



FRIDAY 24TH MAY 2024

Acting Headteacher's Message

For our Year 11 and 13 cohort, this half term has been about the preparation for their GCSE and A-Level examinations. They have worked incredibly hard over the past 5/7 years and have conducted themselves impeccably during the first two weeks. We hope they use the half terms to recharge and also prepare for the final few weeks in June. I am confident they will all get the results they deserve and continue to wish them all the best.

But school is so much more than exams, and I look back on the past six weeks in amazement at what the students have been able to achieve and experience.

Key Stage 4 and 5 travelled all the way to Iceland to witness a glimpse of the Northern Lights - if only they had known about the view from their back garden!

Culture Day was such a huge success and it was inspiring to see staff and Sixth Form in their cultural dress. We raised over £1000 for the Stephen Lawrence Foundation - congratulations to all involved.

Our English Department have been rubbing shoulders with celebrities this half term! Miss Pieri was invited to a very special event celebrating 130 years of the Society of Women Writers and Journalists and met a national treasure. Whilst we had an actor from Doctor Who, Black Panther and Star Wars, who is currently playing King Lear in the West End, visiting the school to speak with our A-Level English students. The students had seen his recent production and were very excited to meet him in person (as were the staff).

We are very nearly ready to launch our new allotment area and outside classroom, so make sure to read the End of Year Magazine that will be released on the last day of term in July where we will show you all the pictures of what we have created and the students have been growing - we just need to keep Percy off the veg patch!

Have a restful half term.

Warm regards,

L. Coffill
Acting Headteacher

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Exploring Iceland in 2024

On Friday 29th March 2024, 35 excited Geographers and 4 staff members left for Heathrow to catch an early morning flight to Reyjavik, Iceland! We got incredibly lucky with the weather as clear blue skies and sunshine shone over Iceland and we could see the active volcano erupting as we flew in. We were met by our Icelandic coach driver who led us on our first day of excursions around the capital city. We explored the Sun Voyager Sculpture, Reykjavik City Hall and Albingi Houses of Parliament, where we stopped for lunch. Finally, we were able to see the largest church in Iceland; Hallgrimskirkja and then some free time for shopping on Laekjargata Street before we headed to the hotel to settle into our rooms before dinner.

The next morning, we were up at 8am for a leisurely breakfast before departing the hotel at 9am to start our day of excursions. We met our fantastic Iceland tour guide, Kat, who we now know is famous for her singing and Led Zeppelin renditions...! First stop was the Eyjafjallajökull Volcano, located underneath a glacier, we were able to remember the 2010 eruption here. Next stop was Skógafoss Waterfall, which is 200ft high where we witnessed a beautiful rainbow here too! Stop 3 was Reynishverfi, a black sand beach with sea stacks and Dyrhólaey, a good coastal arch, we stopped here for lunch and were able to observe (with caution) some of the 'sneaker waves'! We then walked to Sólheimajökull, a glacier tongue, that lies to the south of Mýrdalsjökull Glacier. The final stop of the day was Seljalandsfoss waterfall, in which it was very icy due to the cold temperatures with clear skies. After dinner, we got wrapped up warm again to go for a walk along the harbor in the hope of seeing something in the night sky and this evening we got lucky and saw a glimmer of the northern lights! Read more about the trip and see more great pictures on our website [here](#).



Culture Day & Stephen Lawrence Fundraiser

We recently remembered Stephen Lawrence by raising money with a non-uniform day for Year 7-11 and Culture Day for the Sixth Form. Ms Smith had previously delivered assemblies to all students to introduce the Stephen Lawrence Foundation and it's aims to bring together community and reflect on the barriers that are created through discrimination. Altogether, the school raised £1002.50 to donate to the foundation to support their important work with young people and communities. The Sixth Form wore clothes that represented their heritage and they began the day with an assembly led by the Student Leadership Team. It was an absolute joy to see flags from across the world and national dress worn by some students. The Kitchen staff also did a fantastic job of providing a range of snacks from different cultures in the Sixth Form Coffee Shop. The aim of the day was to celebrate the heritage of our students and develop our community understanding. This was achieved and conversations were flowing about different countries and traditions. See more of our staff and students [here](#).



Porsche Cars Career Talk

A big thank you Porsche Cars Talk and their team who came in to the school for one of our lunchtime career talks. The aim of the talk was to give students an insight into careers at Porsche. Students were keen to learn about the various opportunities, however, the highlight for the students was being able to go out and see the cars for themselves – the students were very enthusiastic about it! Everyone had plenty of opportunities for photographs with the cars and hopefully inspires them for the future! See more pictures [here](#).





The Society of Women Writers & Journalists

On 1st May 2024, Miss Pieri attended an event at the House of Lords to celebrate the 130th anniversary of the Society of Women Writers and Journalists. The exclusive guest list included actors, writers, journalists and publishers from around the UK. The venue was inside the parliament building on a veranda which overlooked the River Thames and the London Eye – a lovely afternoon! Baroness Floella Benjamin was the guest speaker at the event; she gave an inspiring talk about the importance of children reading quality books from a young age. Shaping young minds through the literature we expose our children to is essential in creating neural pathways which are essential to learning – from picture books, to novels, poetry, non fiction and articles – we can change lives through reading. We as adults must foster and encourage a love of reading in our young people so as to positively influence the next generation – building core Literacy skills required for life beyond the classroom.



Debate Mate Competition

The East Barnet School student Debate Mate Team was inspirational! 11 fantastic, hardworking and skilful public speakers represented the school at the Debate Mate Cup Competition at Middlesex University on 2nd May 2024. Our teams competed against 10 other teams from local schools, debating on a range of different topics including the impact of social media. They worked with representatives from the Debate Mate Team, students from Middlesex University and employees from Sony Music Entertainment UK. They developed their public speaking skills, confidence and ability to work collaboratively with others as a team. Furthermore, they were able to gain an insight in to the world of public speaking, university life and working life in the music industry. After the first round, both teams debated the impact of social media on the music industry and both won their first rounds! During half-time, our students entertained all participants with their outstanding karaoke skills, getting involved with the spirit of the day. They were treated to a ‘show debate’ from staff and teachers, showing them the fine details of debating. EBS students listened attentively, refining their skills for the next rounds. Find out how we finished overall [here](#).



Danny Sapani visits EBS

Our Key Stage 5 English and Drama students enjoyed an incredibly useful Q&A session with Danny Sapani

this morning. After having seen Danny perform as King Lear at The Almeida earlier this term, it was absolutely fantastic to have him come into school. Danny Sapani is a talented and esteemed actor who has appeared in a range of television, film and theatre productions; from Star Wars to Black Panther. Danny answered a range of questions spanning from his career to the intricate details about language, form and structure in King Lear. This was hugely beneficial for the students, many of whom will be answering on King Lear in their English Literature A Level in a few weeks time. It was a truly inspiring and compelling morning! We are so grateful to Danny for coming in and hope this final experience will put students in the best position for their exams.



Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Spring Library Book Fair, which ran from April 29th to May 13th, was a wonderful opportunity to showcase new young adult fiction and put an engaging range of inclusive fiction titles into the hands of our students. We would like to thank Mr Gallagher, our Librarian, the Student Librarians who assisted, Ms Denny for scheduling KS3 English class visits, and the rest of the team for accompanying their classes, and of course students who browsed and made purchases. In total, we raised £409.50 which means we now have £163.80 of rewards to spend on exciting new books for the Library.



Summer Concert Rocks

On Tuesday evening more students than ever got involved in another spectacular Summer Concert in our Auditorium. Students of all ages and standards came together with the Tech Team to showcase their talents. This year we included two beautiful dance numbers and some singers from St Mary's Primary School. We said a sad farewell to Samuel Board in Year 13, who is leaving EBS after taking part in almost every performance since Year 7. He is truly talented and is applying for a music scholarship at university. The talent in the school continues to grow and with new sound and lighting it really was a Summer Concert not to be missed. Tickets sold out fast so get ready for the next event!

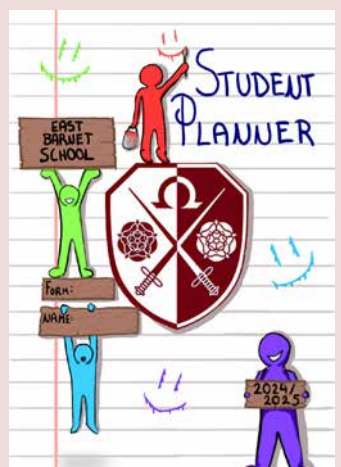


Extended Project at Middlesex University

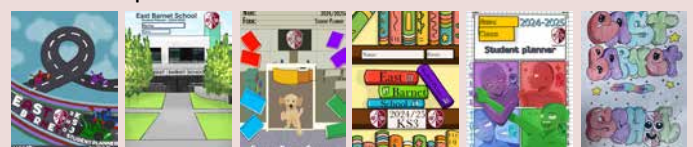
On the morning of Monday, 20th May, our nine Extended Project Qualification students attended an enriching workshop at Middlesex University's Hendon campus. Supported by an academic Librarian and our own EBS Librarian in the Shepperd Library, they explored techniques for crafting effective searches and unearthed valuable scholarly material from university-level databases. The unanimous consensus among our students was that the session was not only well-delivered but also incredibly beneficial. A special thanks to Mr. Pichelski for his gracious support in driving the minibus and providing first aid cover during the morning.

Planner Cover Winners

We love to showcase the creativity of our students, and every year we run a competition to design the front cover for the KS3, 4 and 5 student planners. Every student is provided with a planner, so this is a great opportunity for all. The winners received a £25 Amazon Voucher and 100 House Points.



Runners-up:





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 Accredited Club and the
 2021 FA 'Grassroots
 Club of the Year'

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(NOTE: Age groups stated below are for this season)

Under 10 Boys
Under 11 Boys + GK
Under 13 Boys
Under 16-18 Boys

Under 9 Girls
Under 13 Girls + GK
Under 14 Girls
Under U16-18 Girls + GK

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