

THE ORIEL view



The latest news,
views and events
from your school

SPRING
2023



MAIN FEATURE

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WELCOME

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter
The Oriel View.

We have been publishing this newsletter since 2012 and I still hope that it provides some insight into our work with our students both in and outside of the classroom.

We will work with our students and push them to achieve excellent standards in their examinations at the end of Year 11 and Year 13, but we want them to also have many memorable experiences on the way to those key milestones. I hope that our termly newsletter illustrates this vision to all who read it.

The cover story was yet again inevitable- our celebration of the joy of reading on World Book Day! Once again, the staff rose to the challenge and dressed up as famous characters though deliberately missing an important part of their costume that the students had to identify as part of the competition. I can honestly say, as I did last year, that I do not know of any other secondary school where staff would be willing and able to dress up in this way and it reflects the strong, positive, respectful working relationships that students and staff have at our school which makes me feel very proud of our students and of our staff.

Our students' commitment to our local environment through the Eco Club is another story that I hope will inspire you and give you some insight into how respectful and considerate our students are which goes against some media presentations of young people today.

It has been a busy term at our school as reflected in this edition; I very much hope that you will enjoy reading our newsletter and I thank you for taking the time to do so.

Philip Stack,
Headteacher



FAST FORWARD

KEY DIARY DATES...

SUMMER TERM 2023

MARCH 2023

31st March – Last day of term, 12.45pm closure, Celebration Assembly

APRIL 2023

3rd April – 14th April – Easter Holiday

17th April – First Day of Summer Term

19th April – Year 9 Teenage Booster Vaccinations – Main Hall

20th April – Year 7 Parents' Consultation Evening, 4pm – 7pm (online)

MAY 2023

1st May – Bank Holiday – School Closed

25th May – Year 10 Parents' Consultation Evening, 4pm – 7pm (online)

26th May – Last Day of Term

29th May – 2nd June – HALF TERM

JUNE 2023

5th June – First Day of Term

15th June – Year 8 Parents' Consultation Evening, 4pm – 7pm (online)

22nd June – SPORTS DAY at K2

23rd June – Annual Sponsored Walk

23rd June – Sixth Form Summer Ball

29th June – Year 11 Prom- Lingfield Park Racecourse

30th June – Inset Day – School closed

JULY 2023

4th July – Town Sports Day

5th July – Year 6 Transition Day

6th July – Oriel History Day

12th, 13th, 14th July – Activities Week

21st July – Last day of term for students 12.45pm closure, Non-uniform day



HOSPITALITY AND CATERING

The year 10 students have been practising their plating up skills, making a cheap piece of swiss roll into a fine dining dessert. They made mixed berry coulis, wafer sand, biscuit crumbs, fruit slices and sugar work and each presented in a way that you would expect to see in a fine dining restaurant.

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DONE
EVERYONE
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>>>>STOP PRESS>>>>

For the last few months, members of the school magazine team have been working towards the production of their next entry for the Shine School Media Awards, a national competition that they entered last year. The team have been hard at work, completely redesigning the magazine to have a more elegant and grown up feel to it, and working on a variety of interesting and challenging topics, including comparing electric vehicles with public transport to consider how we decarbonise our transport as well as Freedom of Speech, in order to enable them to enter the magazine for consideration in the maximum possible number of categories. The team have also been considering ways to explore entering categories for cartoons and artwork, pushing themselves to produce the best possible piece of work.

All students involved can be extremely proud of their work so far for the magazine, which will feature a mix of features, art and puzzles and which will hopefully be successful in achieving the team's aim of being shortlisted and possibly even winning an award. Whilst the project still has some work to be done, with the Shine Awards deadline being in early May, the team are feeling confident that they will produce a fantastic entry for this national competition that represents their work in the best possible light.

BBC CAREERS IN THE CREATIVE INDUSTRY

Oriel High School hosted the BBC Careers in the Creative Industry tour yesterday. The national tour of schools by the BBC, is aimed at raising awareness and exposure of students to potential careers in the media industry. Oriel played host to this event with nearly 800 students from year 7 to 9 having the opportunity to watch the assembly and be inspired by the guest panellists.

During the assemblies, students heard about different careers within the BBC and creative industries including PR and journalism, being a broadcast journalist, working in the games development industry and about being a music producer and DJ. The presentation gave the students an insight into the life of working behind the scenes at the BBC and also inspired them with true life stories about how the panellists got to be where they are now. To round off this wonderful opportunity, students were given the

opportunity to ask questions and meet with the panellists.

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ART WORKSHOP, PHOTOGRAPHY – ‘FROM LITTLE ACORNS...’

In January a group of year 9 students enjoyed a full day workshop with professional visiting artists and photographers. With intriguing questions as starting points, they responded to the following –

If we believe that the future is made from fragments of the past, which parts must we keep for the future? How can we create change and adapt? Who is responsible for the future? How can artists help visualise a better tomorrow?

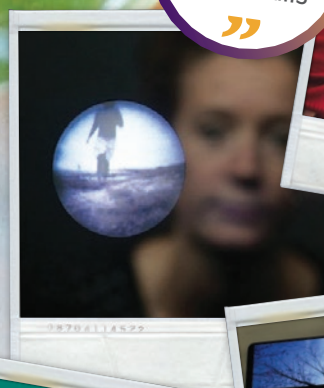
Led by contemporary professional artist Lindsay Smith the students used DSLR cameras to create their responses, exploring ideas and working collaboratively with their peers.

Results were stunning! The students presented their ideas through set design, photo manipulation, special effects, lighting, and even a 'letter to themselves' for the future.

The students were thoughtful, engaged and enriched by this immersive, thought-provoking workshop. They discovered new skills which hopefully will continue to inspire them well into the future. Well done to our new budding photographers and artists!



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WORLD BOOK DAY 2023



WINNERS OF THE WBD COMPETITION

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The theme for this year's World Book Day (WBD) was **Lost and Found**. Lots of staff dressed up as favourite book characters. 30 characters had lost iconic items and accidentally picked up other book characters things. Sherlock Holmes had lost his detective hat and Miss Havisham had found it and promptly put it on as she had lost her wedding veil. Long John Silver had lost his precious treasure map and had found a strange Marauder's map, which made him very unhappy.

The competition was to find the missing items and write down which book character had found them. 65 staff members dressed up to a very high standard going as far as Mr James shaving half his beard off to play Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde. There was a treasure map competition where students placed a pin where they thought the treasure was in a huge map beautifully crafted by the Art Dept. Also, in amongst this chaos and mayhem Tinkerbell had gone missing, as it turned out this was in fact a double bluff as the nasty Captain Hook had Tinkerbell in the library all along, a fact that the librarian Mrs Beckett was completely unaware of...

WINNER OF THE TREASURE MAP COMPETITION

1ST
LOUIS
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THERE WAS ALSO A STAFF COMPETITION FOR THE BEST COSTUME AND THE WINNERS WERE:

1ST
MR
THURLEY

2ND
MR
JAMES

3RD
MRS COLEMAN &
MR VAN DER
MERWE

CLEANING UP THE COMMUNITY WITH ECO CLUB



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This spring term, the Eco Club have been out in the local community, clearing litter from Furnace Green playing fields and having a wonderful time doing it! The team ventured out with their bags and pickers to take as much litter out of the natural public space as they could. When they arrived, the field looked pretty clean and inviting, but the team were astonished to see the amount of litter left on the paths, playground and caught in hedgerows. Determined to make a positive difference for their local area, nature and wildlife the team rallied round and did a fantastic job and had lots of fun at the same time! The Eco Club ended up finding a shocking 4 bin bags worth of rubbish in just an hour! The most common types of litter they found were cigarette ends, crisp packets and chocolate bar wrappers.

Eco club member Mia B spoke to some residents using the park to get their opinion on the litter crisis. A local dog walker told Mia how it makes her feel “disappointed and frustrated. It's such a shame seeing it stuck in all the bushes and in the stream. I worry that my dog might get hurt by some broken glass or something sharp when were out.”

Sadly litter is an increasing issue nationwide, and is it everybody's responsibility to ensure that litter is thrown away or recycled properly. Fiona C (Eco Club Member) wants to remind all students and staff at Oriol “If everyone simply puts their litter in the bin, it will make a huge positive impact for our countryside, wildlife and our community.”

With the advice and help of Bella S, an Eco Club member, all the litter collected by the Eco Club will be cleaned and be given a brand-new purpose. Being made into Eco Bricks that will joined together to create some exciting and eye catching seating for the Oriol Community Garden. A huge well done to everyone in the Eco Team, and we look forward to hearing more about litter picks throughout the year!

If you have a passion for the environment, are concerned about climate change, or want to make a positive difference for our wildlife, speak to Fiona or Katie in the Youth Wing about joining the Eco Club!

Every Tuesday 2:40pm-4pm

PLANT DISCOVER
EXPLORE CREATE GROW

What will we be doing...

Planting, growing, harvesting fruit and vegetables, learning, exploring nature, developing the garden, working with the community, creative projects, building animal habitats, cooking.

Gardening Club
Meet in the Youth Wing

Eco Group



Meet in the Youth Wing every Wednesday during PM mentor time.

Think Green Recycle Environment
Less Waste Change Makers Reusable

**Eco Club
meets every
Wednesday,
PM Mentor in
the Youth
Wing.**

£1
Entry
Tuesdays
Term Time
6pm-8pm
Youth Wing

Open to all
Secondary
and Sixth
Form

EVERY
TUESDAY
6PM-8PM

YOUTH CLUB

Pool+Music+Games+
Movie Nights+Arts+
Table Football+
Cooking+ Sports+
Quiz Nights+Crafts+
Table Tennis+
Snacks+ Gardening+
Competitions

Students
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ORIEL YOUTH CLUB

The Oriel Youth Club is open every Tuesday 6-8pm (term time only) to young people from secondary schools within Crawley.

We have had a busy start to the term with over 40 young people attending each week. Our members are offered a variety of opportunities, activities, and experiences to develop life and social skills. We have carved pumpkins, flipped pancakes, and visited the Hawth Theatre to watch the Pantomime. We have also continued to offer weekly Kicks sessions, seeing our young people head outdoors to take part in a variety of team games as part of the Crawley Town Football Foundation Kicks programme.

By being part of our Youth Club, the group will be given the confidence, independence and opportunities to try new things, meet new people and build a greater connection within their community. Youth Club offers a safe space to come together to mix with their peers, giving young people a sense of belonging in their community.

If you are in year 10 or 11 and would be interested in volunteering pop into the Youth Wing to find out more. We are a great bunch!



YOUTH CLUB KICKS SESSIONS

We run our Free Premier League Kicks Session at Oriel Youth Wing every Tuesday from 6-8pm. It is run by Crawley Town Football Club Foundation Coaches. The sessions are more than just football, they offer the opportunity to take part in a variety of other sports such as Basketball and Cricket and engage in social action through volunteering and giving back to the community. Participants have specialist Youth Workers on hand to offer support where needed and the centre offers a wide range of activities, from Duke of Edinburgh, art and Forest School which are amazing. Sessions are free and we welcome all young people regardless of sporting activity or ability and from other neighbouring schools. Our weekly sessions have been great as they are enabling young people to be active, and we have seen a real interest from a wide range of different young people- confidence has grown and it is great to see so many new people accessing sport for the first time. Email community@crawleytownfc.com for more information or speak to the youth wing staff or visit our website.

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HALLO HAMBURG!

The much-anticipated German Exchange return trip to Hamburg finally arrived! We left school on Friday 24th February and made our way to Gatwick for a 1.30pm flight. We asked the students if they had any reservations about the trip but they all seemed to be taking it in their stride. Jadis' biggest concern was not getting lost in the airport!

“...we managed to narrowly escape the torrential hail storm”

We were met at Hamburg Airport by Herr Galgenmüller, who organised the exchange on the German side and he accompanied us on the short trip to Copernicus Gymnasium; our partner school in Norderstedt, a short 30minute train ride from Hamburg centre. By the time we arrived it was 5.30pm on a Friday, we were the last people in the school (understandably) and trying not to get locked in by the caretakers! From here, we waved goodbye to Oriol students as they headed off to spend the night with their host families.

On **Saturday** we woke up to snow! Herr Galgenmüller had planned a city tour of Hamburg (in German, of course). We braced ourselves for the sub-zero temperatures and met at Copernicus to catch the U-Bahn into the city centre. On the way in students were animatedly chatting about their previous evenings, which had involved watching Marvel films, playing board games (in German) and trying new foods. There were even some cultural differences that were discussed in great detail, one of which was the presence of one giant pillow on beds rather than the 'usual' two normal sized pillows. On arrival in Hamburg our students had some time to explore the city centre at their leisure together and with their host partners. Mr Wenn and Miss Smith were eagerly anticipating tales of new experiences involving Bratwurst and Mezzo Mix, but the reality was a fascination with the ever-so cultural Pizza Hut (to which, we were assured was much better than the British version...). Then the city tour really began thanks to our tour guide Kelvin. We were shown around all the major sights of the city and regaled with fascinating facts about the history and people of Hamburg; who knew the city has more bridges than Venice and Amsterdam combined?! With a luckily-timed defrost on the viewing platform of the Elbphilharmonie (with some beautiful panoramic views of the city) we managed to narrowly escape the torrential hail storm and it was soon time to see our students off for another night with their host families.



Sunday was spent doing some fabulous activities with host families which everyone enjoyed. Tilly and Louise took a trip to the Baltic Sea and Luke got to see some more sights of Hamburg. There were cinema trips, epic crazy golf games, restaurant visits, and finally some traditional food tried (no Pizza Hut with the families!) . Some of our students were lucky enough to go to the theatre to watch Macbeth – in German (English revision – tick!). Even Mr Wenn and Miss Smith were taken out by the German teachers to a new exhibition in the city which had had fabulous reviews. Photos from our students came in thick and fast, showing us their experiences, and all the new friends, they had made.

On **Monday** we spent the morning at Copernicus and saw how a German school functioned. School began at 8am so early starts all-round but most students finished at 1.10pm – I think Oriol students were slightly envious of this! Our students sat in on a variety of lessons such as Maths, German, Geography and English. One big difference is that students don't wear uniform in Germany and there are no exercise books as every student has their own iPad! In the afternoon we were lucky enough to be given a tour of the NDR TV studios where we set foot in a newsroom and watched rehearsals for a live show going out on national TV that night. We even managed to get lost in the costume wardrobe and see the sofa that Jamie Oliver had sat on just days before!

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It was an amazing experience, I made wonderful memories and saw so much

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I loved every minute of the trip, I only wish it was longer

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And just like that, it was our final day. We spent the morning in school again where we got involved in more lessons and in the afternoon we hijacked the kitchen and set our students the task to bake a Hamburg speciality: Franzbrötchen (similar to cinnamon swirls). With instructions only in German we waited with baited breath to see how much of the language they had picked up over the last few days. We can definitely do us proud by making, perhaps not the prettiest, but definitely the tastiest pastry we had had all week!

It was a packed 5 days with so many smiles and so much laughter, filled with new experiences from a brand new culture, to new food, to friendships that will last a lifetime. Our students spoke so much German they even came back with a German accent – even when speaking English! I don't think anyone could sum the whole experience up better than Jadis;

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But I don't want to leave, it feels like we only just got here

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for the Year 11
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TATE MODERN TRIP

On Tuesday 21st February 2023 students in Year 11 studying GCSE art visited the Tate Modern Art Gallery on London's South Bank. The Tate Modern is a vast building, filled with examples of contemporary work exploiting photography, textiles, sculpture, painting, video, light and sound. It was a fantastic opportunity for the Year 11 students to develop ideas for their upcoming exam in April.



SPORTS ROUND UP

It's been a great start to the term for a number of our teams, with our footballers, runners, basketball and rugby players securing lots of wins in both friendlies and County Cup fixtures.

COUNTY CUP FINALISTS!

Well done to our Year 11 football team, who won their Sussex Schools FA County Cup semi-final 3-1 against The Weald School on March 3rd to reach the final for the 2nd time in three years, winning the title in 2021!

The team have had an impressive run to the final where they will face Tanbridge House School in the final at Lancing FC.

Scorers:
Liam, James
& Fin.

MotM:
Louie &
Tommy S.

CRAWLEY NEW BRITISH AND SWIM TEAM ENGLISH NATIONAL RECORD!

CONGRATULATIONS ALFIE PENFOLD!



**MEN'S S13 800M FREESTYLE
LONG COURSE**



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Well done to
our Year 11
football team
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STUDENT OF THE MONTH

NOV	ASIA	AMERICAS	AFRICA	AUSTRALASIA
YEAR 7	Evelyn S 7IMU	Finn S 7IPA/SJO	Isabella N 7JSO	Jack F 7BGO
YEAR 8	Jansen C 8HCO	Neve F-C 8TBA	Eva V 8BPO	Millie C 8ARD
YEAR 9	Toby M 9FWE	Charlie R 9 GRI	Bella H 9KEV	Sophie E 9ARD
YEAR 10	Logan S 10NIS	Matthew S 10ABC	Isobel G 10SAN	Evelina T 10LTE
YEAR 11	Katie B-T 11HCO	Ella-Mai B-W 11KDA	Jacob S 11JBY	Josh G 11JCA

DEC	ASIA	AMERICAS	AFRICA	AUSTRALASIA
YEAR 7	Zack A 7NIS	Leo M 7KDA	Kelsey A 7TSA	Tom A 7KRO
YEAR 8	Saxon L 8NIS	Joe W 8LWA/SJN	Alfie O 8KCA	Charlie F 8SPH
YEAR 9	Elijah K 9FWE	Adham T 9IPA/SJO	Ethan P 9NBO	Ruby P 9KRO
YEAR 10	Freya T-W 10CMY	Zaina A 10CCX	Oliver P 10JBY	Summer R 10JCA
YEAR 11	Charlie O 11SRE	Jayden P 11GRI	Samuel T 11MSC	Max L 11SPH



At Oriel High School we are committed fully to Safeguarding our Students. We promote the welfare of our students and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All staff undergo Child Protection Training and screening, including reference checks with previous employers and an enhanced criminal records bureau check with the Disclosure and Barring Service.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead for Oriel High School is – **Mark Harrison** (Assistant Headteacher)

The Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads for Oriel High School are **Helen Everitt** (Deputy Headteacher) and **Tim Matthews** (Deputy Headteacher)

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