ypres and in a project creating a huddled clay figure for each casualty of the war. Raul and Niko plan to share their experiences on Remembrance Day next year and are involved in an Institute of Education project to evaluate the effectiveness and impact of the trips to inform future planning.



Details of their trip were also covered in the Ilford Recorder, Islington Gazette and Hackney Gazette:

- <http://goo.gl/YLHy4P> - Ilford Recorder
- <http://goo.gl/TZD5aQ> - Islington Gazette
- <http://goo.gl/rPdm2t> - Hackney Gazette

### GUARDIAN - COMPUTING TRIP

On January 21st, a group of Year 8 and 9 students went to the Guardian offices, near King's Cross in central London to learn about coding a webpage for a newspaper. They were taught how the Guardian creates interactive online content, using HTML and JavaScript, for its webpages and we used their state-of-the-art IT equipment to write our own news quiz based on the actual news that day, such as the discovery of a new dinosaur fossil.

At the end of the day students tried out their news quizzes before an editor at the paper and the actual programmers who create the code for the Guardian website. They were impressed with the results and gave suggestions about how to improve our quizzes further. Students received a copy of their quiz code to take back with them and try on people at home. Overall, it was a really interesting day and it made students think about computer programming and journalism as something they might like to do in the future.



### IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM

All of Year 9 went on a history trip to the Imperial War Museum in the Autumn term. This formed part of our unit on the twentieth century focusing on World War One (WWI) and World War Two (WW2). We looked at new forms of warfare in WWI, for example, tanks and also at the role of women in WWI, such as being nurses, working on the land to help grow food and working in munitions factories.



We explored life on the home front in World War Two and we were able to sit in a reconstructed air raid shelter. The museum also put on interactive sessions for us, including looking at paintings from the wars including famous paintings, such as John Singer Sargent's painting of a line of gassed soldiers from World War One. The visit ended with a popular visit to the museum shop!

## TOWER OF LONDON - HISTORY TRIP

The History Department took Year 7 to the Tower of London as part of their study of the Medieval World. The trip was all the more poignant as visitors were faced with a moat of red poppies placed in commemoration of all the British and colonial lives lost during the First World War.

As well as the meeting the redoubtable force of the Yeoman Warders and the ever-present ravens, Year 7 students were taken on a tour of the site by a medieval knight. We learnt about many aspects of medieval life in the castle, from the building of the White Tower in the late 11th Century to the Crown Jewels, to the menagerie that kept beasts such as lions, tigers and kangaroos right up to the 19th Century when they were transferred to the newly opened London Zoo. Examination of the architectural features of the buildings also helped Year 7 students design and build their own model castles.



## PARIS

On the Friday before the start of the October half term, 18 students and two teachers embarked on a four day trip to Paris. It was an early morning start as we headed to King's Cross Station to get the Eurostar to Paris. Soon enough, our tired eyes were woken as we arrived in the French capital. During our time in Paris, we travelled along the River Seine in a boat, saw the Mona Lisa and did some shopping on the Champs Elysees. Our night time visit to the Eiffel Tower was also an experience that, I for one, will never forget. Although, many people would say that the highlight of their trip was the day we spent at Euro Disney. After four days in Paris, we returned to England tired, but having thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. It was a great trip (despite all the walking!) and I would like to thank Mr Patsalis and Miss Guénolé for organising it all.

*Luke Zavrou Blackstock, 11H*



## TEEN EMPOWERMENT CONFERENCE



A group of Year 9 girls were selected to attend the 'Rocking Ur Teens' event at the prestigious Thomson Reuters offices in Canary Wharf, London. The aim of the Teen Empowerment Conference was to inspire, increase career aspirations and also help teen girls to recognise that they can make a difference in their community and the world as a whole. The day was hosted by award winning presenter Remel London and included keynote speeches provided by Emma Barnett (Women's Editor of the Telegraph), Yasmin Ali (Young Woman Engineer of the year 2013) and the Mandeville Sisters (Presenters and Vloggers) who shared life experiences and inspiring messages. There were workshops on leadership, entrepreneurship and technology. The day culminated with a final session on social change where the girls pledged to make a difference. Overall it was a great day; Teen Empowerment, all the way!



The Teen Empowerment Conference was attended by Year 9 Girls: Agata, Olivia, Alexa (9D), Lorena (9C), Macey, Courtney, Stefania, Emma and Nectaria (9B).



## CARNEGIE TRIP

On Friday 5th June, a group of students from Years 7, 8, and 9 went to Hendon Town Hall to discuss the shortlisted books for the Carnegie Award with other Barnet schools. Writer in Residence Caroline Green and Mrs Colangelo-Lillis held a reading group every week for months in advance discussing the shortlist with students, and Mrs LaTulip came along on the day. Author Anthony McGovern held us spellbound as he told two stories about his childhood. Then he asked us to guess which was true and which false! EBS students gave a performance about Apple and Rain which was well received by the audience, then we all voted for our favourite book. A surprise result as When Mr Dog Bites won our Barnet vote. We enjoyed a fun event and great discussions.



## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES BEYOND SCHOOL

In March, Year 10 students with an interest for a career in medicine attended the West London Medical Challenge Day that took place at Harrow school. During the day, medical schools' entry requirements were outlined, including academic expectations, interview processes and admission tests. Current medical students described their lives at university. Then, working together in mixed school teams of four, our students undertook three practical activities based on physiology, anatomy and medical ethics. Finally, practising medics described their day to day work and answered questions from the young people. Special thanks to Mr Innes and Mr Jones for their help with organising the trip.

As part of the government Future Scholar Award scheme, 5 of our most able Year 9 students attended a study day at Warwick University. The aim of the scheme is to allow students to gain a real life experience of what studying at a top university is like. It is hoped that this will encourage them to aim high to achieve the best grades possible, and to apply to university – including selective ones. The students had the opportunity to meet with current students and staff. They also attended information and taster academic sessions. Finally they went on a campus tour.

## WE READ

On 25th June, 13 Year 7, 8 and 9 students went to University College School to participate in the We Read book award, along with Mrs Karakin and Mrs LaTulip. Before the trip we read and wrote reviews on the shortlisted books, which were posted online. Elysia N. won a prize from the organisers for her review of *Apple and Rain!*

The highlights of the day were author Candy Gourlay's talk and the fantastic buffet lunch. Candy Gourlay told us about her life and journeys and we were able to meet two authors and have our books signed. It was a great experience we would recommend to students of all ages.



## THE GLOBE

On the 1st, 2nd and 3rd July, all of Year 7 visited the Globe Theatre as part of the English Department's 'Introduction to Shakespeare' unit. Even though it was the hottest days of the year, the students were incredibly excited to make this visit to the South Bank. The day included a tour of the theatre, after which the students engaged in workshops with professional actors. The visit finished with a very dramatic sword fighting demonstration, before it was time to cool off with ice creams and head back to East Barnet.

Walking around the Globe, you got the feel of how big it was!

*Lauren, 7C*

My favourite part was when we acted out a bit from *Midsummer Night's Dream*, I was everyone's queen!

*Abbie, 7C*

I liked the stage fighting, it looked like they were really fighting with real swords!

*Keisha, 7A*

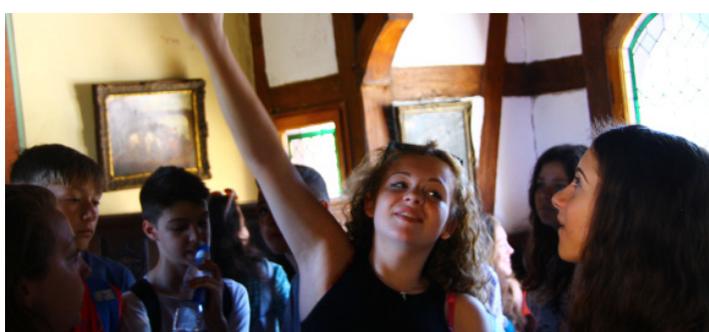
We went back to school all talking about the amazing day!

*Dylan, 7A*



## RHINELAND, GERMANY

After a very early start at 3.30am (thank you Mr Giffen for organising this), 50 students and five members of staff set off on a trip to Boppard in Germany. Luckily, everything went well in Calais and the journey on our coach thereafter went smoothly. Over the next four days, we visited a castle in Cochem, the Wild- und Freizeitpark Klotten where we enjoyed the water rides and feeding the deer, had a tour through a musical museum, rode a cable car, shopped in Köln (Cologne) and bought lots of chocolate at the Lindt chocolate factory. We also did a fair bit of hiking, tried out crazy golf (where we lost quite a few golf balls) and ate tons of delicious Italian ice cream while the sun shone relentlessly and the thermometer showed 39 degrees or more on all days. Such fun in the sun!



## CHAMA

This year has been a successful year for Chama House.

It started very positively when Chama members entered the most cakes into the House cake competition and also won two of the categories – ‘The Most Creative Cake’ made by Emma B. 9B and ‘The Best Tasting Cake’ brought in by Dawid K. 7E. All the cakes brought in were wonderful and were sold at break and lunch to raise money for our House charity, The Jack Cecup School in Zambia.

This year Chama started to support the Trussell Trust and in the Autumn term students in the B and E forms brought in tinned and packet goods to donate to the local Barnet food bank.

We then decorated these tins to produce our prize-winning Christmas tree – yes Chama won the House Christmas Tree competition again! After the judging, the tree was dismantled and 20 boxes of tinned goods were delivered to the food bank in time for Christmas.

To encourage the students to bring in their tins, there was a prize of a lunch time Pizza Party. One cold lunchtime in December, Domino’s delivered eight large pizzas which were enjoyed by all members of 8B. Well done 8B and Mr Macdonald for your amazing contribution for the Trussell Trust. Will you be able to win again next year?

One highlight for Chama House this year was that our Sixth Form leaders actually got to meet Thandiwe Chama, the person our House is named after. She had attended a conference in Amsterdam organised by Kidsright, the charity which awarded her the Children’s Nobel Peace Prize. It was truly inspirational to meet her and hear her story from her own mouth! She was returning to Zambia to start her nursing training.

This year also saw the election of House Captains in the Chama forms. So many students wanted to be involved in the House that some forms had three House representatives!

After only three meetings, the House Captains planned the final Chama Assembly of the year and all of them did a fabulous job, some in planning and others in leading the assembly. Well done to them all and I am looking forward to working with them all next year.

None of the above would have been possible without the wonderful enthusiasm of the hardworking Sixth Form leadership team – Klaudia M., Emma M., Penny W. and Adelaida K.. Thank you girls, I will miss you next year!

D. Kingston - Head of Chama House



## KELLER

After 5 years of association with Cancer Research UK, Keller House wanted to share the love aiming to help more charities that are in need of funding. This year, Keller House have changed charities. We conducted a vote across the whole House to decide which charity to link with. We are now supporting an amazing and worthwhile charity; Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Did you know that J.M. Barrie’s inspiration for “the boy who never grew up” was his little brother who died before his 14th birthday? Heartbroken and devastated by this tragedy, J.M. Barrie went on to create Neverland and the story of Peter Pan in memory of his younger brother who was also a boy who would ‘never grow up’. J.M. Barrie gave all the rights to Peter Pan to Great Ormond Street Hospital in 1929. Since then the hospital has received royalties every time a production of the play is put on, as well as from the sale of Peter Pan books and other products. Barrie requested that the amount raised from Peter Pan should never be revealed, and the hospital has always honoured his wishes. In honour of J.M. Barrie’s connection with GOSH, our ‘Christmas Decoration Competition’ entry was inspired by the story of Peter Pan. Additionally, our amazing Sixth Form students created homemade Christmas decorations to sell at the Winter Wonderland event this winter to raise money for this worthwhile cause – Well done to Isabelle and Farheen in the Sixth Form and all the Keller form groups who took part in our Winter Wonderland Christmas event!

We have also had a successful ‘Cake Competition’ where we devoured some deliciously creative cakes in the theme of students’ favourite movies. Porter L. 8D won the ‘Best Looking Cake Award’ for her amazing Jaws inspired cake. ‘Best Tasting’ cake in Keller House was awarded to Amy P. 7F who designed a cake inspired by The Divergent Series, furthermore the ‘Most Creative Design’ was awarded to Xaal A. 9D for his amazing cake inspired by 12 Years a Slave. Thank you to everyone who brought in a cake!

Overall, a fabulous year for Keller House! A special thank you to Dina C., Andrew S., Emma S. and Kristina K. in Year 13 who helped organise the events and assemblies this year. I am sure we will continue to excel as the best House for many years to come! “Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much” – Helen Keller

X. Pieri - Head of Keller House



## MURRAY

The end of the Summer term is always a great time to reflect on and celebrate the many successes throughout the year.

Murray House once again have had a great year with numerous events and student participation. The Autumn term was a particularly busy time, starting with the first event, the long awaited Cake Competition! The theme for all entered cakes was 'A Night at the Movies', which proved very popular with all the students. A selection of the shortlisted cakes from Murray House were made by Hannah M. 7G, Daisy-Jane B-J. 7G, Rachel S. 8C and Leyla M. 8G - well done! Another event from the year included the annual Christmas Tree Competition and this year we went for the theme of 'Remembrance'. The tree was decorated with poppies we created and a variety of different poems and lyrics focusing on remembrance. We ended 2014 on a high with our Christmas Winter Wonderland extravaganza, which we hope many of you attended! The houses worked together to put on a chocoholics dream stall filled with hot chocolate, giant marshmallows and a delicious chocolate fountain with a variety of fruits and other treats.

For our final house assembly this year, we were very honoured to have Nikki Christou and her dad George Christou come in and speak to us about Nikki's journey so far and educate us more about the Butterfly AVM charity we support.

The year would not be complete without our annual Sports Day, once again Murray House had some exceptional performances especially from students in 9C and 9G. Not only did Murray House win the Year 9 trophy this year but continued our winning streak and won the overall Sports Day cup - congratulations!

Finally, I would like to say a very big thanks to all the people who have helped with our house community, all the students, staff, parents and especially the PTA for all their hard work. We look forward to next year's events and welcoming our new Year 7 students.

Have a great summer!

M. Zaman - Head of Murray House



## TUTU

This year Tutu House changed their charity, giving students the opportunity to choose a cause that they felt was important. Abbie in Year 11 told us about the CMT-UK and how it had helped her along the way. Her heartfelt plea showed us this was a worthy cause. CMT supports people with Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease (CMT). This is a condition that damages the peripheral nerves. These nerves run from the spinal cord to the extremities and are responsible for passing on commands from the brain to the muscles in the arms and legs, and for passing information back to the brain about sensations, such as pain, heat, cold and touch. Due to this nerve damage, people with CMT may find that their muscles become slowly weaker over the years, particularly in their hands and feet, and the sense of feeling can become duller or numb in the same areas.

The charity helps people with CMT in many ways, giving advice, activity weekends for the young that they might not otherwise be able to enjoy, and providing funds for education and research about the condition.

We raised some money for our charity in a simple but effective way with our "2ps for Tutu" campaign, where each form had a large 1kilo jar – to fill with spare loose change over the term. Every little helps as they say, and with some enthusiastic coin collectors we managed to make £50 in just a few weeks.

The cake competition saw some excellent entries. The blue house colour obviously influenced the cake themes with some amazing Frozen cakes amongst the winners and runners up. Isabella C. in Year 7 in the 'Best Looking Cake' category and Chiara P., Katerina A. and Jayden G. in Year 9 in the 'Best Cupcake' category. Tanyel K. in Year 8 made yet another successful cake in the 'Best Tasting' category, and Beth P. was very imaginative with her Chicken Run cake.

At Christmas we decided for an alternative Christmas Tree in the library, this time using books. We also chipped in together with all the other Houses for the highly successful Winter Wonderland event.

A new House points system was started this year, where we are awarding House Points for other competitions, for example the History Departments Castle Competition where Taylor Bremner Davies and Luke Lyons came top in Tutu House.

Next year, we have many more exciting events and competitions planned. Watch this space!

M. Robb - Head of Tutu House





## COMMUNICATION MATTERS: BACK TO THE FUTURE

We hope by now that you will all be aware of the big changes taking place in the examination system. Not only do we have the new 9-1 GCSE specifications starting in Maths and English in September, but we also have a raft of new 'A' Levels beginning at the same time. The general thrust of all these changes is to move the focus from coursework and controlled assessment to terminal examinations.

This means that the onus will be on students to communicate clearly and skilfully under exam hall pressure. If we are to continue to be as successful as we have been this means that work needs to start now to prepare. We strongly recommend that all students read independently on a frequent basis, and put pen to paper regularly for a wide range of purposes and audiences outside of their normal classes, and over the summer holidays. Reading lists for all year groups are available from the library.

As these exams will now be closed book exams there is also a greater need than before for students to memorise large pieces of text. All of these skills that are now even more necessary cannot be learned overnight. The challenge is to help prepare all our students for the greater demands placed on them by the new exam system.

H. Seckleman  
Assistant Headteacher