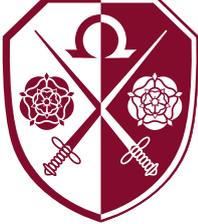




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## THE “I WANT TO LEARN” CULTURE IS POWERFUL AND THRIVING



Capturing the most special aspects of a year at EBS in a couple of paragraphs is extremely hard, so I always find this column difficult to write. A Headteacher from another school who glanced through our last end of year magazine sat back in his chair and said, “How on earth do you find the time and energy to provide your students with such an enormous range of experiences beyond the classroom?” I simply replied, “We call it the “I want to learn” culture.” However, even I look back in amazement at what

our students have had the opportunity to experience as part of their education at EBS. So, in 2016-17, we had the National Theatre performing at our school, and hosted the prestigious BBC programme ‘Question Time’. Our students were National Robotics Champions once again, with another ‘all girls’ team representing the UK in

the World Championships held in the USA, and a large number of students excelled in activities ranging from science and technology challenges to sport.

Even the OFSTED inspectors who visited us a few months ago spotted the ‘I want to learn’ culture of our school, and said it was powerful and thriving. They were also impressed with the incredible positivity of our students, staff, and parents. In their letter to me, the inspectors mentioned the long serving and loyal staff as a key factor in the success of our school. Well, we have very recently celebrated the long service of another six members of staff, who have given our school 30+ years of service (in addition to the seven we celebrated two years ago). Mrs Foley, Mrs Kennedy, Mrs Lambert, Mrs Moffat, Mrs Newbury and Mrs Taylor (the last three all work in our school kitchen), your loyalty to EBS is truly awesome!

I wish all members of the EBS community a happy and relaxing summer holiday.

## MR HALLAM AND MR CHATTERTON

I always find it sad to say goodbye to members of staff who have served our school with dedication over many years. However, this year we will feel the sorrow of ‘goodbye’ more than normal. Having spent almost 20 years as the Headteacher of EBS, I feel that I have shown enormous loyalty to our community, but, compared to two members of staff who will be retiring at the end of August, I am a relative newcomer! Mr Chatterton, our Head of Expressive Arts has been part of EBS for more than 30 years, and Mr Hallam, our Associate Deputy Headteacher, has been with the school for more than 40 years! It is not just the incredible number of years they have dedicated to our school, but the passion, care and commitment they have maintained over their entire tenure which is worthy of high commendation. Their absence will leave a huge hole for the rest of us to fill, but I know that both wish to continue their association with EBS into their retirement, so we could make the ‘goodbye’ less painful by saying ‘see you soon’. Mr Chatterton and Mr Hallam you are both true legends of EBS and your spirit will remain part of us for many years to come.

N. Christou  
Headteacher

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### EBS ROBOTICS

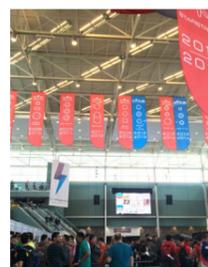


This year's 2016-2017 VEX Starstruck season has been amazing for the *Girls of Steel*. Despite being in their rookie year, they have managed to accomplish great things throughout the season, including winning the UK National Competition and qualifying for the VEX World Robotics Championship, held in Kentucky, USA. The VEX World Championship is the most prestigious robotics competition, with teams from over 40 countries competing for the title of best robotics team in the world!

Following news of their qualification, *Girls of Steel* had only a few weeks to prepare. In these weeks, the focus was on the business side of VEX; contacting companies and universities in search of sponsorship funds or donations. There were also multiple 'Just Giving' and 'Go Fund Me' pages set up, eventually raising £18,000 for the trip to Kentucky. *Girls of Steel* were also overjoyed to receive support from Tata Communications (global provider of telecommunications services and solutions), Tutor Hunt and Innomech; with their support, the final arrangements for the trip to VEX Worlds were made.

After a long and exhausting flight, the girls (accompanied by Mr Sadler and Mrs Shah), arrived in Kentucky on the 18th April, ready to compete, but were confronted with the news that they were put in the wrong division! At only 13 years of age, *Girls of Steel* should have been in the middle school division, but due to some complications they ended up in the high school division – competing against some of the best teams. The first day saw the girls setting up their pit, talking to other teams and getting familiar with the arena, ready for matches on day two. Of the two UK teams, *Girls of Steel* were the only ones to win their practice matches, which was really encouraging. At the end of day two, they had won two matches and lost one which was an amazing achievement. There were a few problems the next day, resulting in the loss of a few matches, but although the day did not go to plan, spirits were not dampened; returning to the hotel to adjust their robot, and looking forward to the next day. The final day of competition was an amazing experience for the team; they tried their best with the last two matches, but unfortunately they lost against the world finalists.

Overall, VEX Worlds was an amazing experience. *Girls of Steel* were even lucky enough to be interviewed by Autodesk and REC foundation, major sponsors of the VEX Robotics competition, and also got to witness the finals and game reveal live in Freedom Hall, which was extremely exciting. They are especially grateful to sponsors Tata Communications, Tutorhunt and Innomech, mentors Volt Robotics and VEX Impact, and finally Mr Sadler for making all of this possible. Bring on next season!



## AWARDS EVENING 2016

Our prestigious annual EBS Award Ceremony took place on Tuesday 8th November. 55 students and their guests were invited to the event to receive a range of different trophies and special commendations to celebrate their outstanding achievement. The evening was opened with a fabulous piece of music by our talented pianist Martha Nyanhi which helped create a wonderful ambience.



Heads of Faculty and other key members of staff proudly presented the subject awards, after sharing with the audience the special reasons for each nomination. Tommy Simmons-Perez wowed the audience by playing eloquently on the piano, before several students received 'Wider Achievement' awards.

Our guest speaker for the evening, Daniel Bartholomew (a former EBS student), gave an inspirational speech about aiming high and making the very most of opportunities which present themselves in life. The evening concluded with the presentation of the Community, Governors' and Headteacher's Award.

All students who attended the evening were worthy winners and it was a privilege to plan an event enabling staff and family members to proudly recognise and congratulate the students on their achievements. The evening marked one of the highlights of our academic year and was enjoyed by all who attended. We look forward to seeing more winners in 2017.

### TROPHY & COMMENDATION WINNERS 2016

Archie Allen	Ruby Allen	Serena Allman	Daniel Amorelli
Katelyn Banyard	Jake Baker	Joe Burvill	Nicholas Candy
Joshua Chabala	Alice Conisbee	Ella Connick	Isabella Constanti
Nathan Corbett	Ben Craddock	Abigail Darwish	Alfie Dean
Olun Dewerver-Guillemin	Matthew Dunton	Setayesh Elahi	Jay Fisher
Claire Gibbons	Molly Hopping	Keira Hutson	Mihailo Jajcanin
Sam Jones	Jodie Kelly	Rojin Kiannejad	Christopher Leach
Zakary Meyer	Mahmuud Mohamed	Tasneem Mustafa	Elysia Neocleous
Martha Nyanhi	Ruth Ohajunwa	Elliott Owen	Amelia Parsley-Chapman
Eve Partridge	Kishen Patel	Eleanor Rachel	Lily Rachel
Aayilah Razi	Bill Redshaw	Tom Reynolds	Elena Roncarati
Lina Salazar-Bejarano	Mabruck Shaban Mabruck	Joel Sicka	Tommy Simmons-Perez
Pavlos Stefanou	Sacha Storrs-Davies	Eli Stylianou	Alexa Talbott
Paolo Vetrano	Jenna Waldren	Ellis Witter	



## FILM SKOOL PREMIERE

A very exciting event in the EBS calendar this year, was the official 'EBS Film Skool' premiere which was held at the Curzon Cinema in Mayfair on the 1st October 2016. It was a huge success and there was such lovely feedback from all those who attended. Our eight excellent movies looked great on the big screen, all of which were written, acted, directed, produced and edited by our very own talented students. Well done to all of the film makers. Film Skool is a club that runs every year, so if you want to get involved, make sure to sign up early in September!



## PRIDE OF EBS



As many of you will have seen, one of our Year 8 students was handed a Pride of Britain award for her courage and the inspiration she gives to others. Nikki Christou has suffered from a serious, life threatening condition, known as an Arteriovenous Malformation (AVM), since she was six years old. Rather than feeling sorry for herself, she set up the Butterfly AVM charity to raise money for research into this rare condition, and started to up her own YouTube channel to inspire others. To date, the Butterfly AVM charity has donated £300,000 to Great Ormond Street Hospital and University College, where the research is taking place, and her YouTube channel has over 200,000 subscribers! To view and subscribe to Nikki's YouTube channel, search 'Nikki Lilly' and see hundreds of great videos. As if this is not enough, Nikki went on to win Junior Bake-Off 2016! Well done Nikki; we are all very proud of you.



## BBC'S QUESTION TIME AT EBS

We were lucky enough to have *Question Time* filmed at EBS on 1st June in the auditorium. Year 13 students assisted David Dimbleby with his technical rehearsal and took part in a debate with other students and teachers. The involvement of young people in politics has never been more prevalent, so we are sure this was a worthwhile experience for the students.



## A HISTORY LESSON

A group of Year 12 Historians (along with a group of Year 9 students), had the pleasure of meeting Mervyn Kersh, a local 92-year-old Normandy veteran, who came in to share his experiences of World War II. Mr Kersh was with the Royal Ordnance Corps and took part in the D Day landings. In his own words: "It was chaotic. There was lots of shouting from the beach masters, telling us to keep moving, and gun fire and shells were whistling over our heads from our ships as they covered our landing. I was frightened – I think we all were. But we just had to get on with it – you couldn't do anything about it." He did a great job of bringing the war alive and adding that all important human element, and we were incredibly proud of the maturity of the students and respect shown to Mr Kersh.



## ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

EBS Design & Technology students were involved in the development of Artificial Intelligence through the design of an electronic e-assessment system (Known as the 'Duck'). Consultants visited the school and trialled the design programme with many of the 'A' Level Product Design students.

The DesignTalk (Duck) system was entered into two categories, best use of formative assessment and most innovative use of e-assessment, at the e-assessment awards held in London. The design was competing against over 50 other entries from around the world.

Thanks to the 'A' Level D&T students' ideas, support, and allowing the Duck to ask questions and the time taken in trialling it, the system won in both categories. The Duck was chosen as the best use of formative assessment and the most innovative e-assessment product.

Tony, from Goldsmiths University, was very proud to accept the awards on behalf of EBS, and together with the two judging panels, congratulate EBS on the best e-assessment work in 2017.



## CHESS CLUB

Chess has continued to develop at EBS this year. A very generous donation from the Jack Petchey Foundation allowed the club to purchase some fantastic new equipment from the renowned London Chess Centre. As well as boards, pieces and digital clocks, we were also able to purchase some great new books on chess for the school library.

Johnny and Kian (Year 12) both provided outstanding leadership, having elected to support chess as part of their Sixth Form Leadership programme. They were ably supported by Alexander (Year 11) who has continued to encourage and mentor new players.

Alongside a core of dedicated regular players, more than 70 students have come along for a lunchtime game of chess this year. Hopefully, we can build on this again in 2017/18.

*"Chess is everything: art, science and sport."* - Anatoly Karpov

*"Invincibility lies in the defence; the possibility of victory in the attack."* - Sun Tzu



## D&T CLUB

The D&T Club has been running every Thursday after school until 4.45pm with a flurry of making, including woodwork, blacksmithing and electronics. Attended by over 50 students across three year groups (as well as some GCSE students catching up on coursework), we have seen wooden robots, light-saber hilts, tools and all manner of little boxes made, not to mention probably hundreds of laser cut key fobs. Though D&T Club will continue until 6th July, make sure to return next year (day and time to be announced). Special thanks to Mr Tame, Nathaniel (Year 13) and Mr Boast for making it happen every week, as well as those who helped raise money and donate materials - more always welcome!



## JACK PETCHEY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Jack Petchey scheme has been running at EBS for a number of years. The scheme aims to recognise students who, amongst other things, may have helped others over and above expectations, been a good role model, demonstrated bravery, or have overcome a personal barrier or challenge. Each month students and staff nominate someone they feel deserves the award and a winner is presented with a certificate and pin badge by Mr Christou. The winner is able to spend £250 in an area of school they wish to develop. We have had some fantastic and worthy winners this year:

MONTH	WINNERS	DESCRIPTION
Sep 16	Lauren Foster	Nominated for courage, and for setting a really powerful example to her peers by making her best effort, doing the right thing and demonstrating the importance of being in school despite suffering illness.
Oct 16	Anya Nesbitt	Nominated for outstanding voluntary work she has been doing at Whittingham Retired Greyhound Trust.
Nov 16	Ellie Stylianou	Nominated for overcoming challenges at the start of Sixth Form and superb leadership at Breakfast Club.
Jan 17	Nathaniel Cooke	Nominated for leading and inspiring younger students within the D&T Department over his time at EBS.
Feb 17	Jodie Kelly	Nominated for dance leadership; single-handedly choreographing and teaching a dance piece to KS3, who finished 4th in the Barnet Schools competition. Also for commitment to the Photography Department.
Mar 17	Mohamed Wansa	Nominated for helping at a lunch club for EAL students every day and helping many new EAL students settle at EBS.
Apr 17	Eleanor Rachel	Nominated by a peer for being a fantastic role model in all subjects and leadership roles in D&T & Music.
May 17	Thomas Newstead-Smith	Nominated for determination to be as successful as he can in his GCSEs despite facing a number of personal challenges along the way.
Jun 17	Mia Carlin	Nominated by a peer for positive attitude and excellent progress made in Year 7 despite suffering illness and being fitted with a back brace during her first year at EBS.

This year's winners have spent their £250 on things ranging from new netball kits and bowling trips for EAL students to a new sound system for dancers and a 'stage in a box' for Drama. Each year students are also allowed to make nominations for a leader award, where they can nominate a member of staff who they believe deserves recognition for their hard work and dedication to the students they work with. Last year, the award was won by Mr Parsons. This year's winner will be revealed at the end of term! All of our winners will be attending the Barnet Jack Petchey awards evening in July where they will receive a gold medallion from a special guest.



Last year's Jack Petchey Award winners at the Barnet Awards night with their gold medallions.

## YEAR 7 HISTORY CASTLE COMPETITION

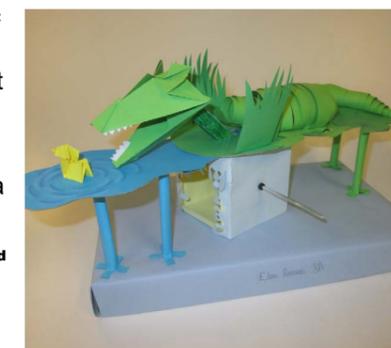


Lower down the school, Year 7 took part in the annual castle building competition. We were delighted with the entries this year and enjoyed castles made from a wide range of materials including cake, toilet roll tubes, and Lego. The History Department were particularly happy to receive the cake entry! The entries were peer judged and were scored on elements such as authenticity and materials used. Merits were awarded and class winners declared; the only downside of course to having so many fantastic offerings, is not being able to display them all.

## YEAR 8 KARAKURI DESIGN COMPETITION

Entries for this year's Karakuri Design Competition were fantastic with some amazing entries. The designs were of a very high quality and the use of the mechanisms worked beautifully with the designs on top. All teachers marked their own groups and then submitted the best for judging in the whole year competition. There was a lot of discussion as to the best design. After a lot of deliberation the following students were selected for the best designs in the year for either the use of the mechanism, creativity or the quality of the working Karakuri.

- Elena Roncarati - 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Exceptionally well thought out design that worked beautifully.
- Esha Mistry - 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Incredibly creative idea that worked well.
- Katherine Smith - 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Fantastic movement design and use of mechanisms.



Well done to all Year 8 students for an amazing response to the challenge and congratulations to our runners-up and winners.

CAROLINE GREEN  
WRITER IN RESIDENCE



When I first started working as East Barnet's Resident Author in 2012, I was pretty certain I'd lucked out. It felt like a special place as soon as I came into the airy, light-filled building and experienced the positive atmosphere here. But, in truth I didn't really have much to compare it with. Now, five years on, I not only know the place well,

but have visited scores more schools across the country. And I can say without hesitation that there is something special about East Barnet.

This year has seen some wonderful work from my Creative Writing club. Aside from the talent and creativity on show there, one of the other aspects that makes it so rewarding is watching friendships flourish across year groups. There is always such a lot of inclusive laughter in these sessions, as well as the brilliant writing. This year, I also enjoyed helping the Library run the Stan Lee Excelsior Award lunchtime club, where students read and then voted on their favourite comic books from a shortlist. This felt like one of the ways in which the EBS library is so valuable; not only is it a safe, happy place for students with this interest in common to get to know each other, but for some, it is the main focus of their reading for pleasure.

So as another year comes to an end, I just want to say thank you to Mr Christou and all of you for letting me be your resident author for another year. It is still one of the highlights of my working week.

Caroline Green



Check out this year's Best of The Creative Writing Club book on the school website: News > Writer in Residence

LARA SPAREY  
DESIGNER IN RESIDENCE



This year, the Design Team were given the challenge of designing a logo and creating branding ideas for the 'Learning Powers' scheme widely used at East Barnet School. The final design is composed of 9 individual cogs, each cog representing one of the Learning Powers. The Design Team also devised a range of products utilising

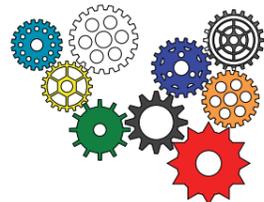
the logo, to be awarded to students meeting their Learning Power targets.

Our Christmas sale this year was all about the Sloth. All the money raised went to support the endangered three-toed sloth.

Our current project is updating the 60-year clock. There will be an invasion of endangered animals swinging, flying, swimming, and jumping across the 60-year clock. We are planning an 'endangered' themed keyring sale to raise money for most vulnerable species.

The EBS Design Team meet every Thursday lunchtime in room 219.

Lara Sparey



GORDON WARNECKE  
ACTOR IN RESIDENCE



This year, I have been running the lunchtime drama lesson which is attended by students from Year 10 and 11 who come on a voluntary basis. Some students from Year 11 have left, but some new Year 10 students have been attending, which is great, as it changes the dynamics of the lesson. As they are working with

students a year older than themselves, the work being produced is always very interesting and rewarding, not only for them, but for me as an onlooker. As ever, the students approach the lesson with great energy and an open mind which results in some fantastic improvisational work. The freedom they have to express themselves through drama has always been very important to me as well as being allowed to use their imagination, which gives them confidence and at the same time having lots of fun. I am looking forward to more lunchtime 'madness' in September and would welcome any students from Years 10 and 11 who would like to come and join us.

Gordon Warnecke



JOHN WILLIAMS  
ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

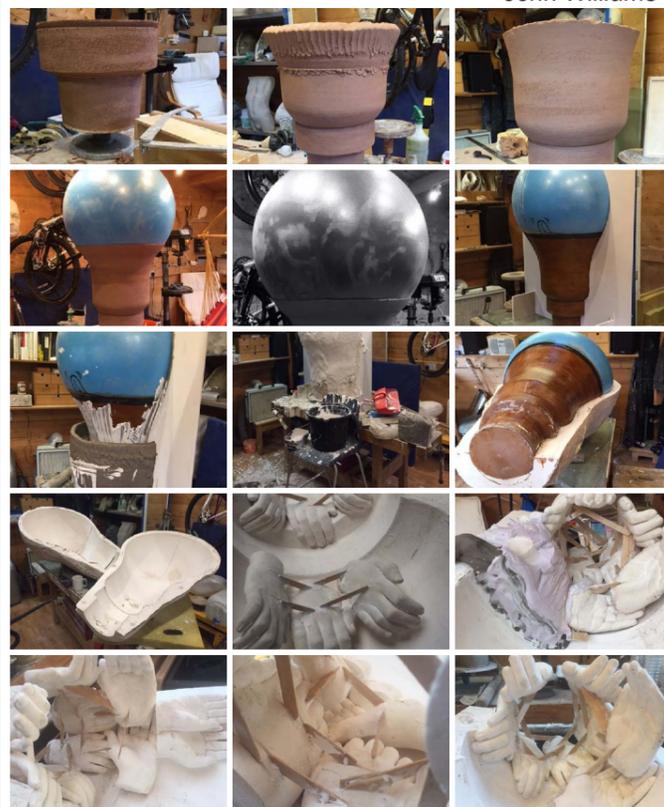
This year, work began on the final sculpture, and the first task was to make a metre tall light bulb! I first approached a computer design expert, making a design cut from wood on a CNC machine - despite our efforts, it was too costly to produce - so I went back to the drawing board and decided to coil the base of the lightbulb from clay.

I then bought a 'Space Hopper' online that measured 60cm in diameter, and joined it to the coiled base. The clay element was then coated with shellac varnish to prevent it drying out. Unfortunately, because of the nature of the model, it had to be cast upright - not an easy task - as you can see from the state of the floor!

With one half of the mould complete, it was coated with Vaseline to prevent sticking. I then started casting hands in plaster. Many, many attempts and experiments followed to find the best way of attaching the hands to one another. This was an incredibly time consuming process with many mistakes and lots of broken hands in the bin!

Slowly it is beginning to take shape - this has to be one of the most ambitious and technically challenging sculptures I have ever attempted - it is certainly the most time consuming. For that reason, I'm afraid it wasn't completed this academic year but will hopefully be installed in 2017/18 (if it is feasible to complete!!)

John Williams



## 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 have not been possible without the effort and dedication of our inspirational members of staff. Here is a snap shot of some of the exciting events that took place this year.

## LECTURE / TALK

On 20th of October, our Sixth Form and GCSE Business Studies students attended a lecture by David Dein, former Arsenal Vice Chairman, football entrepreneur and businessman. David was also the Vice Chairman of the Football Association and has served on numerous UEFA and FIFA committees.

David talked to the students about the Premier League as a successful business model and went on to discuss the impact of television on football and how the power of television revenue transformed the league into what it is today. Due to his wealth of experience, David was able to give the students an insight into the huge variety of job roles related to sport beyond being a sports person. The students were very much inspired by the talk and they greatly appreciated David's advice about what it takes to become a successful entrepreneur and more generally the qualities needed to be successful in life.



## TECHNOLOGY

The D&T Faculty had another successful cycle of 'Film Skool' where 8 films were made. A mixture of students participated from Years 7 to 13. The director and organiser of 'Film Skool', Mr Alam, was full of praise for all students involved and was extremely pleased with the movies made by "such creative and brilliant students from East Barnet School". The Premiere was held in early October at the *Curzon Cinema* in Mayfair, London.

## EVENT

In the second half of the summer term, a group of 12 Year 8 students took part in the Scholars Programme which is run by The Brilliant Club. The Brilliant Club is an award-winning charity that works to achieve its goal of closing the gap between privately educated and state educated students to help them progress to highly selective universities. The Scholars Programme comprises a series of small group tutorials which are delivered in school by PhD researchers. The tutorials are designed to emulate university style learning and aim to stretch pupils to work at a key stage above their current level.

Before the start of the tutorials, the students attended a launch event that took place in the prestigious King's College London. During the day, the students attended a study skills session and an advice and guidance session about life at the university. This was followed by a tour of the university campus where they had a chance to talk to university students and to ask questions. At the end of the day the students attended their first tutorial, where they had the chance to meet with their course tutor and learn about the topic they will be studying. The students were inspired by the visit and it left them looking very much forward to learning a new and exciting topic.



## ENGLISH

This year, there have been a range of exciting opportunities to further develop the interest and skills of students studying English. There were an exceptional range of theatre experiences that have been offered. A great many of these are thanks to the tireless 'behind-the-scenes' efforts of Mrs Ribekow-Evans. A highlight was having the National Theatre come into EBS for their exciting and contemporary performance of Shakespeare's *Macbeth* - read all about the production on page 13. Evening theatre trips included visits to the West End to see *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*, studied by Year 9 students, and *An Inspector Calls*, a core GCSE English Literature text.

'A' Level Literature students' study of Shakespeare's *King Lear* was enhanced by their seeing performances at the Phoenix Cinema in East Finchley, as well as at the National Theatre Archives on the South Bank. Year 12 Literature students saw performances of their set texts *Enron* and *A Streetcar Named Desire*.

Enthusiastic writers have again had the amazing opportunity to work with the talented Caroline Green, our Writer in Residence, while keen Key Stage 3 readers have participated in the Carnegie Shadowing Scheme, reading the eight shortlisted texts for the Carnegie Award and choosing their favourite novel.

Year 7 students have all had Library lessons as part of their timetable again this year. This underlines the importance of reading regularly, widely and for pleasure in achieving excellence in English. Students also created 'Reading Roads' to visually represent their progress - some superb examples were designed!

A special highlight this year was the visit from little Arthur. Ms Colangelo-Lillis' son visited EBS twice, once at 18 months and then at 2 years old, to spend time with Year 13 English Language students. This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity made the Child Language Acquisition topic (literally) come alive and represented in many ways the 'Gifted and Talented' ethos of the English Faculty.

Another great year!

## MATHEMATICS

On the 27th 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 Sten, who qualified for the next round of the challenge (The UK Junior Mathematical Olympiad).

The Maths Faculty continues to provide opportunities for more able mathematicians to extend their learning.

- On 5th July, 12 Students in Year 9, attended the Maths Inspiration Show in Guildford. Maths inspiration is a national programme of interactive maths lectures which are delivered by the UK's most inspiring maths speakers, who present mathematics in the context of exciting real world applications.
- On 27th June, Year 12 Further Maths students attended a Maths Extravaganza event at Greenwich University. The event featured leading mathematicians and mathematics communicators who talked about their work and the wonderful world of mathematics.



## SCIENCE

After winning the Barnet Gifted and Talented Science and Technology Challenge last July, Daniel and Ruth, both in Year 10, proceeded to the Southern Science and Technology Challenge Finals that took place in King's College London in January of this year. Their team faced very tough competition from other teams and narrowly missed the top spot to come second out of 14.

On 8th June, a group of 12 Science students from Year 8 and Year 9 attended the Barnet Gifted and Talented Science and Technology Challenge which took place at Middlesex University. Students gained an enjoyable insight into a higher level of Science and Technology. They had to work in mixed school teams of four to complete three tasks. Each task is designed to develop skills that will be needed in the workplace, with marks being awarded for planning, team work and the finished product. The tasks included building a robot, using police software to Create an E-FIT, and, finally, designing, building then racing a simple electric vehicle. Yet again, our students impressed the judges with their fantastic work and East Barnet School won the competition for the third year running. Well done Peter and Aidan (Year 9).

On 29th January, a group of the most able Year 11 students in Science attended a GCSE *Science Live* event. During the event, the students attended five lectures that were delivered by eminent scientists. They also attended a session on exam skills; the talk was delivered by a GCSE examiner. At the end of the session the students were given the opportunity to ask questions and seek advice on exam and revision techniques.

At the end of the day, students received a booklet with details about each scientist, the lectures and some general articles about studying science and working as scientists - as well as a number of pieces from an experienced Chief Examiner on success with Science GCSE.

## MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Modern Foreign Languages, Maths and Science leaders participated in preparing and delivering master classes to the most able Year 5 and Year 6 students from local primary schools.

## SUMMER SERENADE

On the evening of Tuesday 13th June, East Barnet was alive with the sound of over 60 students making music. The Summer Serenade Music Concert was a resounding success, featuring a high standard of performances from Year 7 through to Year 13 and showcasing all types of music, from classical to rock. The orchestra opened both halves of the concert with their fantastic performances of the theme music to *Pirates of the Caribbean* and the overture to Mozart's *The Magic Flute*. The Ukulele Club were out in force as 11 students sang and played *Castle on the Hill*, and the choir sang two numbers, leading to the lively and impressive finale. Highlights of the night were numerous, with many small bands and soloists performing, including Finn who performed a movement from a Handel concerto, Natalie who sang and played her own song composition, and Robert who played a mesmerizing version of *Skyfall* on saxophone. Sound and lighting were ably controlled by Elizabeth, Chris and Ben. The concert was extremely well received by an enthusiastic and appreciative audience who filled the auditorium!



This was the third concert of our 2016-17 season, as earlier in the year we put on 'Autumn Acoustic' which was organised by Mr Marriott and gave the younger and less experienced players a chance to perform in a more informal setting than the Summer Concert. At Christmas, we combined with the Drama Department to put on a Christmas Concert which also included drama sketches and a dance performance all based on a very festive theme.

As part of music leadership month last February, the ukulele club and some of the soloists also performed in assemblies and at local primary schools, staying to work with Year 6 students, where they acted as fantastic role models throughout the afternoon. Back at East Barnet, some of our most able instrumental players also gave out short lessons on their instruments to a selection of enthusiastic Year 7 students who had never had the opportunity to learn. This was well received by the Year 7s and also gave the instrumental players a fantastic leadership experience.

Finally, earlier this year the GCSE music groups and a selection of the musicians who had been involved in the leadership projects were taken on a music trip to see *School of Rock* in the West End, which we all thoroughly enjoyed!

## CHRISTMAS WONDERFEST

2016 ended on a high with a very entertaining evening providing music, drama and dance performances on a Christmas theme! The school orchestra opened and closed the evening with lively versions of *Blue Tango* and *Merry Christmas Everyone*, whilst the Year 7 and 8 singers sang *Lean On Me*. There were a variety of brilliant solo items, including *Falling Snow* composed and performed by Isabella, *In the Bleak Midwinter* (Evie) and *Jar of Hearts* (Hannah).

The Drama Department contributed two fantastic Christmas sketches. 'All I Want For Christmas Is...' made us all think about the true spirit of the season, and 'Special Delivery' brought the house down with its hilarious comedy. Brilliant acting from all the drama students!

A fun and festive dance routine was provided by a group of talented Year 7s to *Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree*, the staff choir performed *Jingle Bell Rock* and *Deck the Hall* and the Ukulele Club played *Silent Night* together with a lovely flute duet. Another highlight of the night was Amy's beautiful rendition of *Hallelujah*, performed with the orchestra.

The evening took place on the same night as the Winter Wonderfest, and the festive market stalls, food and atmosphere provided by the PTA and school houses before the show really set the scene. Well done to all of the musicians, actors, dancers and technical support who created a fantastic evening of entertainment!



## THEATRE EXPERIENCES THIS YEAR

The theatrical experiences for East Barnet students this year have certainly been varied.

The Sixth Form, as part of their A2 exam, have been able to watch five versions of one of their specified texts. The idea is to enable them to analyse the different interpretations and write with a more analytical perspective about the presentation of the central characters.

In the autumn term, a group from the Sixth Form joined Mrs Ribekow-Evans in watching a screening of *King Lear* from the Barbican. In the summer term, they were able to subsequently watch, a very different interpretation from the National Theatre and compare performances, staging, costume and direction in a more informed way.

In December 2016, over 100 students from both Year 10 and 11 bought tickets for the Playhouse Theatre production of *An Inspector Calls*. Teachers from the English Faculty, including Mrs Ribekow-Evans, took the students on two consecutive nights.

In March, EBS had an absolutely wonderful experience. The National Theatre touring company presented their production of *Macbeth* to both Years 10 and 11 in two separate productions, yet on the same day. It was an absolute coup for the school and one we hope to repeat in the next academic year. Again, this is a core GCSE text and many of the students informed their English teachers how it helped them appreciate the story line and characters. The feedback from the Production Team was extremely positive. They said that coming to East Barnet School, from the original meeting with Mrs Ribekow-Evans and Mr Sweeney to the 'get out' was 'text book'. They were so delighted with the warmth and support they got in performing in our school.

Just after the May Bank Holiday, students in Year 9 were given the opportunity to purchase tickets for *Curious Incident of the Dog In the Night-time* at the Gielgud Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue. Some of them had studied the text in their English lessons, equally many chose to buy tickets just for the theatrical experience. A marvellous evening was had by all and as always East Barnet students did us proud.

Organising cultural/theatrical experiences for the students is a great aspect of Mrs Ribekow-Evans' role at East Barnet. The students are always so appreciative and generous in their feedback and colleagues find it a pleasure to take them out. Mrs Ribekow-Evans said that she is looking forward to the next academic year to see what experiences she can organise for the students.

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP AT KS3 AND KS4

Student Leadership is taken seriously at EBS, where we aim to help develop and nurture the leaders of the future. This year has seen the introduction of 'leadership months' where each month a different subject provides opportunities for students to be involved in leading activities for fellow students at EBS and children from local primary schools. A new leadership accreditation system was also introduced this year to reward students for their commitment to leading others. Students are awarded a bronze certificate for leading in one subject, silver for leading in two subjects, a gold award for being a leader in three or more subjects and showing all the desired qualities of a leader. Any leader that goes on to lead in all available subjects at EBS will be awarded a special platinum award. Well done to Eleanor and Kishen who have already achieved a silver award this year.

The Student Voice has continued to thrive this year, providing a platform for students to offer ideas on how to improve life at EBS. Form Captains have done a fantastic job in collating ideas from their peers and bringing them to meetings to be discussed with Mr Christou. Many suggestions have been implemented to improve their experiences at school.

## COMPUTING



In January and February, our Computing Leaders were busy leading Primary School robotics sessions at EBS, where students from local primary schools were introduced to the basics of robotics. They also ran a Pacman game workshop for KS3 at lunchtime. In addition, they represented the school in a Lego competition at Stanborough School and performed

demos of this for the rest of EBS in the lunchtime robotics club that they ran all year - you can see the team with their robots above. The Computing Leaders also organised a 'code the news' quiz based on their trip to the Guardian newspaper.

## DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY



Five KS3 D&T Leaders were involved in the Christmas Sloth Market, designing, making and selling their own Christmas Decorations. Four KS4 D&T Leaders also ran a stall at the Winter Wonderland event at EBS, selling fabulous handmade decorations, gifts, presents and the famous reindeer! The leaders involved were Bertan, Ella, Elena, Eleanor, Lucy, Sylvie, Kishen, Rachel and Karyn, all of whom demonstrated many of the qualities expected of exceptional leaders.

## MUSIC

Our Music Leaders have been fantastic ambassadors and role models for their subject this year. They have been busy performing in front of peers, visiting primary schools and teaching fellow EBS students how to play instruments. The Ukulele Club performed a couple of numbers in a Year 8 assembly and Euan performed superbly in a Year 7 assembly, showing tremendous courage to perform to his year group.

In February, some of our Music leaders visited Danegrove and Trent Primary schools, teaching a well-known pop song to their Glee Clubs and then helping them to perform it to all of Year 6 at the end of the day. The leaders also performed on their chosen instruments to inspire the primary school children further.

On top of this, the Music Leaders ran a peer-to-peer instrumental workshop, aimed at Year 7 students. Our leaders gave 10 minute lessons to Year 7 students and by the end of the session, the students had learnt the basics of 6 different instruments. Thanks goes to Mr Marriott for his time and effort spent working with the Music Leaders in the build up to their leadership month.



Left to right: Euan performing in assembly, Ukulele Club, Eleanor teaching a Year 7 student the clarinet.

## MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

This year, the Language Leaders assisted the Faculty at open evening, answering any relevant questions from parents and prospective students alike. Throughout the year, and under the guidance of Ms Berger, they have designed and put up displays, as well as leading Primary School language events. In May, the students planned and made resources for lessons, which they delivered to primary students on a variety of topics such as introducing yourselves, numbers, colours, clothes, countries and modes of transport and food. They have also hosted a food tasting for Key Stage 3 students. All the students conveyed their enthusiasm for languages which rubbed off onto the younger students.



## SCIENCE

A number of Science Leaders assisted with the promotion and running of British Science Week during March. Having spoken in assemblies to promote their events, students from Years 7, 8 and 10 participated in organising and running a number of science demonstrations and experiments. These included erupting fizz, Oobleck slime and turning copper to silver and silver to gold! Two leaders also held a debate on terra-forming Mars whilst a number of Year 10 leaders helped to organise a science workshop for G&T students from a local primary school. All students did themselves proud with their enthusiasm and

## MATHEMATICS



This year, June was dedicated to Maths Leadership and students spent time working with Miss Zaman to develop leadership skills such as being organised, problem solving, speaking and listening skills.

Two Maths Leaders then applied and used these skills during a gifted and talented session, in which they led a workshop with some Year 6 students from local primary schools. The leaders worked with a group of students and organised an activity in which the students had to work as a team to create the tallest free-standing tower.

A big well done to Flynn and Adam, who were fantastic and demonstrated quality leadership skills during the session. Miss Zaman looks forward to working with more Maths Leaders next year!



professional conduct throughout the two weeks, and got a lot out of the experience. The student leaders played a critical role in ensuring British Science Week's success at East Barnet School.



## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

This year, Mr Pitts and Ms Hammond in the PE Department introduced a new in-house Sports Leadership programme. It was aimed at Year 10 students wishing to become positive role models and leaders within PE. Sessions took place weekly before school and students were taught the skills and qualities of becoming an effective leader. Our Sports Leaders then put their skills to the test by assisting teachers at sports clubs, inter-house tournaments and primary school sports festivals. Our Dance Leaders also committed a huge amount of time to organise and prepare our Year 7 students for the Barnet Dance Festival, where they were the stars of the show! All of our leaders have conducted themselves with great maturity and really are a great group of individuals, a true asset to the school.



The Sports Leaders delivering a Primary School Sports Festival in the sports hall.

# LIBRARY NEWS 2016 - 2017

Mrs LaTulip, Mrs Cobb and Mrs Shah organised a busy and eventful year in the library. All year groups have used the Library well:

- Year 7 are particularly avid readers, borrowing over 2400 books.
- Year 9 and 11 doubled their borrowing over the previous year, thanks to the Whole School Reading initiative.

- Sixth Form students increased their borrowing by 90% and borrow a wide range of non-fiction and fiction books.
- EBS students borrowed 5778 books between September and May.

The most popular books this year are *The Long Haul*, *Cabin Fever* and *Old School* by Jeff Kinney, *Brilliant World Of Tom Gates* and *Excellent Excuses* by Liz Pichon, *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio, *Noughts and Crosses* by Malorie Blackman, *Username Regenerated* by Joe Sugg and *The Recruit* by Robert Muchamore.



The Librarians purchased new books based on student and staff requests, book awards and reviews.

## WHOLE SCHOOL READING - NEW INITIATIVE

Every class from Year 7 to 11 received a box of books from the Library to encourage whole school reading at least once a week in form time. These boxes supported students who had forgotten to bring books from the library or home. This has really encouraged literacy within the school, and the boxes have been well received by both students and staff. Classes were reminded to swap the books half way through the year. We plan to continue this successful scheme next year.

## AUTHOR TALKS

### RICHARD MUCHAMORE

After submitting a detailed pitch, the Library won a free visit by well-known 'Young Adult' (YA) writer Robert Muchamore, author of the popular *Cherub* series. He came to talk to Year 7 and 8 students in October and even gave every student in these year groups a free signed copy of his book. Our students had an enjoyable morning. Robert and Hachette Publishers were extremely impressed with our EBS students and said they were "a really engaged audience with some great questions." Copies of his book, *The Recruit*, have now made it to the TOP 10 most borrowed library books and this shows what an impact such author visits have on our students.



### KEREN DAVID

A group of Year 9 students were taken on a trip to North London Collegiate School to meet YA author, Keren David. The 10 EBS students who attended would recommend Keren's books *Cuckoo* and *When I Was Joe*, available in the Library.



### CAROLINE GREEN

Caroline Green, our very own Writer in Residence here at EBS, spoke to all of Year 7 in March to celebrate World Book Day. Caroline has published fantastic YA novels including *Dark Ride*, *Cracks*, *Fragments* and *Hold your Breath*. These flew off the shelves after her talk!

Caroline mentioned how important she feels books and stories are and the impact world events have on story telling. Students asked many interesting questions at the end of the session.

Caroline also runs a writing club at EBS, so if you would like to get involved, please speak to the Librarians.



### MATT DICKINSON

Author, Everest Explorer and Film Maker visited EBS on 3rd July to speak with all of Year 9, and to work with specific classes on writing projects. Matt's books include *The Everest Files* trilogy.



## LIBRARY LESSONS



Year 7 students followed a programme of activities in the Library including Bookbuzz. Every student received a free book from the school and they posted some great reviews online on the Bookbuzz website. Students learnt how to use library books, newspapers and the Encyclopaedia Britannica online as well as producing their own reading autobiographies. All students used the library E-Readers in lessons. They also participated in a bookmark design competition.



## THE BOOK AWARDS

The school has taken part in two book award schemes this year, the Carnegie and the Stan Lee Excelsior.

## CARNEGIE BOOK SHADOWING SCHEME

A group of 13 students are taking part in the Carnegie Book Shadowing Scheme. They are reading the shortlisted books and meeting at lunchtimes with Ms Colangelo-Lillis from the English Department. They also attended a Carnegie Conference in June - read the full story and find out who was chosen, on the school website.



## MEANWHILE...

**EXCELSIOR AWARD**

### STAN LEE EXCELSIOR AWARD 2017

Stan Lee Excelsior is an award scheme for Comic collections. Students from Years 7 to 10 joined in weekly discussions with Writer in Residence, Caroline Green, while reading the shortlisted books. Caroline as well as the students had fun reading and judging the books. Graphic novels such as these require real concentration to read. Based on student reviews of the art, dialogue, characters and story, the winning EBS book is *Superman: Lois and Clark*. All books are now available in the Library.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Library hosted its annual Scholastic Book Fair, raising money for additional library books. It is wonderful to know that EBS students are keen readers and get such enjoyment from new books.



## WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day was a curious day in the Library! In honour of Alice in Wonderland, Mr Parsons ran a Chess Clinic during lunch and Student Librarians arranged a bookswap of over 100 books!



## STUDENT LIBRARIANS

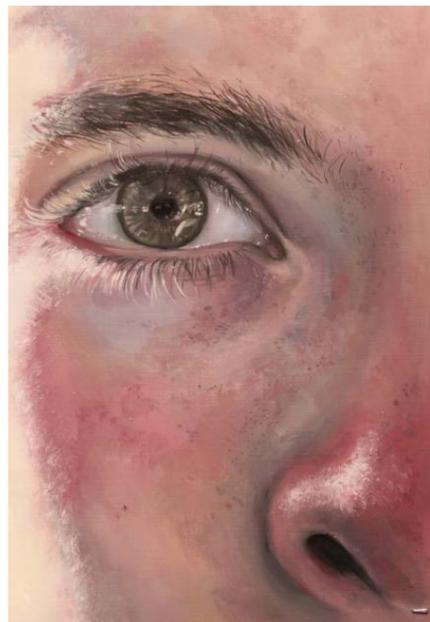
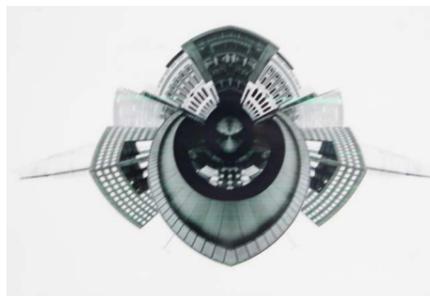
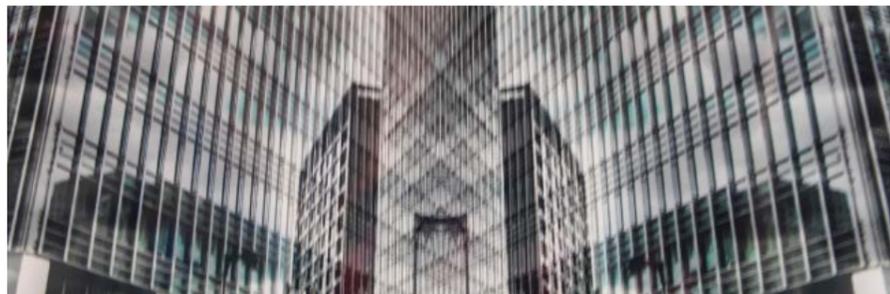
We train students to help us in the Library and they contribute enormously to our success. As a thank you, we had a Christmas party and awards ceremony.



## LITERATURE QUIZ

In May, a team of five students from 7F represented EBS at the Barnet Literature Quiz at JCoSS. They had an excellent knowledge of books, competing against seven other teams and winning our own school quiz too.





ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION



# PTA NEWS

## THE PTA HELP TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

There are hundreds of families who have pupils at EBS. The Parent Teachers Association at the school is open to all parents and other interested community members that want to make a difference for their children and also all the students who attend East Barnet School.

We are very proud this year, not only to have hosted several fun school events, but as a result, to be on track to donate a staggering **£17,000** to school funds, including **£12,000** towards the cost of a replacement minibus – all through the support of our parents and pupils!

## PTA ACHIEVEMENTS

This year the PTA have:

- **Held** Entertainment, Music and St. Patrick's Day Quizes and great social events including a really fun (and energetic!) "Ceilidh"- barn dance - with live band in October.
- **Supported** school events, such as providing a bar for the School Music Concerts as well as holding our two main events – the Christmas Winterfest and Summer BBQ/Music Event.
- **Introduced** a donation section on ParentPay - since February this has raised over £2,000 which is going towards the Minibus Appeal.
- **Raised dedicated funds of £6,300 so far towards a new school minibus** – the PTA Minibus appeal was chosen as one of the **Barnet Waitrose 'green token'** Community Matters causes for June - we eagerly await to hear how much we have raised from our supporters choosing to pop their token into the EBS slot at the checkout.

Many of the items we raise funds for cannot be covered by the regular school budget. Over the last few years we have helped towards major purchases, including the Sixth Form Café, Outside Kiosk and seating, which has been a huge success. As well as raising funds for the new minibus, this year's fundraising has gone towards:

- Picnic Tables (£1800)
- Lego Mindset Robots (£800)
- A replacement Plotter Cutter for Design & Technology – this is a pre-programmable pattern cutter for card, textiles and vinyl used by a large number of students e.g. Year 9s for their recent Clock Project (£1200)
- Spotlights for Drama productions (£120)
- Britannica Online & Imagebank subscriptions to July 2018 (£1200)
- Cycle Repairs & Equipment (£500)
- Tripod for Photography (£86)

## THANK YOU

To all parents and supporters who support events and buy tickets – thank you. To the elected officials and trustees, a personal note of thanks - Elena Trankarova, (Vice Chair) Tess Bush (Treasurer) and Jackie Partridge (Secretary – retired) who work so very hard and are so supportive in all they do. A big thank you also goes to our resident Quiz Masters, Jason Killip and Sean Sweeney, always looking for new ideas and topics, and Kevin Neaves for arranging the Ceilidh.

A huge thank you goes to all the teams at EBS for all they do for the students and in particular the Finance and Premises Team, including Mr Sweeney, fellow Trustees and the school's Communications Officer, Nina Bain, for her tremendous support through EBS News.

Thanks also to The Property Studio who sponsor the Estate Agents Boards twice a year, Barclays who have match-funded events and Mark Nolan from Decoder for all the wonderful poster designs.

Finally, we thank everybody for their kind and generous donations. Watch out for new funding appeals in the coming months, have a great summer and maybe see you at our first meeting in September.

Stuart Gates, PTA Chair

## COME & JOIN US - CAN YOU HELP?

There are many ways to help - volunteering a few hours throughout the school year, helping at events or bringing fresh ideas to the group or cakes, prizes or yourself to an event. Some parents are able to "match fund" events or give charitable donations through their employers.

If your time is limited and you are unable to come to one of the events, there are still plenty of ways you can make a difference – many of which can be done from your armchair:

- Go to Justgiving.com and register EBS as your charity - you will be making a contribution every time you shop online with retailers such as Amazon, etc.
- Have a go at our very own PTA Lottery (250 Club) which has 3 draws every month for £15 for the year – top prize is £300!
- Make a donation to the PTA item on ParentPay when you are topping up school lunches.
- Register for Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer – this enables the PTA to claim back 25p for every £1 that you donate making your donation even greater.

The PTA always welcome new parents and guardians as some members retire from the team when their children move on to college and university. In addition, the PTA liaise with school personnel who in turn give their time to support the group to reach its objectives. We are a registered charity and also part of the National Parent Teachers Association.

All details of the above can be found on the PTA Page on the school website: Parents > PTA or by emailing pta@eastbarnetschool.com for more information.

**CEILIDH**  
FRIDAY 14 OCT FROM 7.00pm  
A BARN DANCE FEATURING MUSIC BY DANGEROUS CIRCLES CALLING BY ADRIAN TURNHAM  
LICENSED BAR, RAFFLE, CRISPS & DIPS  
YOU ARE WELCOME TO BRING ALONG YOUR OWN FOOD  
TICKETS £10  
BOOKING: pta@eastbarnetschool.com

**Music Quiz 2016**  
FRIDAY 11th NOVEMBER  
QUIZ MASTER SEAN SWEENEY  
TICKETS £7.50  
BOOKING: pta@eastbarnetschool.com

**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ**  
FRIDAY 17th March  
Quiz Master: Mr Jason Killip  
£7.50 includes nibbles on each table.

**Christmas Wonderfest & Concert**  
Thursday 15th December  
Wonderfest: 6.00pm-8.30pm  
Concert: 7.00pm | Entry: £5 adults, £3 students and children  
Attractions include: Winter BBQ, Mulled Wine & Mince Pies, Stall original Christmas Gift ideas, Popcorn, Candy Floss and Hot Ch

**The Entertainer**  
MAY  
£7.50 includes nibbles on each table.

**250 CLUB**  
Be a winner with our very own lottery!  
Monthly draws with prizes from £15 - £300  
pta@eastbarnetschool.com

**SUMMER RAFFLE**  
Mini II  
GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON TOO!  
BUY YOUR TICKETS on Friday 23rd June 2017

**Mid-Summer BBQ & Music Festival**  
FRIDAY 23RD JUNE 6.30pm-LATE  
OUR VERY OWN STUDENT BAND ROCKIN' BONES  
BOUNCY CASTLE, DART FOOTBALL SUMO SUITS & OTHER ACTIVITIES  
ENTRY TICKETS: Adults: £5 including a Beer, Wine or Soft Drink\* All students/Children: Free entry

**MINIBUS APPEAL 2017**  
HELP GET US ON THE ROAD!  
To replace our aging Minibus we need to raise £15,000.  
You can help by donating on ParentPay when topping-up lunch money - just select the 'PTA Minibus Appeal' button.

# YEAR 11 PROM 2017



Hollywood has got nothing on an EBS Prom! This year's was as glitzy and glamorous as you can get, with all our students looking every inch the superstar. After five fantastic years, Year 11 enjoyed celebrating their time together in the elegant surroundings of Forty Hall, on a warm June evening, dressed to impress. What a suitably sophisticated way to mark the end of an incredible journey. A fantastic celebration for a fantastic bunch of students.

*Mr Iordanou, Head of Year 11*

Mr Iordanou and myself had to do a double take when the Year 11s arrived - they looked so glamorous and grown up (some were unrecognisable!) and we felt very proud of them - especially Mr Iordanou who has known them since they were 11 years old. There was a lot of laughter, posing and great dancing, although many teachers commented, "I don't know any of this music" - oh to be young again!

*Mrs Norton, Deputy Head of Year 11*



# SIXTH FORM PROM 2017

The last two years have been very enjoyable, studying my chosen subjects to a more in depth level and gaining more knowledge has been my favourite thing to do. I love to study. I want to learn. Now that I have finished school, it will never be the end of studying, as I believe every day is a new opportunity to learn and knowledge should always be sought.

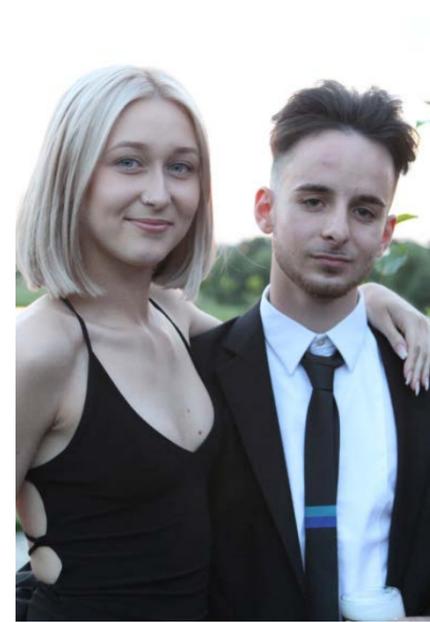
It was a great privilege to be trusted with the role of Head Boy; something I am very appreciative to my peers for. I thank the leadership group, and the Sixth Form staff also. I set out to be a voice for them, and a visible member of the East Barnet community that people could talk to. Many memories were formed. If I have helped at least one person, then I am satisfied.

Mahmuud Mohamed, Head Boy

The last two years have brought my seven year journey as an EBS student to an unforgettable end. Involvement within the leadership team has allowed me to flourish and thrive as an individual. Exercising skills such as communication and organisation has prepared me for university and life beyond.

Over these two years, I have been given experiences that will live on as memories for a long time. Sharing my time with such dedicated fellow students and a consistent staff leadership team has been fantastic as we have all encouraged each other. I feel exceptionally privileged to have been able to represent a school that I feel so passionately about. I will without doubt continue to be an EBS ambassador throughout my life by embodying our values and implementing them on a daily basis.

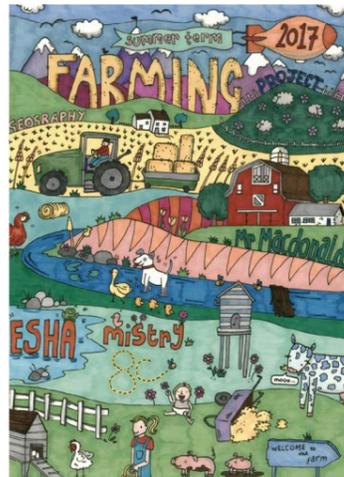
Sarah Lazar, Head Girl



# SCHOOL TRIPS 2016 - 2017

## GEOGRAPHY TRIPS

There have been many successful Geography trips this year at EBS. We continue to organise trips for most year groups which is a vital part of learning in Geography.



All our Year 8 students learnt about the workings of Lee Valley Park Farm, including the production of milk and farm management. There were some amazing projects produced following the trip, including the work of Esha in 8C, whose talent for illustration is demonstrated by the amazing cover she designed (see left).

Year 10 experienced a new pair of trips to collect their data for the new 'Paper 3' fieldwork exam. They visited St Albans and Loughton near Epping Forest. They measured the depth, width and velocity of a river to see how they changed downstream and looked at flood management in Loughton.

## SKI TRIP



During half term, EBS took 41 students to sunny, snowy, Les Orres. We left on Saturday afternoon, with our lovely coach drivers that have taken us for the last few years - they like us so much, they request to take us! The journey went well and in no time at all we were in La Portette, our hotel for the week, looking out at the snow-capped mountains. With a restful sleep, everyone was ready for a fun packed day of skiing. Every day was filled with 3 hours of ski lessons, learning how to snowplough, parallel and curve. After the morning session, we would all ski down to a scrumptious lunch and a small rest, and then it would be go, go, go for another 2 hours of skiing in the afternoon. The evenings were filled with games, such as sit down boarding, ice skating and a wonderful experience of seeing the Les Orres instructors ski down via torch light accompanied by fireworks! Thank you to all our students who were exceptional and made the week a very happy and memorable time. Sign up early for the next ski trip to avoid disappointment!

In St Albans, they looked at how the urban area changed from the centre to the suburbs. Lunch at Nando's was particularly recommended!



The Year 12 trips to Walton-on-the-Naze in Essex and Stratford in East London were also new for this year. Year 12 investigated coastal erosion and management at Walton-on-the-Naze and the impact of redevelopment on the sense of place and identity of Stratford.

The week-long Year 13 residential trip to Preston Montford was a success. The students measured changes in vegetation over time to develop their understanding of lithosere succession for their 'Geog4a' fieldwork exam.



Finally, as every year, the Year 7s visited East Barnet Village or Cockfosters. Positive feedback came from students and members of the public alike for all our trips. Well done to all the geographers out there. Keep up the good work and look forward to your next trip!

## HISTORY TRIPS

40 of our current Year 11 students spent 4 action-packed days in Berlin at the end of last academic year in preparation for their Cold War studies in Year 11. The trip was a huge success with students having the opportunity to visit Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp and seeing the remnants of the Berlin Wall, as well as enjoying a tour of the city, taking in the Reichstag and Brandenburg Gate. The students thoroughly enjoyed the trip and were exemplary in their behaviour and attitude.



In the lower school, the History Department was delighted that 60 Year 9 students visited the Imperial War Museum London in January. The students had a very enjoyable day, visiting a range of galleries and exhibitions. In particular, the students enjoyed the 'Family in Wartime' exhibition where they discovered how ordinary Londoners faced the challenges of life at home during the Second World War, through the story of the Allpress family. The students explored room reconstructions and learnt how the family coped with rationing, evacuation, war work and events on the home front. It was also pleasing to see so many students interested in the Holocaust exhibition, perhaps in the summer, we do hope students will return to the museum, to further explore this highly regarded exhibition.



## NEW DESIGNERS TRIP

Year 12 D&T Product Design Students attended the New Designers Exhibition at the Business Design Centre, Islington. The event was interesting and inspiring for the students who saw the final degree work of students who were on a variety of design courses from around the country.



## MFL TRIP - RHINELAND

52 Year 8 students spent a week in the Rhineland area of Germany at the end of June. This is what one of them, Paloma Newbould-Shepherd, had to say about the trip:

The trip to Germany was an amazing experience and we had the opportunity to learn a lot about the culture and how German people live. We were able to enjoy many fun activities and visits such as, shopping in traditional German shops, riding in a cable-car and enjoying the beautiful views, taking a boat along the Rhine, visiting a castle, playing football in our spare time, visiting a music museum and visiting the best museum of all - the chocolate museum! My favourite activity was the theme park; the rides were fantastic and we had the park all to ourselves.

We also had the chance to go to Cologne and visit the famous cathedral. Our hotel was lovely, with great owners, and I learnt a lot of new German words and phrases. Overall, it was a very fun and educational trip and I would definitely love to go again.

Auf Wiedersehen!



# ERASMUS

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE UK ACROSS EUROPE

ERASMUS+ INTERNATIONAL

Mr Sadler has been working on a new way to share content, and has created the Erasmus+ article on Sway! Check it out on either of the links below:

<https://sway.com/kfB89wHP2CpF3tHQ?ref=Link>

or

<https://goo.gl/VDKMNJ>

## CHAMA

“Education gives people the grounding they need for life - knowledge they will never forget, skills they will use in work, or experiences and hobbies they will continue to enjoy for decades.” A quote at the heart of Chama House at East Barnet School.

Organising events such as the cake competition and cake sale, stalls at the Christmas fair etc, has helped us to raise funds for our charity, the Jack Cecup School in Zambia as usual this year. It is wonderful to see so many students willing to give up their time and make the effort to provide education to those less privileged.

I cannot possibly write a review for the year without mentioning a few fantastic house representatives who met with me every week to see what we could do to raise awareness for different events. They were willing to go to forms to talk about the events and to enter for competitions - 9B Sarosh, Luca, Aqsa and also in 10E Carys, Abigail and Emily - fantastic job. Well done!!

Chama house clearly has an affinity to charity and we have had a lovely response from three Year 10 girls when we decided to enter a competition to raise awareness of education in South Africa. These students were willing to, in their own time, come up with ideas and create a collage depicting “Flavours of South Africa”. As you can see from the pictures of their amazing 3-dimensional collage, Nina, Megan and Romina, deserve a big well done!

I would also like to mention another Chama form, 7B and their form tutor Mrs Johns who managed to organise a cake sale raising money to send to the victims of the Grenfell Tower Block disaster. I could not be more proud of a form in our house.

Last but not least, a fantastic result this year for Chama House, as we have managed to win the overall Inter-house competitions for 2017 at EBS – you are the champions! You have stayed positive and always participated. Keep this up and we will do even better next year. It has been an amazing year as Head of Chama House. Thank you teachers, students and parents for always getting involved.

*B. Smith-Appollis - Head of Chama House*



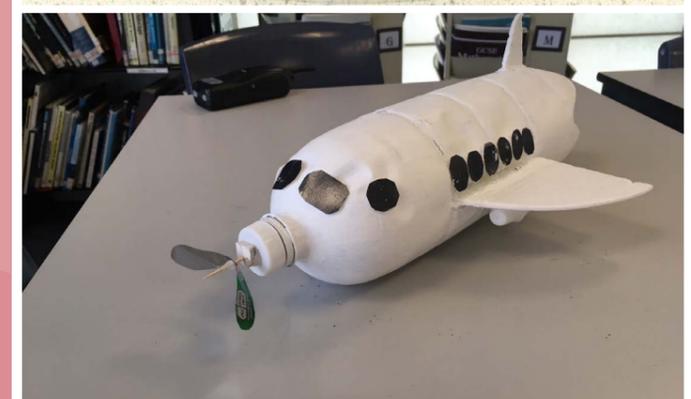
## KELLER

At the time of writing, Keller look like candidates to do very well in the Inter-house competition this year. Another strong showing in the Cake Competition with the Best Looking Cake in the school from Elyssia (9D) and the Best Cupcakes from Olivia (8D) raised our hopes early on. Ellie (7F) and Amy (9F) were very unlucky to narrowly miss out on the Best Tasting Cake and Most Creative Cake awards respectively.

Strong showings in the Inter-house Art competition and Bookmark Competitions continued to buoy our hopes with a very inventive take on a plane using recycled materials coming from Lara and Alicia (8D).

With the close of the academic year drawing in, I can definitely say that I am very proud of the work that Kellerites have put in to Inter-house competition this year. A special mention and a thanks must go to House Captain, Milly, who has been an immense help throughout this year, organising and motivating.

*T. Harrison - Head of Keller House*



Keller House

Chama House

MURRAY

Murray House have had a wonderful year, once again, with numerous events and student participation. Back in the autumn, Murray House won the Best Tasting category in our deliciously fun House Cake Competition. The 'Autumn' theme produced cakes resembling pumpkins, acorns and hedgehogs - the interpretation and the imagination used were outstanding and the judges found it particularly challenging. Some of our participants were Daisy-Jane, Joe, Lucia, Edie, Emilia, Sarah, Summer and Esha. The cakes were sold and over £340 was raised and split between the four houses.

Instead of the annual Christmas Tree competition, this year we placed boxes under our trees to start a food bank collection for the Chipping Barnet Trussell Trust who distribute food to local families over Christmas. As I walked past the Murray tree every morning, I was filled with pride and joy at the overflowing boxes. We ended 2017 on a high with our Christmas Winter Wonderfest extravaganza; the houses worked together to put on a stall with delicious hot chocolate, tea, coffee and wonderful handmade gingerbread men.

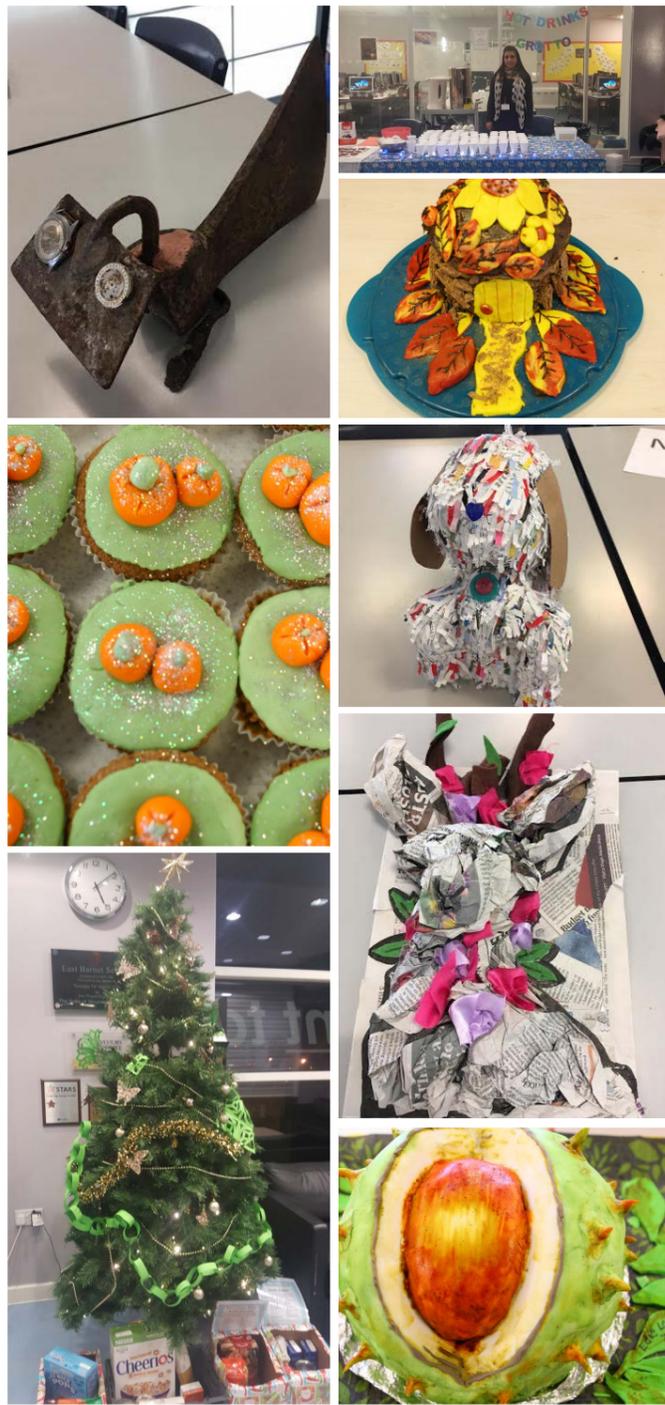
Spring started with our second house assembly, based on the theme of giving. We were fortunate to have many people share their own experiences and stories of giving such as Mr Sweeney who spent time over Christmas volunteering in a homeless shelter. Luke (Year 13) also shared stories about his perception of 'giving' in terms of time and being kind, not always material things.

The House Art Competition was such an immense success last year, the Heads of House decided to run it again this year, with a 'Recycled Art' theme. Esha created a small dog using recycled paper, Lottie used newspaper to make a rabbit, we even had animals made from old pieces of metal; all were amazing. As we go through the summer term, the Houses are busy organising upcoming events, such as the Photography Competition and eagerly awaited Sports Day.

Finally, Murray House have enjoyed supporting the Butterfly AVM charity and being part of Nikki Christou's journey so far! I would like to say a big thank you to all who have helped our house community; students, staff, parents and the PTA. 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

*Family Isn't Just Blood*



TUTU

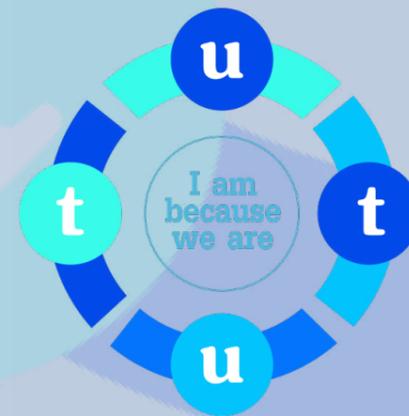
After last year's House Cup success, Tutu has gone from strength to strength. We have continued our talents in baking, with Year 9 Isabella winning a top prize once again for the Most Creative Cake with a Halloween theme, and an honourable mention also to Evie for her fun hedgehog and autumn theme.

All the cakes made were sold at break to raise money for our charity, CMT UK. We also used Christmas as an opportunity to help the local food bank with food collections under our Christmas tree, and lots of support from the PTA too!

This year, the Year 7s have tackled House competitions enthusiastically with a Tutu clean sweep for the Libraries bookmark competition. Out of the seven winners, five were from Tutu. Congratulations go to winners Faith, Andrew, Nicole, Lola and Christina. Tutu House seem to have mopped up most of the runner up prizes too! Not only that - Year 7 showed their artistic capabilities yet again in the Art Competition, with a challenge to make something out of recycled material. Max came first with his card tower, and second place was won by a joint entry from 7A students Layla, Samee and Mia for their camera. More artistic creativity was shown by Elena in Year 8 by winning the Karakuri competition.

In Sports, Years 7 and 8 have taken leading positions in dodgeball, football and cricket this year. The Year 9 girls' netball team also made gains. With all this amazing commitment, especially from the lower school, it looks like Tutu House will have a brilliant bright blue future!

M. Robb - Head of Tutu House



# SPORTS ROUND-UP 2016 - 2017

## BASKETBALL

### Boys' Basketball

This was arguably our best season of Basketball to date. The new courts at the front of school have attracted large numbers who practice every day and it's really starting to pay off.

Two of our boys' teams made it to the semi-final stages after a series of league fixtures. The senior team played against a well organised Mill Hill County side but just didn't quite have enough to beat them. Our Year 10s however went one step further by beating a very good Christ's College, Finchley team into 3rd place. At the end of full time, the two teams were locked at 44-44. After an up and down period of overtime, EBS eventually ran out 48-46 winners.



Year 10 Boys' Basketball Team

### Girls' Basketball

The girls' basketball competition saw some action packed matches this year! The Year 9s/10s played a tight game against Friern Barnet and were winning for the majority of the game but, unfortunately, Friern Barnet came back in the last quarter and made the Borough finals. However, the Year 8s played exceptionally well and made it to the finals. We played an amazing St. James' team who beat us in the end, but the girls were happy to be runners-up in the whole of Barnet - well done!



Girls' Basketball Team

## CROSS COUNTRY

It was again a successful year for the EBS cross country squad. We had seven top 10 performances at the Barnet Cross Country Championships and the most students from any Barnet school represented at the Middlesex Championships.

At the Barnet Cross Country Championships on January 12th 2017. Our main successes were: Eleanor 8A, who came 3rd, Molly Year 13 who came 2nd, Jamie in Year 12 who came 1st and our Year 10/11 boys' team made up of Dylan, Ewan and Darryl who won.



Molly

Eleanor

Jamie

The top 7 runners in each age category were then selected to represent Barnet at the Middlesex County Cross Country Championships on Thursday 26th January, at Harrow School. We had nine students entered for this race, all of whom ran their hearts out; the sheer determination and pain on some of their faces when they finished indicated the effort they put in. We truly are proud of you all. These students were:

Year 8	Year 10	Year 11
Elena 12 <sup>th</sup>	Dylan 30 <sup>th</sup>	Ewan 36 <sup>th</sup>
Eleanor 15 <sup>th</sup>		Lily 21 <sup>st</sup>
Year 12	Year 13	
Jamie 7 <sup>th</sup>	Raul 20 <sup>th</sup>	
	Molly 11 <sup>th</sup>	
	Evie 30 <sup>th</sup>	



## BPSS AWARDS EVENING 2017



On 30th September 2016 a large contingent of students, parents and teachers attended the annual Barnet Partnership for School Sport Awards Evening at the artsdepot. Shortlisted in three categories, our Cross Country team finished as runners up in the *Secondary Team of the Year* category. Winners on the night however, included our Sports Leaders, picking up the award for *Outstanding Contribution to Leadership*, and Eleanor who won the inaugural *Secondary Young Performer of the Year* trophy. The PE Department were also recognised, winning the *Participation Award* for the second year in a row for contribution to sporting events within the Borough. Some worthy winners, but more importantly a great evening of success shared by all involved. Roll on next year!

## CRICKET

On Friday 9th June, our Year 9 Cricket Team, featuring Thomas, Zain, Jack, Thenuk, Ben and Shaan, went along to Dollis Hill cricket ground to represent EBS in the annual 6-a-side Cricket Tournament. There were a total of eight teams taking part and EBS were drawn in a group against Christ's College, Compton and Hendon.

After comfortably beating Compton and Hendon in their opening games, EBS lost a close game against Christ's College to just miss out on top spot in the group. This set up a semi-final against a strong Fortismere side, who had finished top of the other group by winning all three of their group games. Fortismere set us a total of 54 runs to win, and amazingly, Thenuk scored 4 runs off the last ball to draw the game - but EBS went through to the final because they took more wickets during the course of the match.

This set up a thrilling final against the Christ's College team that had already beaten us in the group stage of the tournament. With EBS batting first and setting a relatively small total of 38 runs, we knew it would be a tough ask to win the game. However, a fantastic delivery from Ben and a spectacular catch from Thomas dismissed their best batsman with the first ball of their innings, and gave us the perfect start. Amazingly, it all came down to the final ball again, with Christ's College needing 4 runs off the final delivery to win. A solid delivery from Thenuk was hit hard by their batsman, but a fantastic catch by Zain on the boundary prevented the ball going for 4 runs and secured the win for EBS!

It was a fantastic performance throughout the day from the boys and confirms that they are the best 6-a-side cricket team in the borough. A special mention goes to Thomas, who was the man of the tournament with standout batting, bowling and fielding performances throughout the day.



Year 9 Cricket Team

## DANCE

This year has been a huge success for dance at EBS. The EBS dance group have had some fantastic highlights throughout the year including the annual Barnet Dance Festival, the Christmas Concert, The London Dance Platform for Schools and the Barnet's Unity of Faith & Cultures Festival.

Some of our pupils not only perform but they also choreograph and lead other pupils. Jodie gave so freely of her time to organise and choreograph the dance group. She was supported by Maya and Stephanie who also helped get the girls ready for their big performances. The GCSE dancers also had a fabulous dance display evening which prepared them for their practical exam. Amy, Carys and Jasmine created excellent dance pieces that impressed the examiner and got them top marks. They have been an absolute pleasure to teach, all have worked extremely hard and we are sure this will reflect in their results this summer. A big thank you to all the staff and parents that have supported the girls through the year whether it be with trips, costumes or feedback; we wouldn't be able to offer the groups so many performance opportunities if it wasn't for your support.



EBS Dance Team

## FOOTBALL

### Year 7 Boys' Football

The Year 7 boys' football team has had an introduction to the format of secondary school football this year. They played 10 fixtures in the Barnet 9-a-side league and also entered the National Cup. Their biggest success was reaching the quarter final of the Middlesex Cup with the highlight being a fantastic 3-1 win over Kingsbury High in November. This year has been a learning curve for the boys, and the team are looking forward to the 11-a-side football competitions next year.

### Year 8 Boys' Football

The Year 8 boys' football team had a very successful season, narrowly missing out on silverware. After an impressive first season, the boys made the change from 9-a-side to 11-a-side; a transition which happened very smoothly and to the benefit of the team. The 3-5-2 formation really suited the style of play. The season started a little slow, with some indifferent results and performances. However, the boys rallied hard and with some excellent wins over Ashmole and Finchley Catholic High, found themselves in the Barnet Cup semi-final and the League final. Unfortunately, it wasn't meant to be and neither match went our way, but the platform has been set for next year, and the boys can hold their heads up high and be proud of their achievements this year.

**Year 9 Boys' Football**

The Year 9 football team had their most successful season so far, finishing second in the Barnet League. One highlight of the season, was a 3-2 win over Finchley Catholic in a League and Cup double header! Finchley Catholic had previously beaten EBS in Years 7 and 8 with convincing score lines, and when Finchley Catholic went 2-0 up, the boys thought it was going a similar way. This time round, EBS dug in hard and managed to pull off an unlikely comeback and win, leading to the Barnet Cup quarter-final. They continued their good cup run with an excellent victory against Totteridge Academy, but unfortunately fell short in the semi-final, losing to Ashmole in a closely fought game. The EBS second place finish in the league, meant they qualified into the play-offs to decide the ultimate winner between two leagues. Unfortunately, despite leading, with minutes to go against the favourites, Christ's College, East Barnet's hard work was undone with a last-minute equaliser leading to extra-time. Christ's College went on to win and finished our season. However, the fact that EBS had qualified for the winner's competition and got to a semi-final in the Barnet Cup meant that it was overall a very successful season. Well done to every single member who played this year.

The team is now eager to get onto next season where they will be entering an extra cup competition due to their success this year. Hopefully, we can go that extra step next season and bring back some silverware.

**Year 11 Boys' Football**

This was a successful year for the U16s, that ultimately ended in disappointment.

The attacking force of the Vetranos combining with Jake and Abdou proved too much for humble opposition such as JCoSS and Friern Barnet at the start of the season.

Throughout the season, as the defence started to gel, new recruit Henry, combined with stalwarts James and Sam, worked tirelessly to shut out the likes of Wren Academy. Unfortunately, a close-season defeat to local rivals Ashmole, as well as some debatable refereeing away at JCoSS in the League Cup left EBS with a very respectable 2nd place finish as our only bragging point this year.

The boys should remember how well they did and try not to let the very last two results shadow a decent campaign.

We wish them all the best for the future, both on and off the pitch.

**Girls' Football**

This season, it was great to see both teams practicing together and setting a record for the number of girls participating in football. The league was held on two evenings, with all the matches being played in a tournament, at The Compton School. The girls had great fun, but the standard of play was very high, so we didn't progress through to the play-offs.

The Year 8 team had a great opportunity to compete in a tournament at Tottenham's training ground, and they all came back loving the experience. The quality of football, venue and attitude of the girls was first class and gives us a great springboard for the future.

**Year 10 Boys' Football**

Our Year 10s played tremendously well during this season, going unbeaten in all six of their league games (5 wins, 1 draw). Their run, however, came to a halt at both the quarter-final stages of the League and Cup competitions, where they were beaten by London Academy and Hendon respectively. This was essentially due to a gruelling campaign which saw them progress to the final of the County Competition.



In the first round they beat last year's winners, St. Thomas More (1-0), Fortismere in round two (4-1) and then The Compton in the quarter-final (2-1). Going on to play Drayton Manor in the semi-finals (last year's runners up), they laid down a serious marker winning 5-1. They then went onto play Cardinal Wiseman School. The boys arrived early to the fantastic 4G pitch at Hendon and prepared fully for the game ahead. Keeping the game tight in the earliest stages suited us and we began to frustrate the opposition, carving out various half chances, and limiting our opponents to one shot off target. 0-0 at half-time, with EBS in the ascendancy. The team who could take one of their chances, was essentially the team that would win. The second half started brightly again, but chances were hard to come by. As the game developed, both sides looked weary and spaces started to appear all over the pitch. Unfortunately for us, Cardinal Wiseman, capitalised on such space latching onto a ball through the middle, which their forward delicately chipped over our keeper and ended up in the back of the net. 1-0 to Cardinal Wiseman with just 10 minutes remaining. Rather than get deflated, EBS pushed for an equaliser, but time eventually got the better of us and we missed out on the opportunity to take it to extra-time. Despite the loss, we could not have been more pleased of the players. They are a genuine squad, with a 'team' mentality who tried their very best to get a winning result. They did themselves and their school proud. Well done to all members of the squad. Let's go again next year...



**INTER-HOUSE**

The Thursday lunchtime inter-house competitions have been another huge success this year. It has been amazing to see such good attendance at all of the events. The commitment of students to do their best for their house has been clear to see and the competition has been as close as ever this year. A wide range of sports have taken place including football, basketball, tennis, table tennis, cricket, dodgeball and netball and just as last year students are able to compete in their house colours and gain points depending on where they finish. But there of course has to be one winner and the results are as follows...

**The Final Results**

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

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OVERALL INTER-HOUSE WINNERS - CHAMA!**

**NETBALL**

This year EBS were in full force in Netball by entering all years. The year 7 and 8s were a bit slow off the mark but by the end were showing outstanding play and winning the last few matches. Bring on the 2017 season. The Year 9s were taken by Miss Smith and played exceptionally well and made the play-offs, narrowly missing out on the semi-finals. The Year 9s came 4th in the whole of the Borough. The exact same story happened with the Year 10s, with such close games, making the play-offs, and like the Year 9s, coming 4th in the Borough.

Well done for all the students efforts and sportsmanship.

**RUGBY**

**Key Stage 3**

The format for Rugby at KS3 changed this year, with results not being recorded in Year 7 and 8. This initiative from RFU was to encourage greater participation, with results having no relevance. It was a pilot scheme for the year which will be reassessed come September. The good news is that boys' rugby at East Barnet continues to grow and we have some exciting players to look forward to watching over the next 3 to 4 years. The Year 9s had a one-off competition at Allianz Park, where they performed extremely well. As rugby grows at East Barnet, so it does through the Borough, with the standard ever increasing. The Year 9 boys faced some really tough opposition but were able to win 2 games and draw one, a very respectable achievement.

**Key Stage 4**

KS4 rugby followed the recognised format of the league fixtures, with the two top teams from each league progressing to the finals evening at Allianz Park. Both Year 10 and 11 boys qualified for this, but unfortunately narrowly lost in the semi-finals. The boys clearly gave their all and put their bodies on the line, but just came up short on this occasion. The Year 10s will no doubt come back stronger and hungrier next year but for our Year 11s this was their last collective outing together. They have helped put rugby at East Barnet on the map and have been a great group to work with. They will be missed and we thank them for all their efforts over the last 5 years.

Gents it's been a pleasure!!!!



## SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS

The Year 7s and 8s took part in the Barnet Sports Hall Athletics Competition held at QE Girls' School back in the autumn term. Both age groups were very successful and had fantastic results. The boys narrowly missed out on first place by one point, in both Year 7 and Year 8 teams, but showed amazing teamwork and determination. Both girls teams had an enjoyable experience and came 3rd and 4th. Well done for all the hard work!

## SPORTS LEADERS

Our Sports Leaders have been kept busy all year. They have worked with over 700 primary children from our sports collaboration of primary schools (Danegrove, Church Hill, Brunswick Park and Livingstone) ranging from reception to Year 4. They have been responsible for hosting and delivering 10 high quality sporting experiences for each of these students and have made us extremely proud with their professionalism, enthusiasm and patience at times.

The primary schools are so grateful for the experience our leaders provide and every primary child leaves with a massive smile on their face and a greater love of being physically active. Thank you to all Year 9 and 10 Leaders!



## SWIMMING

For the very first time, the BPSS hosted a swimming event for Years 7 and 8. Held at the Barnet Copthall swimming pool, 12 very excited swimmers took part in various individual and relay events. Our most notable performers were; Luca who finished 2nd in the Boys 50m F/C with a time of 41.32, Euan who also finished 2nd in the 50m B/C; his time, 44.54, Edith who came 3rd in the 50m F/C (40.69), Olivia, 3rd in the 50m BR/ST (49.18) and Tasneem placed 1st in the 50m B/C with an excellent time of 33.01. After the relays, the overall points were collated and our boys' team finished in 3rd place behind Christ College Finchley and The Compton, and our girls went one step better, finishing 2nd, behind Henrietta Barnett. Well done to all the boys and girls who swam for their school!



## TRAMPOLINING

The venue for the annual trampolining competition was here at EBS, with a fantastic school turnout. The competition was of a high standard again this year, and the EBS team was a part of that. The Year 9 girls won the team event, with Amelia coming 2nd, Holly 3rd, Amber 4th and Grace 5th. Due to their high scoring, they also became Champions of Barnet in the Team event - well done! In the seniors competition, Finn narrowly missed out on 1st place to gain silver medal, and Olivia took bronze. The boys' competition was very tough but again EBS were still in the running with Kci-James winning silver in the Year 7 competition.



## CLUB LINKS

As a PE Department we are committed to providing sporting opportunities through our PE lessons, inter-house events and extra-curricular club offerings. However, we can only do so much. Below is a list of local clubs we have links with for the sports we offer. This is for our students who may want to take their sport to the next level or try something new. Further information can be found on the Barnet Partnership website: [www.barnetpartnershipforschoolsport.co.uk/clubs](http://www.barnetpartnershipforschoolsport.co.uk/clubs).

Athletics	Shaftsbury Barnet Harriers ( <a href="http://sbharriers.co.uk">sbharriers.co.uk</a> )	Golf	Trent Park GC ( <a href="http://trentparkgolfclub.co.uk">trentparkgolfclub.co.uk</a> )
Athletics	Barnet & District Athletic Club ( <a href="http://barnetathletics.com">barnetathletics.com</a> )	Gymnastics	Potters Bar Gymnastics Club( <a href="http://pbgc.co.uk">pbgc.co.uk</a> )
Badminton	BSCA Badminton Club ( <a href="http://bscabadminton.co.uk">bscabadminton.co.uk</a> )	Netball	Minchenden Netball Club ( <a href="http://minchendennetballclub.co.uk">minchendennetballclub.co.uk</a> )
Basketball	Horizon Basketball ( <a href="http://svtsgroup.com/horizon-basketball-club">svtsgroup.com/horizon-basketball-club</a> )	Rugby	Barnet Elizabethans RFC ( <a href="http://pitchero.com/clubs/barnetelizabethans">pitchero.com/clubs/barnetelizabethans</a> )
Cricket	Cockfosters CC ( <a href="http://cockfosterscc.freeuk.com">cockfosterscc.freeuk.com</a> )	Rugby	Old Grammarians RFC ( <a href="http://oldgrammariansrffc.com">oldgrammariansrffc.com</a> )
Cricket	Southgate Compton CC ( <a href="http://southgatecompton.com">southgatecompton.com</a> )	Softball	Herts Baseball ( <a href="http://hertsbaseball.com">hertsbaseball.com</a> )
Cycling	Lea Valley Youth Cycling Club ( <a href="http://lvcc.co.uk">lvcc.co.uk</a> )	Table Tennis	Barnet Table Tennis Centre ( <a href="http://btcc.co.uk">btcc.co.uk</a> )
Dance	Lemon Jelly Arts ( <a href="http://lemmonjellyarts.co.uk">lemmonjellyarts.co.uk</a> )	Tennis	Barnet Lawn Tennis Club ( <a href="http://barnetltc.com">barnetltc.com</a> )
Dance	Lizzie Meeks School of Dance ( <a href="http://lizziemeeksschoolofdance.co.uk">lizziemeeksschoolofdance.co.uk</a> )	Trampolining	Zenith Trampolining Club ( <a href="http://zenithtc.co.uk">zenithtc.co.uk</a> )
Football	Various ( <a href="http://thefa.com/play-football">thefa.com/play-football</a> )	Volleyball	VK Barnet Volleyball ( <a href="http://psib.org.uk/vkbarnet-prev/">psib.org.uk/vkbarnet-prev/</a> )



## INTER-HOUSE SPORTS COMPETITIONS

This year saw over 250 students take part in the various Inter-house sports competitions we had on offer, and here are a few pictures of the activities in action! Competition has been fierce throughout the year, but it will all come down to Sports Day in the last week of term. Will our reigning champions lift the house cup again? Will we have new champions? Find out on the last day of term! Good luck, everyone!

**INTER-HOUSE  
COMPETITIONS**  
  
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## COMMUNICATION MATTERS

We live in interesting times. Surprise election and referendum results have defied our ability to predict what will happen next. Never have our literacy skills been under so much pressure. How can we tell whether the text we are reading is the truth or not? The short answer is that we cannot with any certainty, but we can improve our chances if we take time to sharpen our ability to read between the lines.

As our exam system becomes more challenging the need to infer the underlying meaning of any text becomes more important. We also need to be able to see more clearly any bias that might exist, and realise that it is almost impossible for any writer to be completely objective. These skills can only be sharpened with constant practice.

We all need to be able to discriminate between reliable and unreliable sources of information. Fortunately, we have access to the greatest source of information ever with the Internet. Sadly, it is also the largest source of nonsense as well. The challenge for all of us in the school community is to navigate this sea of information and reach the firmer ground of an enlightened view of the world.

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