

# THE • ORIEL VIEW



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## MAIN FEATURE

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# WELCOME



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

This year marks the tenth anniversary of Oriel High School as the school opened its doors to students for the

first time in September 2004. The cover illustration is a photograph taken of our new display in our reception which contains 2,500 images reflecting our first ten years as a school. It was somewhat poignant that this year we also celebrated our best ever GCSE and A level results and I am very proud of our students' achievements. We all know, however, that good

schools are more than just great examination results and I hope that this newsletter gives you a slight insight into our work as a school.

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

Philip Stack  
Headteacher

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### FAST FORWARD

## KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY

### DECEMBER 2014

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dec** - Year 11 Mock exams start
- 18<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Christmas Concert, 2.40pm-5pm - School Hall
- 19<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Last Day of term (Non - Uniform) Celebration Assembly & early closure at 12.45pm

### JANUARY 2015

- 5<sup>th</sup> Jan** - Term begins
- 8<sup>th</sup> Jan** - Year 10 Parents Evening, 4pm-7pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> Jan** - Year 11 Mock exam results
- 19<sup>th</sup> Jan** - Careers Fair for all year groups, 9am-4pm - School Hall
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan** - Year 9 Parents Evening, 4pm-7pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan** - INSET DAY
- 29<sup>th</sup> Jan** - Year 11 GCSE Music Exam Performance, 6.45pm-9.30pm - School Hall

### FEBRUARY 2015

- 12<sup>th</sup> Feb** - Year 7 Parents Evening, 4pm-7pm
- 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> Feb** - HALF TERM



## NEW ART WORK IN RECEPTION

We have had a new permanent piece of art work installed in our reception area that celebrates ten years of our school. The pictures used to make up our school logo consist of 2,500 images taken over the last ten years of student, staff and community life at Oriel. We worked over a number of months with Brighton based company PolyTiles to design and produce the art work and hope that you agree they make for a striking visual impression.

## MUSIC DEPARTMENT UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

Gatwick Airport - 3rd December  
1:30-3:30pm - Vocal Group & Pop Choir

Bandstand Crawley Town Centre - 7th  
December 12:00-2:30pm - Vocal Group, Pop  
Choir, Got Soul and Samba

Schaeffer House at Maidenbower Pavilion -  
11th December 1.30-2.30pm - Christmas  
Vocal Group & Pop Choir

Christmas Concert - Oriel High School -  
18th December 2:40-5:00pm - Variety of  
Music and Drama performances

Year 11 Performance Concert - Oriel High  
School - 29th January 6:45-9:30pm - Year  
11 GCSE students performing their solo and  
ensemble pieces for their exams.

Spring Showcase - Oriel High School -19th  
March 6:45-9:30pm - Variety of Music  
performances by talented students of Oriel  
High School

Choirake- Oriel High School - 21st March  
2-4:15pm - Pop Choir

Year 10 Performance Concert - Oriel High  
School - 11th June 6:45-9:30pm - Year 10  
GCSE Students performing their solo and  
ensemble pieces for their mock exams.

Summer Concert - Oriel High School -  
8th July 6:45-9:30pm - Variety of Music  
performances by talented students of Oriel  
High School

## YEAR 7 - THE FIRST HALF TERM

Our Year 7 students have quickly settled into the school. The first week was spent with maps in hand with lots of our older students escorting them from class to class. Our students have been excited by the variety of lessons, interaction with different members of staff and they are looking forward to next term already.

We ended the first half term with several amazing trips.



## PGL TRIP - WINDMILL HILL

232 out of 240 students came on our residential trip to the PGL centre Windmill Hill. Our students and staff were incredible! It was great fun watching them whizzing down zip wires, falling off rafts, leaping off platforms 20m high and the screams from the giant swing were quite something else. There were great performances in Wacky Races on the first night and some great moves on show at the disco on Thursday. What an amazing year group they have turned out to be.

'I had an amazing time this year on the PGL trip. It gives the students the opportunity to get to know other students and staff members, develop their social skills and have fun' Nina Mann, Outdoor Education Coordinator.

The students who did not go on the PGL trip took part in 3 days of exciting outdoor activities including a trip to the Cass Sculpture Park in Goodwood where they got to observe the art work of current 3D artists. They then spent 2 days at Holmbush Farm in the forest, feeding the animals and going on a sightseeing tractor ride.



## COMPETITION WINNER

This year we ran a competition open to all students to design an image to be used as the Oriel High School official 2014 Christmas Card. The winner was Jalia Pud from year 8. Well Done Jalia and all the students who entered.

### REWIND



## WHAT HAS BEEN THE HIGHLIGHT OF YEAR 7 SO FAR?

'I liked the PGL trip the most because it has made me more confident at school.'  
**Leah Parsons NBA**

'I have really enjoyed cooking because it is fun and a good experience. I have made lots of friends and I think I will really enjoy this school throughout the years.'  
**Zak Bedford CCO**

'I have enjoyed the vast range of subjects including Humanities and Maths. My highlight of year 7 so far has got to be the PGL trip. Absolutely amazing!'  
**Matthew Agius HGL**

'I have lost count on how many wonderful friends I have made! Even PGL helped me get more. I love the lessons and the canteen food is really nice. The teachers are so helpful and I know I will progress lots in this lovely, caring environment.'  
**Shannon Middleditch CBO**

'I have really enjoyed meeting new friends and my teachers. My lessons are good fun, some quite hard but I am enjoying learning and progressing in my levels is great.'  
**Emma Simmons EHA**

'I have really enjoyed Science because you get to do a lot of exciting experiments'  
**Francesca McCabe EBU**





## REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Thank you to all the staff and students who observed the Remembrance Day Parade on Tuesday 4th November with such great respect. It was wonderful to see the Oriel student's Cadet Corps leading the service. Many teachers, students and school staff stopped work to join the poppy ceremony in the quadrangle.

Special thanks to the students involved, to Mr Wesby and to Miss Holt who played the trumpet.



## POPPY MAKING WORKSHOP...

Oriel High School students participated in a school project to create ceramic poppies similar to the ones exhibited at the Tower of London; these were laid during the service by our Head Boy Ed Waudby and Head Girl Melissa Vance along with the students who created the poppies.



## ORIEL HIGH SCHOOL AND LOYOLA SCHOOL SKYPE DEBATE

AS PART OF THE CONNECTING CLASSROOMS PROGRAMME



As we enter into our third year of the Connecting Classrooms Programme our partnership with Loyola School from Jamshedpur in India has flourished. We have begun the curriculum based projects to raise the awareness of global themes within the classroom and seen our students engage face to face with students from Loyola through our Skype debate.

The debate was agreed upon during Loyola School's last visit to Oriel High School in early 2014, it was agreed that a Citizenship based theme would shape a Skype debate. This was done to encourage both schools to work within an agreed set of rules for the debate. The planning of the debate was started by Oriel High School with Loyola School staff members making adjustments where necessary. This collaborative approach meant staff and

students were able to enjoy a well-planned and delivered debate between both schools.

The debate was held at 8:00 a.m. on 20th October 2014 and ran for an hour and a half. The topics were: The poor are to blame for their own poverty (Oriel to disagree), UN Human Rights are a success (Oriel to disagree) and Equal rights for all are not possible (Oriel to agree).

The following Oriel students participated in the debate preparing their arguments in teams during their own time:

Alex Jenkins, Chloe Draper, Morgan Knight, Owen Mamo, Shaan Zahid, Lydia Grahamslaw, John-Robert Jasper, Kieran Bond and Jordan Colyer

The students rose to the occasion delivering their speeches clearly and confidently. They

argued and defended points assertively and it was clear to see that their preparation had paid off. Numerous thought provoking arguments were put forward. The teams worked well together and the children from both schools were extremely respectful and listened to each other's points. The student's immediate response to the debate was one of enjoyment and the following comments were made shortly after:

*'I liked the details in the argument made by them but also liked how our group picked holes in their arguments. The debate taught me how to argue a point.'* **Shaan Zahid.**

*'It was a good opportunity to have contact with the other students and see how they learnt. It was also very interesting to find out about Human Rights.'* **John Jasper.**

*'It was fun. It was a nice thing to do and once we made sure we were doing the same thing I learnt a lot. I didn't just learn about my topic I also learnt from the other groups.'* **Lydia Grahamslaw.**

*'Good experience to get in touch with people that you don't know. I learnt a lot about education around the world.'* **Alex Jenkins.**

*'It was fun to do something different. The other students seemed nice and were good at expressing their opinions.'* **Chloe Draper.**

**Moving forward the connections made between the schools over the last three years has moved into a new sphere which opens up even more opportunities for staff and students to be involved in recognising the value of our international dimension as a school.**

Loyola and Oriel staff are currently planning their reciprocal visits for 2015 to further our partnership and discuss new and exciting projects.



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### Recent successes and achievements for Oriel Sixth Form include:

- More A\*, A and B grades at A Level than ever before
- Students securing places on an incredibly wide range of University Courses – with undergraduate medics, lawyers, engineers, historians and economists to name but a few embarking upon the next stage of their education.
- Students successfully gaining apprenticeships and places on school leaver schemes with local, national and international businesses such as KPMG, Deloitte and KBR.
- The development of a bespoke Study Skills programme, run by 'Elevate' who research the successful strategies used by top students and help all students to unlock their potential
- An active Student Union and RAG society
- Growing membership of the Oriel Alumni association, run by the charity Future First to set up networks of former students
- A full range of trips and visits to support Sixth Form studies: this term alone our students have visited: The Houses of Parliament; The Keep at Sussex University; UK Senior Mathematics Challenge; Reuben Library at The BFI; The Art of the Gothic exhibition at the British Library; Psychology Conference, London; Chichester Cathedral; The Knit and Stitch Show; The BBFC; and our annual Juniper Hall Geography residential.
- National recognition as providers of 'gold standard' for careers guidance. From connections with university providers and UCAS to our year 12 work shadowing scheme, 6th form students are encouraged to aim high.







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The first cohort of Oriel Sixth Formers are now 22 and 23 years old and their stories of success, their experiences and their wise words of advice are now being used to inspire and guide the school's current students as part of an active Alumni programme.

#### Activities have included:

- Q&A sessions about applying to university and what University
- 'There are other routes than University' an advice session regarding progression pathways such as apprenticeships
- Student mentoring
- Skype Buddies
- Presentations to Year 11 on our Open Evening

*"Since I left Oriel it's been a whirlwind! I moved to London to study BSc Philosophy at the London School of Economics. I absolutely loved my time there: LSE is a brilliant university because it focuses on solving the world problems that we face today, whether it be the financial crisis, the morality of markets, or what's next for feminism."*

*In my third year at university I decided I wanted to continue to be involved with student life and ran to be the General Secretary (similar to President) of my Students Union, and won!"*

**Nona Buckley Irvine, 2005 - 2011**

Currently General Secretary of the Student Union, LSE

*"Attending Oriel Sixth Form was definitely the most enjoyable part of my time at Oriel."*

*Having looked around a couple of universities I realised that this was not the right path for me. KBR are a Global Engineering, Design and Construction Company. I work in the Oil and Gas sector where we design, engineer and construct large scale onshore and offshore refineries on behalf of clients such as BP, Chevron and Shell. I am shortly heading to Azerbaijan for two years to oversee design work on a major project."*

**Matt Walbank, 2004-2010**

Apprentice of the Year for the Engineering and Construction industry 2014.

*"Oriel Sixth Form taught me to be more independent and focused on my academic goals. There were setbacks along the way but these experiences taught me to work harder and work smarter. I have achieved a good grade in my first year of LLB Law, which has allowed me to carry out internships at two of the top law firms in Africa. I was able to benefit from industry placements at firms who have worked with the international businesses such as Apple. Now, I am undertaking the second year of my degree while acting as the President of the Business Society, Vice President of the Law Society and Media Officer of the Mooting Society. I hope to continue succeeding and making a positive impact wherever I study or work."*

**Calvin Ebun-Amu, 2007-2013**

Helen Everitt, Deputy Headteacher said, "As well as keeping up to speed with where their lives have taken former students and celebrating their achievements, we would like to show current Oriel students just how important alumni were to developing our school into the success it has become. They formed an important foundation that helped Oriel grow and move forward. We are incredibly proud of that, and we don't want to lose that sense of history."

"More than 39 per cent of state school students don't know anyone in a job they'd like to do," said Alex Shapland-Howes, Managing Director of Future

First. "If they see that someone who went to the same school and grew up in the same community has achieved academic success and embarked on a fulfilling and satisfying career, it helps them see it's possible for them too."

Philip Stack, Headteacher said "I am very proud of our school and how our sixth form contributes to our successes. Our past students are a credit to us and continue to be incredibly supportive of our current students. This bodes well for the future as success breeds success."

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# RAISING AND GIVING: BREAST CANCER AWARENESS; THE FESTIVE FAIR & BEYOND



During the week 20-24th October 2014 our sixth form RAG (Raising and Giving) students raised £1099.91 for 'Breast Cancer Campaign'. Every October is 'Breast Cancer Awareness Month': the public is encouraged to show their support for the cause by wearing a pink ribbon. Whilst there are many breast cancer charities, 'Breast Cancer Campaign' funds world-class breast cancer research projects in the UK and Ireland. Oriel Sixth Formers ran a RAG week to raise as much money as possible for this wonderful cause, which included a cake sale, selling pink ribbons, and the ever popular wet sponging teachers and sixth formers. Crucially though, this week was not just about raising funds but awareness too. Too often young people perceive themselves as immune from the impact of disease and our students delivered a series of assemblies and workshops to all learning communities, drawing upon the materials provided by their chosen charity and inviting in guest speakers from other charities such as 'Coppafeel'.

The week long RAG extravaganza culminated in male members of staff and sixth formers having their legs and heads shaved all for 'Breast Cancer Campaign'. Members of staff included Mr Arnott, Mr Freeman and Mr Gunessee who all gamely allowed our sixth form girls to shave their heads in front of an enthusiastic crowd of over 200 students, staff and our local MP, Henry Smith. We are incredibly proud of the 6th form who showed how well they can plan, organise, work collaboratively, promote, use their initiative and be passionate to make a real difference.

Katie Tyson who was fundraising for day two of the RAG week (in the team which raised the most money) said "I loved taking part in the first RAG week of the new year at Oriel. We raised lots of money for such a good cause, it's nice to see how willing all the students are to get involved and make a difference. The awareness was just as important as the fundraising and I think that message really got through. I'm really looking forward to participating in and organising more awareness and fundraising events in the future." Will Cooper who delivered the Australasia assembly along with three of his sixth form colleagues said "I felt privileged to be a part of the Breast Cancer awareness month, I know how much it can affect someone's life, and being able to do my part into the funding of finding a cure for cancer was amazing. I had so much fun and was an amazing experience that I will happily do again."

Planning has already started for future RAG events such as the Staff vs 6th Form 'University Challenge' style competition and the annual Festive Fair week coming up in late December we look forward to seeing how close our 6th form can get to their £5000 target for fundraising this year.





# PUPILS TAKE EXPERIMENT TO NEW HEIGHTS

BY LAUNCHING HUMAN BACTERIA INTO EARTH'S STRATOSPHERE



THREE budding scientists have taken a school project to new heights by launching human bacteria into the stratosphere to see if it could survive and grow in conditions similar to those on Mars.

The trio of girls from Oriel High School wowed judges at this year's Big Bang South East Science Fair with an experiment they conducted in the classroom using human saliva.

After sealing separate samples in petri dishes they put them in an incubator and freezer respectively to see if they could survive and grow at 25 degrees Celsius and minus 50 Celsius – the rough summer and winter temperatures at the equator on Mars.

After coming light years ahead of the competition at the science fair they then applied to defence contractor Thales to hitch a ride on a balloon which was being launched 30 kilometres into the stratosphere to mimic and learn more about the gas pressure, temperature and radiation on Mars.

The project – called MARS Balloon – was launched over Bristol on October 23 and after spending two days on the edge of the atmosphere it came back down over Basingstoke and the excited girls' samples were returned to them on Thursday last week.

The experiments by Year 8 pupils Alice Oman, 13, and classmates Sam Berkeley and

Charlotte Bryant, both 12, will leave most of us wondering what we could have achieved in science lessons.

"We first came up with the idea for last year's Oriel Science Fair," explained Sam, who lives in Sharon Close, Furnace Green.

"We decided to do something to do with Mars because recent studies have shown there might have been water on Mars.

"We wanted to see if we could grow human bacteria during the Martian summer and winter."

The first experiment, conducted in the classroom, predictably showed human bacteria could survive and grow in the Martian summer, which at daytime on the equator is not too dissimilar temperature wise to summer in Britain.

The sample which was put in a freezer at minus 50 went into a dormant state and it is possible it could be brought back to life in an incubator.

For their Mars balloon project the girls chose to use a cleaner sample, so they contacted a company which supplies biological specimens and ordered samples of staphylococcus albus, an organism normally found in the human mouth or nose.

Three samples were sealed and sent up in the casings of Kinder egg toys, sitting in a cradle on the balloon, which held 100 experiments from schoolchildren across the country.

The girls are now analysing their samples to see if they survived and grew on the edge of space.

The purpose of the project by Manor Royal-based Thales is to carry out tests that could influence what humans or robots will be doing on Mars in the future.

It is also aimed at getting students to consider careers in the UK space industry.

Charlotte, who lives in Cavel Way, Maidenbower, said: "We have been staying behind after school every Wednesday and sometimes on Thursdays to work on this.

"With most other subjects I wouldn't have stayed behind to do more work but science is really fun."

Alice, who lives in Shaftesbury Road, Maidenbower, added: "There's no limit to the imagination.

"If you have an idea and you want to find out something, you can just do it. No one is telling you that you can't do it."

The girls now intend to write up the results of the experiment and create a poster explaining their findings, which will be showcased at this year's Oriel Science Fair.

They will then take it to a national competition in the spring and they intend to take the experiment even further in the future.

Sam said: "Science is fun because instead of being told what to do you can pick which experiments you want to do.

"We wouldn't have done this experiment if we didn't want to. And now we have found out the results we want to go into even more detail."

This article appeared in the Crawley News in November.



## ORIEL SCIENCE FAIR



Over the past half term Key Stage Three Science students have been working tirelessly to research and produce a Science Fair project based on concepts and ideas of their own choosing. On Wednesday 19th November 50 students exhibited their work in the Oriel Science Fair. There were some fantastic projects ranging from investigating the link between hair colour and pain thresholds, a comparison of heart rates when reading a book and watching the same film, and finding the most sustainable fuel for a working steam engine. One particularly innovative project was developed by Benjamin Singer who produced a fully functioning mobile phone app.

On the day the students' projects were judged by scientists from external businesses such Thales and CCG, all of whom were "impressed by the quality and innovation of the work" produced. After much deliberation the following students were the winners:

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
1st	'Fear vs. Mental Intelligence' by Isobel Golding (EHA)	'What Colour Do Cats Prefer?' by Megan Crask (GCR) and Lizzie Hanlon (CCO)	'Does Bacteria Grow on Mascara?' by Imogen Hassam (VDA), Lauren Bobby (LHM) and Naila Izadeen (VDA)
2nd	'Energy in Food' by Lauren Cole (KDA), Megan Matthews (RAS), Tia Warland (LHA) and Hollie Skilton (LHA)	'Is Yawning Contagious?' by Sophie Marsh-Baldry (SGA), Alys Tinning (EBU), Skye Piper (GGR) and Zoe Difrancescomarino (SRI)	'How do Drinks affect Braces?' by Millie Short (JSW), Shanelle Keogh (HGL), Bethany Clawson (BRU) and Chloe Baines (JSW)
3rd	'What happens to Marshmallows in a Vacuum?' by Emma Newell (SWI) and Alicia Phillip (RAR)	'Designing a Disaster-Proof House' by Tayla Sales (SRI) and Aimee Bromfield (CMU)	'Colour blindness' by Chloe Feltham (SRE) and Harina Chhaganlal (PTA)

## BREIS STUDENT OF LIFE

Year 11 students were treated to "the best assembly ever" by BREIS (pronounced breeze), a Nigerian Hip-Hop artist, writer, and entrepreneur based in the UK. As part of his motivational assembly, BREIS used his unique fusion of hip-hop, jazz and African rhythms to encourage Year 11 to THINK BIG as they continue their exam preparation in the build up to their mock exams. BREIS also ran a number of workshops throughout the day to improve pupils' scientific literacy while also encouraging them to be more creative in the classroom. For more information on BREIS, visit [www.studentoflife.co.uk](http://www.studentoflife.co.uk)



## MATHEMATICS IN ACTION TRIP

In November we took 20 of our top set Mathematicians to the University of London for a series of inspirational lectures about a whole range of Mathematical topics. They discovered the mathematical explanation as to why a falling cat always lands on its feet and the best way to play Russian Roulette. Pizza was used to show how to calculate the sum of a decreasing sequence, explanations with live demonstrations were given to show how to ensure that a particular person wins pass the parcel. Remarkably, they discovered the science behind the fact that not all wheels had to be round – 50p pieces would make perfect wheels! They experienced 'herding' and found out that this peculiar phenomenon was also partly responsible for the Millennium Bridge having to be closed. The speakers were superb and so were our students.



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

This term has seen a number of collaborative projects within the community with some fantastic outcomes. We have continued to work with local businesses, community groups and local junior and infant schools through our year 5 maths master classes, volunteering in the Duke of Edinburgh award and creative art workshops linking to the school curriculum.

**So what have we been doing...**

## THE BROOK – REMEMBRANCE POPPIES

The Brook school spent the autumn term learning about World War One in the build up to their whole school Remembrance Service on Tuesday 11th November. Each year group created a different piece of art work to be exhibited during the service. Nursery students made a Remembrance flag, Reception made rag rug poppies, Year 1 made a large poppy mosaic and in collaboration with Oriel High School the Year 2 students made ceramic poppies inspired by the ones exhibited at the Tower of London.



## YEAR 6 MASTER CLASSES

The Mathematics department has been working closely with our local primary schools to support the teaching of Mathematics and promote the subject with students in our feeder schools. We have run four Year 6 master classes where students have explored Problem Solving, Code Breaking and Egyptian Fractions. Many of the attendees had visited Oriel last year for our Year 5 master classes and were very excited to return. Our Year 5 Master Classes kicked off to great enthusiasm this half term with a lesson exploring Logic puzzles.

In addition to students visiting Oriel High School we have visited Milton Mount and Pound Hill Junior School to teach Year 5 and Year 6 children work on fractions and algebra. There are more of these lessons planned for Maidenbower Junior School and The Oaks Junior School in the new Year.

The first of a series of sessions to support local KS2 teachers with delivering the new curriculum took place at Milton Mount Junior School on the 12th of November and was attended by staff from Three Bridges Junior School and Northgate Junior School. The session was very well received and future sessions at Pound Hill, Maidenbower and The Oaks are taking place and eagerly awaited for 2015.

Simon Marriott, Assistant Subject Leader, Mathematics

## CREATIVE PROJECTS WITH OUR LOCAL JUNIOR SCHOOLS

We have again been working closely with Pound Hill Junior School to coordinate creative workshops to complement the topics students are learning as part of the English and History curriculum. We have introduced new techniques within the classroom, most recently with mono printing. The art work produced was used to illustrate creative poems based on the story 'Floodlands' by Marcus Sedgwick. We have also looked at observational drawing, created pinch pots inspired by the Romans and created mixed media collages inspired by the story 'Coraline'.

We have an exciting project starting in January working with every student from Maidenbower Junior School to create an environmentally inspired wall hanging and also look forward to our choir performing over the festive season within the community.

Katie Jordan, Community Development Coordinator



## ORIEL HIGH SCHOOL ART EXHIBITION 2014 - HAWTH THEATRE CRAWLEY

**MONDAY 25TH NOVEMBER – THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER**

Oriel High School was extremely proud to present a selection of our students' current Art and Design GCSE and Year 9 work. We have been exhibiting students' work at the Hawth Theatre for several years now and believe it is a brilliant way to showcase our students work within the local community.

We are very fortunate to be able to offer our students a wide selection of art disciplines at Oriel High School with three different GCSE Art specialisms: Fine Art, Textiles Art and Three Dimensional Art and four disciplines for A level including Photography. Each group of students has been working on a variety of exciting projects, some of which were showcased in the exhibition.

The exhibition includes a selection of GCSE work completed across the disciplines inspired by natural forms, including beautiful pencil and printed studies and sumptuous handmade felt pieces. Also on display was a year 11 Textiles project inspired by washing lines, with each item

of clothing carefully handcrafted, printed or drawn and a selection of beautiful ceramic tile work created by our Year 10 Three Dimensional Art students inspired by African Art.

For the first time we also chose to showcase some of our very talented year 9 student's illustrations of shoes which they have produced while studying their Identity project.

We feel very passionately that our students should acquire a good well-rounded cultural education at Oriel High School and be given many opportunities to explore their creativity. The number of careers and creative jobs connected to Art and Design are often underestimated. We hope to educate our students on the possibilities of following careers in creative fields and to continue to study subjects that they love.

"The skills which children acquire through a good cultural education help to develop their personality, abilities and imagination. They allow



them to learn to think both creatively and critically and to express themselves fully. All of these skills are strong influencers on wider academic attainment in schools and help grow a child's interest in the process of learning ..."

Independent review by Darren Henley for the Department for Culture, Media and Sport and the Department for Education (February 2012).

We are delighted with the high standard of all of our students' work and their dedication to their creative subjects.

The Art Department - Oriel High School

# SPORTING SUCCESS

## LOCALITY PRIMARY SCHOOLS CLUSTER COMPETITIONS

Our annual Quicksticks hockey competition had a great turnout this year. Four schools entered an A and B team to play in two separate round robin tournaments, giving a winning A and B team and then combining points to give an overall winner. Congratulations to Pound Hill and Maidenbower, the top two A teams, who have qualified to enter the next round of the School Games Area Competition. Maidenbower Junior School were the overall trophy winners this year by a clear 2 points. The standard of play and attitude of the students was impressive. Well done to everyone who took part. We look forward to our yearly Junior High Fives Netball competition at Oriel on the 12th December, alongside our Infants Benchball workshop.

## YEAR 7 NETBALL

The year 7 netball team start their league at the beginning of December. Good luck to all the girls involved.

## YEAR 8 NETBALL

The year 8 netball team have been extremely dedicated and committed turning up to training every week since the club began in September. They have gelled extremely well as a squad and demonstrated excellent team work. The girls have made a gallant start to the league coming up against tough opposition.

## YEAR 9 NETBALL

The year 9 girls have had some tough fought games this season but have come together as a team and are getting better as the season progresses. They narrowly lost their first game 8-6 to Thomas Bennett but improved to draw their second against Holy Trinity 4-4. Rearranged matches are still to be played against ICC, Hazelwick and St Wilfred's. Watch this space...

## YEAR 10 NETBALL

The year 10 girls dedication and determination has really paid off this year. Congratulations on winning the North Sussex Area League!

## YEAR 11 NETBALL

Once again this year group have had a fantastic season. Competing in the North Sussex Area League and winning all their matches again for the fifth season in a row. This means that the squad have not lost a game since joining Oriel High School in Y7, the first team to succeed in Oriel history. Congratulations to the squad: Abbey Gregory, Isabella Newell, Jordan Simpson, Tanyth Laing, Eloise Hillier, Lauren Wakeham and Hannah Smith.

On Friday 3rd October the team featured on an ITV news bulletin to celebrate their success.

## SUSSEX SCHOOLS SPORTS ACROBATICS COMPETITION

Our gymnasts have been working hard, learning routines and perfecting their skills, to compete at the forthcoming Sussex School Sports Acrobatic Competition. We would like to wish them all good luck!

## GIRLS' FOOTBALL

After rain stopped play for the majority of last season, the girls are back in training for the upcoming football season. Year 7 are competing in their first 5-a-side tournament at St Wilfrids on Wednesday 26th November and hope to do well. Good luck girls.

## KS3 AND KS4 BADMINTON

Chloe Marchant, Katie Sexton, Laura Hemsley, Becky McNeil, Yasmin Noor, Nathan Senior, Dan Tatnall, James Pockett, Ollie Storey, Jon-Robert Jasper, Kieron Bond, Dan Burt and Oscar Flack recently represented Oriel at the North Area Badminton tournament held at St Wilfrids. Strong performances from all resulted in the KS4 girls and KS3 boys winning their competitions, and qualifying for the county round later in the year; the KS4 boys finished runners-up.



## YEAR 7 BOYS' FOOTBALL

So far the year 7 team has started amazingly well. We have had a large turnout for the training sessions and we have a squad of 16 players that are all super committed, and very gracious in their understanding that we like to give everyone a chance. So far they have beaten St Wilfrid's 5-1 and Thomas Bennett, a school record breaking, 14-0 in the league. We hope that this winning streak continues and that they go onto to beat the remaining teams to clinch the league title. They have also competed in the North Sussex area 5 a side competition, winning it in the final against St Wilfrid's. This means that they will now progress to the regional finals, to be held in London. Should they win that, then they will be through to the national finals!

## YEAR 8 BOYS' FOOTBALL

The Year 8 football team have experienced highs and lows at the start of their season, with excellent wins against St Wilfrids (9-1) and Thomas Bennett (4-2) and a heavy defeat against Hazelwick (9-1). Excellent performances from the likes of Harper Earl-Tame, Josh Sullivan, Joe Beckett, Henry Taylor, Josh Neathey, Josh Lyden and Conor Steyn in the victories have been very pleasing, as have the overall enjoyment and team spirit shown by all players involved in all matches played so far.

## YEAR 9 BOYS' FOOTBALL

The Year 9 football team are unbeaten so far this season, with victories against Ifield (8-2) and Thomas Bennett (3-1), and a high scoring draw against Hazelwick (6-6), which featured a dramatic last minute equaliser from Jack Briggs. Strong defensive performances from Seb Jobbins, James Pockett, Dan Tatnall, midfield guile from Hayden Neathey, Jack Briggs and Rhys Ash, and devastating finishing from Ollie Broad have meant that the team are high in confidence approaching their matches – a far cry from previous years!



# YOUTH WING

Tuesday Evenings Year 7 + £1 Entry 7-9pm  
Thursday Evenings Year 10 + £1 Entry 7-9pm  
Friday Lunchtimes Peer Mentoring 12:45 – 1:40pm

## Up and Coming Workshops:

### MUSIC GROUP

We are setting up a new music room in the Youth Wing and will soon be launching a new afterschool club. If you want to start a band, learn to DJ or would like to teach others to play an instrument then come and find out more during break or lunchtimes.

### RED CROSS BABYSITTING COURSE

Would you like to learn how to become a babysitter? The Babysitting Course will be starting up again in January, to find out more come and see us in the Youth Wing at break or lunchtime.

## Trips:

### SHOCKTOBERFEST

On the 2nd November a small group of our Young Leaders went to Tulley's Farm Shocktoberfest. Everyone had a shockingly good time as we encountered the various rides and finished by watching the spooktacular fireworks. This was our first trip with our new Adult Volunteer, Phil who recently joined the team in October.



### SKATERHAM SKATEPARK

On Tuesday 11th November 8 young people were taken to Skaterham Skatepark for a 2 hour private session. Seeing skateboarders, BMXers and scooter riders encouraging and appreciating each other's talents was an amazing thing to experience.

## Events:

### STAR GAZING

Tuesday the 25th November saw Mr Arnott's Star Gazing evening take over the Youth Wing. Students and members of the local community were treated to an evening of fantastic star gazing in collaboration with the Crawley Astronomical Society. Students also got creative in the kitchen baking star cookies in tuck and created glow in the dark constellations created on our ceiling.



### DEMENTIA FRIENDLY CRAWLEY, CRAWLEY TOWN HALL

Many of our young people from the Youth Wing are regularly involved in volunteering in and around our local community. Last year we teamed up with Shaw Healthcare on their intergenerational projects which involved young people volunteering at Deerswood Care home. On Wednesday 26th November, four of these young people attended the Dementia Friendly Crawley event at the Town Hall to talk more about their experiences of volunteering.



## STUDENT OF THE MONTH

### October 2014

Africa: Alex Skinner  
Americas: Joshua Browne  
Asia: Chris Trenerry  
Australasia: Marina Sadler

### November 2014

Africa: William Lingard  
Americas: Anna Marie Lawther  
Asia: Jade Harris  
Australasia: Chloe Marchant



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The Senior Designated Child Protection Officer for Oriel High School is **Jane Jones** (Assistant Headteacher, Safeguarding and Inclusion)

The Deputy Designated Child Protection Officers are **Helen Everitt** (Deputy Headteacher) and **Tim Matthews** (Deputy Headteacher)

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