

# THE • ORIEL view



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views and events  
from your school

SUMMER  
2017



## MAIN FEATURE

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*Africa become the new champions this year!*

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# WELCOME

Welcome to our latest edition of our newsletter, *The Oriel View*.

Our public examination season has come to an end. The Year 11 and Year 13 students undertook the, at times gruelling, schedule with a positive and cheerful disposition supported by the staff and their families. In spite of the busyness of this time of year we remain

as determined as ever to be a school that provides an enriching and rewarding experience whilst still achieving academic success. In this newsletter you will find evidence of that determination as we have articles on the many activities that have taken place in recent weeks, including our Sports Day, Sponsored Walk and Year 11 Prom to name but a few. All three events demonstrated the strong sense of partnership between our students and our staff as both students and staff participated in them. At the time of writing

there is a sense of excitement in our school as we prepare to welcome our new intake students on their induction day as well as make final preparations for our activities week. I can assure you there is never a dull moment at our school.

I hope that you will enjoy this edition of *The Oriel View* and I thank you for taking the time to read it.

Philip Stack,  
Headteacher



FAST FORWARD

## KEY DIARY DATES...

### SUMMER TERM 2017

#### JULY 2017

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

**24th July** – INSET DAY

**25th July** – INSET DAY

#### AUGUST 2017

**17th August** – A level results day

**24th August** – GCSE Results day

#### SEPTEMBER 2017

**4th September** – INSET DAY

**5th September** – INSET DAY



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## YEAR 10 BUSINESS STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN A REAL-LIFE FOCUS GROUP WITH SKINGENIUS.



Year 10 business students participated in a real-life focus group in June when local entrepreneur Julia Vearncombe, founder of SkinGenius, brought a selection of products into their class. In addition to touching, testing and discussing the products they completed a questionnaire and gave verbal feedback to Julia. In their GCSE, students should understand the advantages and disadvantages of different research methods and be able to recommend to a small business the best methods for their circumstances. This was an excellent opportunity to link their learning to a real situation. They were also able to ask questions linked to their Year 10 studies on topics including;

**what it is like to set up a business,**  
**which sources of finance were used,**  
**did you have a business plan,**  
**do you want to be a millionaire!**

The session is due to be repeated with further Year 10 and Year 12 groups. We are very grateful to Julia at SkinGenius for taking her valuable time out to visit.

The business team would welcome contacts from other small local / large national businesses that could help bring studies to life, especially any business finance and marketing experts. Please contact [cnicholls@oriel.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:cnicholls@oriel.w-sussex.sch.uk)





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## RAINBOW TRUST CHILDREN'S CHARITY



REWIND

## ORIEL SPONSORED WALK 2017

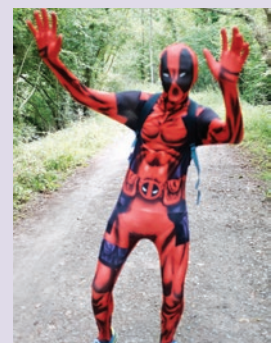
We believe that charities are an integral part of every community. We recognise that charities change the lives of people in need every day with even the smallest of donations making a large impact in a community.

As a school we do a lot of fundraising organised centrally by us, but also have many students who have been inspired to run their own campaigns completely independently.

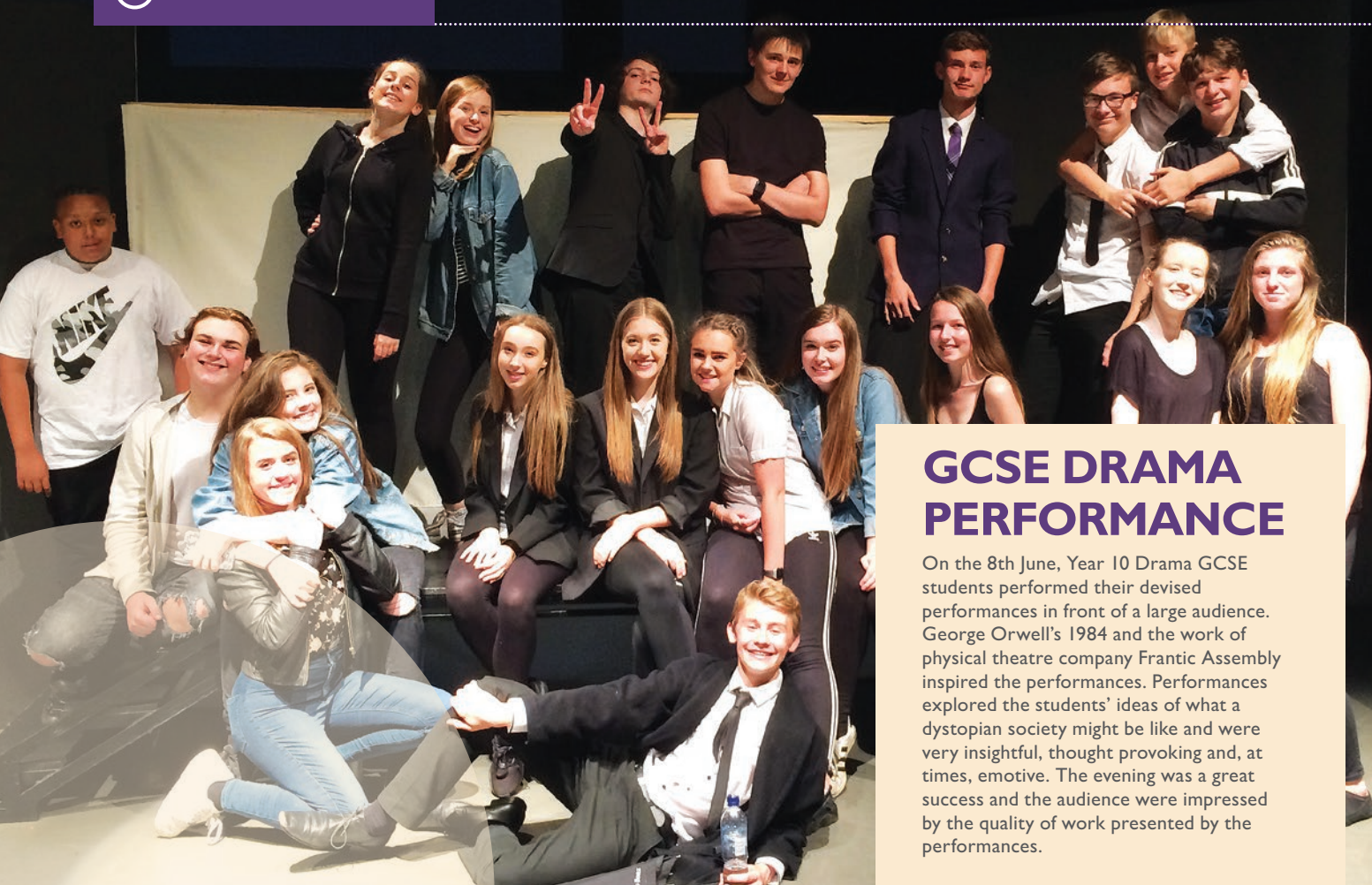
Every year we hold a whole school Sponsored Walk. We walk from school along the Worth Way to Crawley Down, where most stop for a spot of lunch, and then do the return journey back to school – 10 miles (16km) in total. Most students wear fancy dress and the atmosphere is amazing. Members of the public are incredibly complimentary about the attitude and behaviour of our students. In consultation with students and staff, the student headship team elect a charity each year, trying to alternate each year between a local and international charity.

This year the chosen charity was Rainbow Trust Children's Charity. Rainbow Trust supports families who have a child aged 0-18 years with a life threatening or terminal illness and need the bespoke support they offer. The students this year were amazing and worked hard to reach their pledged targets. In the next edition of the Oriel View we will share the final total raised and how the sponsorship money was used.

**Well done to all the students that took part.**







## GCSE DRAMA PERFORMANCE

On the 8th June, Year 10 Drama GCSE students performed their devised performances in front of a large audience. George Orwell's 1984 and the work of physical theatre company Frantic Assembly inspired the performances. Performances explored the students' ideas of what a dystopian society might be like and were very insightful, thought provoking and, at times, emotive. The evening was a great success and the audience were impressed by the quality of work presented by the performances.

# GRADUATE FASHION WEEK

On June 6th 2017, a group of Year 10 and 12 students visited Graduate Fashion Week event at the Truman Brewery in East London.

Graduate Fashion Week is the largest showcase of BA (Bachelor of Arts Degree) and colleges on show. The annual event showcases the work of thousands of the very best graduates from the most influential and inspiring universities around the world. Fashion is one of the largest and most exciting industries in the UK. Over 700,000 people are employed in the fashion and retail sector, making it the second biggest employer after the NHS. The industry has a wide offering of career pathways including design, textiles, social media, communications, marketing, brand management, retail management, photography and styling.

The Fashion Future Hub at the event was the perfect platform to educate our students about how to enter into this creative industry. Buyers, merchandisers, photographers, designers and PR teams were hand at the event for students to speak with to explore their educational pathway and how they got to where they are today. Our students were able to talk to graduates and universities about the courses they offer, ask questions about the application process and take inspiration from the incredible degree work on show.

We were also lucky enough to watch Northampton University's graduation catwalk show which was an amazing experience for the students. We met with fashion designer Savannah Miller and listened to her talk about her journey from a Central St Martins student, her work experience and then her career working with Alexander McQueen and how she created her own fashion label.

It was a truly inspiring day for us all!



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# WELCOME FROM OUR NEW STUDENT HEADSHIP TEAM!



June the 5th saw the departing Student Headship Team hand over the reins to new blood! In the week prior to this, nearly 30 Year 10 students applied for the 6 positions on the SHT, and these students were put through a series of activities to test their leadership skills and ability to work as a team. The current SHT set and managed the activities, observed by Miss Greer and decisions were made during the process about who to shortlist. Eventually, 12 students were chosen to go through to the afternoon's final interviews with the SHT and Mr Stack. Due to such a strong field, for the first time ever it was decided to take the weekend to deliberate about who was to form part of the incoming team. The final decisions were unanimous and your Student Headship team for 2017-18 is;

**David Walker (Head Boy)**

**Erin Porter (Head Girl)**

**Henry Taylor (Deputy Head Boy)**

**Samantha Berkeley (Deputy Head Girl)**

**Jamie Ellington (Deputy Head Boy)**

**Holly Owens (Deputy Head Girl)**

These students will be working closely with Mr Stack this coming academic year to provide the link between the student body and the Senior Leadership Team of the school. They will also provide leadership with regard to charity fund raising, planning of celebration assemblies and community link work such as transition days and open evenings. Best of luck to the incoming team and all the best for the future to the outgoing SHT who have done a superb job this year.

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# ORIEL COMMUNITY GARDEN

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The Oriel Garden Project began last July with a small group of keen outdoors enthusiasts. Some enjoyed growing fruit and veg, some were keen bug-hunters and some just liked the idea of a space where young people could get together and enjoy the outdoors. This began a conversation about the school's disused garden space and how it could be regenerated for all to enjoy. Students from Oriel High School and members of our evening Youth Club got together to begin mind-mapping ideas for the space and how it could be used. After many discussions and planning sessions it was clear that a community-based garden with an area for growing fresh produce was a priority. The young enthusiasts wanted raised beds to allow people of all generations to work together to not only share skills and ideas but to use the opportunity to chat about life then and now together. Also, other ideas were the need for an inspirational outdoor classroom area for the Art department to use throughout the day to draw from life, a quiet place for a class to read, the Science department to learn about photosynthesis and an amphitheatre for the Drama department.

The space is already being used for lessons and it is great to see the space being used by students and members of the local community.

The creation of the 'Conversation, Conservation' area is a real focus of the garden and will be a place for people from our school, additionally the Youth Club and

members of our local community, to come together and enjoy sharing their knowledge and skills of gardening through intergenerational projects.

The young enthusiasts have worked hard to build raised beds, lay bark for footpaths, plant seeds and create bug boxes to encourage wildlife. It has been a real team effort with a wonderful space is emerging. The final aim is to grow enough produce to share with the community through bake sales and vegetable sales, to provide donations to our local homeless charities.

*I have really enjoyed seeing the Oriel Garden grow from overgrown to how it looks now. I am a keen bug hunter and cannot wait to build a bug-attracting area to explore. We have cleared lots of rubbish and soil and are now adding the huge pile of bark to our new garden. I really hope we can add a bridge in the garden somewhere.* Tai Gordon





*I have helped with the planning of the garden. I am pleased with the way it looks. I am a student at Oriel but also come to Youth Club every week to help. I can't wait to see it finished.* **Charlie Johnson**

Thank you to DLM Fencing & Gardening Services LTD for helping to clear the site ready for the raised beds to be built.



As part of the partnership, we have been lucky enough to work with Kate Orchard who is the local RHS (Royal Horticultural Society) Community Outreach Advisor. She has visited our site to work with the young people on a number of projects including learning about crop rotation, planting and helping to finalise the layout of the garden.







# YEAR 11 PROM

On Friday 23rd June, we held our annual Year 11 Prom at a new venue, Lingfield Park Race Course. The sun was shining upon us all giving the opportunity to take advantage of the beautiful surroundings whilst enjoying a table service three course meal.

There was as usual an array of beautiful dresses and sharp suits. The students had a fantastic time and celebrated finishing Year 11 and the completion of their exams. We wish all our Year 11 students every happiness and success in their future whether it be here at Oriel Sixth Form or elsewhere.











# SPORTS DAY 2017

On Thursday 22nd June, we held our annual whole school sports day at K2 Leisure Centre. In true British fashion. We experienced glorious sunshine, torrential rain and thunderstorms but this did not stop the students from giving it their all and competing in the events.

It was a close competition this year between all four Learning Communities with Africa becoming the 2017 Champions and only 18 points behind Asia in a close second!

Well done to the students who participated in events as well as all the students supporting from the stands.

**#Proudtobepurple**



## Sports Day Previous winners

- 2016- Americas**
- 2105- Americas**
- 2014- Australasia**
- 2013- Africa**
- 2012- Africa**



## CHARITY SNAIL RACE

This sports day saw an entirely new event take place with Oriel's very own inaugural snail race. Eight snails were pitched against each other in a battle to, well; move around for a bit on a grid made up of 100 squares (and plenty of greenery to keep the snails happy). Students and staff were given the chance of shelling out £1 to buy a square on the grid. If their chosen snail finished the day on their square then they would be victorious. As it happened, Beyonce was on a mission, but then fell asleep two hours in; Bruce decided to sit out almost the entire race, and Takeshi was more interested in trying to escape the grid altogether. Ultimately, it was Abiola who brought glory to Luc Capdevila in Year 7 by taking a nap on his chosen square and consequently bagging him the £20 Amazon gift card (kindly donated by Mrs Denman). The snail race helped to raise over £140 for next year's World Challenge trip to Swaziland, to help to build a National Care Point for people with HIV. For more information on the project, speak to Miss Rumsby or Mr Myson.





## SPORTS UPDATE...

On Thursday 15th June we took a team of 6 boys and 6 girls from Year 7 to the annual Super 6 athletics competition. They had to compete in one track and one field event, plus the relay.

For the second year in a row, they won the whole event. This means that they will now go forward to the next stage and represent Crawley against Sussex Schools. On the day, all athletes performed well and the team managed to get lots of 1st and 2nd positions, securing the top spots in various different track and field events.





# Oriel Youth Club

**TUESDAYS 6:00 - 8:00PM**  
**ALL YEAR GROUPS**  
**£1 ENTRY (FIRST SESSION FREE)**

If you are interested in any of the sessions or would like to get involved then please see Sara or Katie in the Youth Wing.



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Year 8 student Ben McWilliam would like to thank students for their donations of used football boots. The majority sold and Ben raised in excess of £1000 for his chosen charity, The Royal Marsden.

## STUDENT OF THE MONTH

### February

Asia - Emily Adams  
 America - Phoebe Comber  
 Australasia - Megan Salas  
 Africa - Harry Welthy

### April

Asia - Chloe Feltham  
 America - Tyler Whiteoak-Dooley  
 Australasia - Emily Flegg  
 Africa - Viv Bacon

### March

Asia - Jade Vohra  
 America - Lauren Taylor  
 Australasia - Simon Samul  
 Africa - Daniel Tatnall

### May

Asia - Ellie-Rose White  
 America - Frankie Phillips  
 Australasia - Khush Limbachia  
 Africa - Georgia Coomber



THANK YOU!

ORIEL HIGH SCHOOL

From all of us here at WE Charity, we would like to say a huge thank you for all of your incredible hard work in fundraising towards education in Nicaragua as part of our international development programme, WE Villages. Your donation has been directed towards the El Trapiche community and will make a huge difference to the people living there.

The goal of WE Villages is to implement a holistic, sustainable development model so that communities can lift themselves out of poverty and never have to rely on charity again.

Our education pillar in particular is particularly important, and a key part of the work we do with WE Villages.

When children are educated, they are armed with the courage and self-confidence to better themselves and their families, their communities, and ultimately the next generation. They learn how to prevent illness and improve overall health, build and maintain infrastructure, manage personal and professional relationships, understand and advocate for basic rights, and secure a livelihood.

Since the creation of our education pillar, more than 1000 schools and schoolrooms have been built in WE Villages communities, giving 200,000 children every day the opportunity to gain an education and realise their true potential. It is thanks to amazing schools like yourselves and the passion and dedication you show throughout the school year that we are able to make all this happen!

From,

The WE Charity Team

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 WE Charity is a registered charity in England and Wales (2138040) and Scotland (SC045813).



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 - **Melissa Huxford** (Assistant Headteacher, Safeguarding and Inclusion)

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

Your Learning Community Pastoral contacts are listed here. Please contact the Pastoral Co-ordinators initially if you have any concerns about your child or another child in the school.

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