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WELCOME

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

Our new academic year is well underway and we are rapidly approaching the end of this autumn term. It is often said that 'time flies' and that is certainly true in our busy and exciting school. Our Year 11 students are already in the middle of their Pre-Public Examinations and we all wish them every success. They will receive their results in a special assembly on Tuesday 9th January and I

am grateful to all colleagues responsible for the organisation and setting of the examinations and for the marking and feedback that will be done for the benefit of our students.

Much has taken place this term thus far and I hope that you enjoy reading about the various activities and events described in this edition. There is one event that deserves special mention however simply because it defies those who write in the media about young people today in a negative way, and that is our Remembrance ceremony that took place on Friday 10th November in our courtyard. The cadets on parade, the singing by the choir, the recital of poems and the playing of the last post

were all part of a 40 minute ceremony that was attended by the whole school population standing in absolute silence. The sense of dignity and respect was so strong and it is to the credit of our students, their families and our staff. I have always felt proud to be part of Team Oriel and never more so than on this special occasion.

I hope that you enjoy this edition of 'The Oriel View' and should like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family all the very best for the festive season ahead.

Philip Stack,
Headteacher



FAST FORWARD

KEY DIARY DATES...

DECEMBER 2017

December 20th – Last day of term, 12.45pm closure, Celebration assembly

December 21st 2017 – January 3rd 2018 – CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

SPRING TERM 2018 JANUARY

January 4th – Students return to school

January 9th – Year 11 PPE Results

January 11th – Year 9 Parent's Consultation Evening, 4pm – 7pm

January 18th – 19th – Year 11 Geography Residential Field Trip to Juniper Hall

January 24th – 26th – Villiers Park - Scholars Programme – Residential, Year 10

FEBRUARY

February 1st – Year 10 Parent's Consultation Evening, 4pm – 7pm

February 7th – Year 13 Parent's Consultation Evening, 4pm – 7pm

February 8th – Y11 Parents Information Evening – NCS, 6.30pm – 7.30pm

February 12th – 16th – HALF TERM

MARCH

1st March – Year 11 Parent's Consultation Evening, 4pm – 7pm

15th March – Y9 Options Evening, 6pm – 8pm



Since we have started back in September 2017 it has been all action-stations for the Oriel High School staff. Yes, they have been delivering their usual outstanding lessons, but they have taken it a step further by maximising their weekends as well. Oriel staff have been entering a range of events including; marathons, half marathons, OCR (obstacle course races for the uninitiated), cycling, triathlons and even swimming events.

It all started with Miss Everitt and Mr Gunessee having a discussion back in late May. They decided to put their love of fitness and running out there to the wider school, and the staff, students and parents have not let us down. Staff have stepped up to the challenge with many of them entering events on weekly basis. Over 2017/18 the staff are hoping to raise £5000 for St Catherine's Hospice. St Catherine's Hospice is a fantastic local charity which aims to provide for the people in "...Sussex and East Surrey, expert hospice care, when and where they need it most. Their skilled teams are on hand to support people living with terminal illness in their homes, at our Day Hospice and on our wards".

So far, we have seen;

- Mr Gunessee, Mr Matthews and Miss Pooley compete at the Brighton Triathlon Relay.
- Mr Povey, Mr Stuart, Mr Sallows, Mr Toyne compete in the Monster Mud in East Grinstead.
- Miss Horkan compete in the Great South Run in Portsmouth.
- Miss Burgess and Miss Taylor compete in the Spartan OC Race in Windsor.
- Miss Everitt compete in the Barns Green Half Marathon in Horsham.

These are only some of the events our staff are entering. But this all leading up to the Santa Run OCR in Brighton, where over 20 members of staff will be participating a 5k OCR. Staff have been phenomenal in their efforts and time given up for this great cause.

Even our Oriel students have been fantastic in getting on board with the St Catherine £5000 challenge, additionally being involved in fundraising events during our parent's consultation evenings, open evenings and options evening. This positivity demonstrated by our great students just shows how much they have got behind the cause, and want to be a part of it as well realise that their teachers are going above and beyond. A massive thank you to the parents as well who have donated generously so far, and have left so many positive messages about the feats being undertaken by the Oriel staff. If you would like to donate to this great cause and help us on our way to that magic £5000, then you can donate at - <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/orielsuper7>

Please check the JustGiving page for updates and pictures of how staff training is getting on and post-event pictures. There should be some suitably funny stories and pictures especially as Mr Gunessee and Miss Everitt begin their winter training towards the London Marathon. Watch this Super7 space...



'FOR THE FALLEN' – ARMISTICE SERVICE 2017



2017 marks the third year of the First World War centenary celebrations, especially marking the Passchendaele Campaign, 100 years of service by women in the British Armed Forces as well as still remembering those who have been affected by armed conflict. Our Remembrance Assemblies, led by the 'Oriel Remembers' team (Mr Jayasuriya, Mr Fudge, Dan Chew and Josh Browne) helped students to be aware of the profound reasons why we commemorate this event, and that their donations to the Poppy Appeal ensures veterans of all ages and experiences are cared for.

Our annual Armistice Service in the courtyard was a memorable one this year. Our 27-student parade comprised of both the Royal Air Force, Army, Sea Cadets, Marines and other youth groups showing wonderful execution and

precision of their marches in the courtyard. They were also joined by two new amazing additions this year. The Cadet Band (led by Lewis Roberts, James Aird and ex-student Ben Harris on Bagpipes in full tartan kit) really brought the full nature musically associated with military parades onto our very courtyard. We also had the voices of the girl's vocal group (Holly Christian, Ella Murray, Sophie Cook, Amelia Finch, Chloe Harrison and Hannah Sharpe) who moved us with their moving harmonic renditions of 'I Vow to thee My Country' and 'Jerusalem'. Once again, there was a huge turnout from both staff, students and members of the Oriel community – showing outstanding respect and solemnity for the occasion as always. The event also marked a bringing together of staff and student talents, that could only bring a sense of immense pride and

mark this solemn occasion in their own special and unique way.

The Oriel Remembers team would like to thank Mr Roberts (IT Support), Miss Reid and Miss De Veulle-Filleul (Choir), Mr Withell (Trumpet) and Mr Fudge (Parade drill leader) for their part in making this years' service that little more special. Special thanks also to our two Year 13's Dan Chew and Josh Browne whom have showed outstanding inspiration, leadership and passion to organising and leading the students for the parade, as well as their delivery of assemblies this year.



**I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love;
The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.
From the hymn, by Cecil Spring-Rice (Words) and Gustav Holst (Music)**



COMMUNITY ART PROJECT WITH SAME SKY – THE BIG SEVEN-0, CELEBRATING THE NEW TOWN'S 70TH BIRTHDAY.

2nd & 3rd of November 2017

Year 8 students were lucky enough to work with community arts charity Same Sky. Over the two days students created the winged lion and eagle from Crawley's Coat of Arms. The two large structures were created using lengths of willow and tissue paper creating light-weight structures to be used during The BIG Seven-0 winter carnival in the Memorial Gardens in Crawley.

The students had to work as a team to create the structures as they evolved. They overcame many challenges with some amazing results.

On Saturday 25th November the finished sculptures were used in a procession through the town centre followed by a stage programme in the Memorial Gardens. The art work looked amazing in the parade. Well done to all the students involved. The event harnesses the cultural diversity within Crawley and engaged children, young people and families in a variety of events and celebrated the cultural heritage of the town – past, present and future.



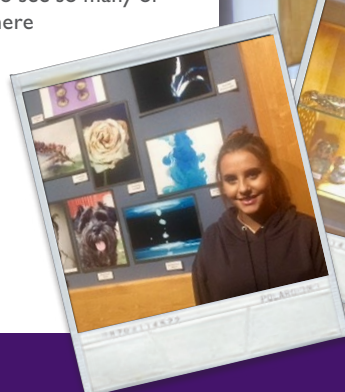
GCSE & A-LEVEL ART EXHIBITION

Our annual art exhibition at the Hawth took place last month. The exhibition celebrated the work produced by our GCSE and A-level students from our Fine Art, 3D Art, Textile and Photography classes. The opening night was a great success and it was fantastic to see so many of our students, parents, carers and staff there admiring the wonderful work on display, produced by our talented students.

The evening was also supported by Ella Murray, Hannah Sharpe and Holly Christian who played music throughout the evening.

The students whose work was on display should feel very proud of what they have achieved.

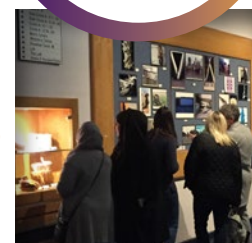
"Great collection of work, the pupils should be very proud"



"So nice to see such talent from Oriel students. Some really thought provoking pieces"



"What amazing talent. Well done Oriel students"





WHAT IS THE VILLIERS PARK SCHOLARS PROGRAMME?

The Crawley Scholars programme was launched in September 2016, working with students across five schools: Ifield Community College, St Wilfrid's Catholic School, The Holy Trinity CofE Secondary School, Thomas Bennett Community College, and of course Oriel High School. In total, there are seven Scholars programmes across the UK, with the first launching in Hastings & Bexhill in 2009.

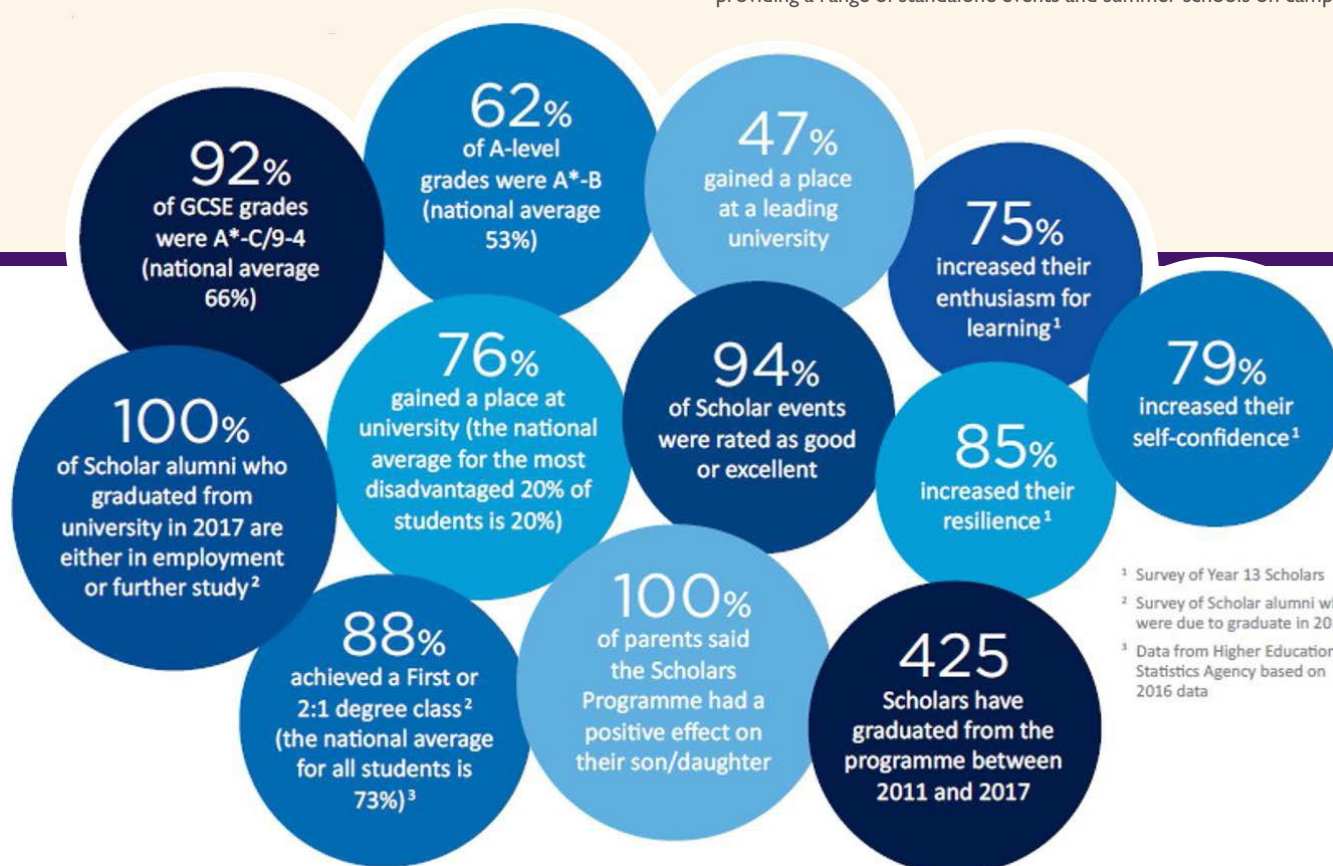
The programme is a partnership between Villiers Park and The University of Sussex. Villiers Park is an educational trust based in Foxton, Cambridge. They run a range of courses and programmes that aim to inspire and engage young people to achieve their full potential, whilst raising students' aspirations and attainment. These include the Scholars Programme, INVOLVE, and the Inspiring Excellence Programme (a five day, subject specific residential). The Scholars Programme is unique in that the support students receive is longitudinal and individualised.

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Over a four-year period, the Scholars Programme aims to:

- Develop skills and attitudes as well as helping with exam grades – these go hand in hand.
- Provide personalised targeted support for each Scholar based on a plan established with their Learning Mentor.
- Improve learning in the everyday classroom for Scholars and their peers, through the work the Advisory Service undertakes in partner schools and colleges.
- Create academic interest as a result of intensive and challenging masterclasses and workshops that promote a passion for learning.
- Foster social skills through taking part in residential activities with Scholars from the other VP Crawley schools.
- Enhance the school experience by empowering Scholars to enrich the learning community in their schools and colleges through Villiers Park INVOLVE.

The University of Sussex is a research intensive university in Falmer, East Sussex. Sussex works with a large number of partner schools across the South East and London to help support students throughout their educational journey. The Crawley Scholars programme is one of a number of extended programmes that Sussex delivers, as well as providing a range of standalone events and summer schools on campus.



¹ Survey of Year 13 Scholars

² Survey of Scholar alumni who were due to graduate in 2017

³ Data from Higher Education Statistics Agency based on 2016 data

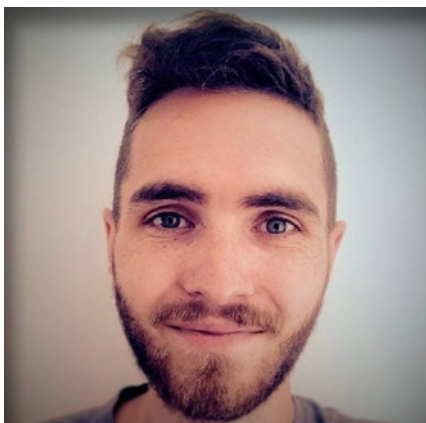


MEET DAN – THE VILLIERS PARK LEARNING MENTOR AT ORIEL

Dan is the Villiers Park Learning Mentor at Oriel. As the first in his family to attend university, he studied for a degree in history at the University of Sussex, graduating in 2014. After university he worked across a number of roles in Brighton schools, before taking up his current position at the University of Sussex, working on the Crawley Scholars Programme. As well as mentoring Years 10-13 at Oriel, Dan also mentors students at Thomas Bennett and St Wilfrid's.

“Last year (the very first for Villiers Park here in Crawley) was a great success! Getting the programme off the ground at Oriel has been brilliant; the staff are really supportive, and all the Scholars have shown great enthusiasm and willingness to get stuck in. It was fantastic to see how they all progressed over the year. I'm really looking forward to working with the new group of Scholars, and I'm sure that this year will prove as positive, and productive as the last!”- Dan

Dan works in a team with two other Learning Mentors, Maddie & Jack, and the Villiers Park Programme Manager for Crawley, Zoe Dawson. For more information, please contact us on 01273 877642 / z.dawson@sussex.ac.uk



VILLIERS PARK SCHOLARS PROGRAMME LAUNCH

The start of the term saw the annual launch for a new group of Villiers Park Scholars in Year 10 and Year 12. The Scholars visited the University of Sussex for an Information Day, which provided an opportunity to learn more about Villiers Park, and to get to know the other Scholars on the programme.

Both year groups had talks on the core elements of the programme, before going off on a campus tour to get a feel for the university; the Scholars got to see everything from teaching and sports facilities, to the library and accommodation. After a meal in the on-campus restaurant, the Scholars worked in groups to take on a teambuilding challenge.

The Year 10 Scholars were tasked with building the tallest tower possible from a variety of craft materials; the different teams started with varying amounts of materials to work from, and could only gain more through successfully completing additional challenges.

The Year 12 Scholars were asked to construct a bridge where strength, length and stability were all important criteria. Similarly, to the Year 10 Scholars the groups started with varying stocks of resources. In order to make progress, the students had to win money through various activities, with which they could purchase further materials and equipment.

To work well together in their new teams, it was important for the Scholars to communicate effectively, and to assume responsibility for different roles within the group. The changing nature of the task kept everybody on their toes and the teams had to adapt quickly to keep up. Perhaps more than anything else, the Scholars showed resilience when faced with their collapsing towers and bridges! Both days proved very successful, and were a great opportunity for the Oriel scholars to get to know the other Scholars on the programme, who they'll be working with over the coming years.



VILLIERS PARK EVENTS – WHAT WILL THE ORIEL SCHOLARS BE GETTING UP TO THIS YEAR?

YEAR 10:

07/02/2018
Masterclass –
The University
of Kent

10/11/2017
Workshop –
St Wilfrid's
Catholic School

25-27/04/2018
Residential –
Villiers Park
Educational Trust,
Foxton

YEAR 11:

29/11/2017
Workshop –
St Wilfrid's
Catholic School

11/12/2017
Masterclass –
The University of
Reading

24-26/01/2018
Residential –
Villiers Park
Educational Trust,
Foxton

YEAR 12:

20/11/2017
Workshop –
St Wilfrid's
Catholic School

07-09/03/2018
Residential –
Villiers Park
Educational Trust,
Foxton

22/06/2018
Masterclass –
Goldsmiths,
University of London

YEAR 13:

04-06/12/2017
Residential –
Villiers Park
Educational Trust,
Foxton

01/02/2018
Workshop –
Oriel High School



"Holding a snake at the Nature Centre was amazing! I loved feeling its skin and learning about their habitats"

"The giant swing was awesome! I can't believe I actually did it"

PGL TRIP - WINDMILL HILL

"Staying away from home was scary but I really enjoyed the whole experience"

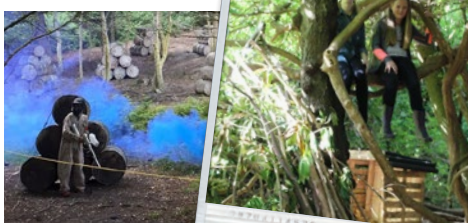
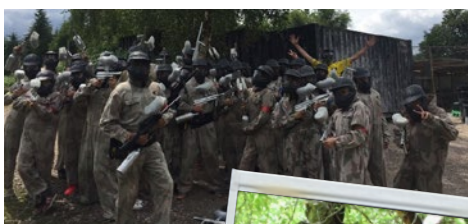
"I really enjoyed working as a team to complete the activities, I made new friends and realised I was more confident than I thought"

215 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, and developing their confidence and self-esteem whilst leaping off platforms 20m high. What an amazing year group they have turned out to be. Miss Sowerby also got stuck in with the activities!

'So many new experiences, so many new friends made in 3 days, worthwhile on every level, even getting 10 shoe-fuls of pond water poured over my head by the PGL leader, thanks Rob!' Mrs Bennett.

The students who did not go on the PGL trip did not miss out, they took part in 3 days of exciting activities including a trip to Tilgate Nature Centre, Lazer World in Crawley then the final day was spent working in the 'Oriel Garden' where they worked as a team to plant the Autumn crop and learnt new skills including fire building and cooking.

ORIEL ENRICHMENT



We are proud of the wide and extensive range of extra-curricular and after-school activities that we offer here at Oriel High School. Our range of activities on offer at the moment range from clubs like Netball, Rugby, Football, Art, Drama, Music, ICT, Gardening and English to name a few. These always run at the end of the normal school day. Please refer to the school website for a current full list of activities on offer this term. Everyone is welcome so come and try something new!

We have also run a range of school trips over the past few years. These generally help to promote and support particular subject areas and help students to understand the content of certain topics more easily with a 'hands-on' approach - although some trips are more for the fun and the thrill of the activities themselves! A great example has been the school ski and snowboard trip to Pila in Italy. Over the last 3 years over 60 students have learnt to ski or snowboard with us! The trip is running again in 2019.

You can see the results of some of these trips and activities on the school Twitter and Instagram account. This is used frequently to give immediate results from sporting fixtures, updates on return times for school trips and also photographs of the students enjoying themselves whilst participating in the activity.

We also provide a huge range of after-school activities that support the curriculum. The SSC (student support centre) provides homework support every evening, and each department in the school provides a range of revision, coursework and general catch-up sessions over the course of the 2-week timetable. On average there are an extra 50 hours of taught sessions after school each week, to help either support students' learning, or enrich their experience of school life.

We also offer 3 days off timetable activities during a week at the end of the summer term. This is hugely successful and is something that all Year 7 to 10 students look forward to. It's a chance for students of different ages to mix and interact whilst learning a new skill or experience whilst out of the school environment. We have a wide range of "in and out of" school activities again this year. We have trips to Barcelona, Disneyland Paris, Tallinn in Estonia, surfing in Newquay, trips to Thorpe Park, Chessington, extreme sports and outdoor and education trips to name a few from the list. It is a huge undertaking to get around 900 students on activities of their choice but we feel so strongly about the benefits of this event that we always try our best to accommodate everyone. We are a proactive and forward-thinking school, and we are always on the lookout for suggestions for new activities, clubs and trips to run. So if you have an idea for an after-school club, or a school trip that you think other students would be interested in then contact me at the school and we will try and make it happen. Most importantly, if you are a student who doesn't stay behind for any of these activities, it might be worth noting that, in our experience, those students who do participate in after-school activities have a much more rewarding experience of school and do better in their final exams. So take these great opportunities and get involved.

Miss Burgess Enrichment Lead

Benjamin Ginsburg (Year 10) is an Air Cadet at Crawley XIX Squadron and, against fierce competition, has been selected to go to NASA in Houston. He will be there in April 2018 representing the RAF in the year of their 100th anniversary.



Tai Gordon (Year 9) was selected to represent Great Britain in the European Championships, in light continuous kickboxing, which was held in Skopje, Macedonia in September.

Tai is a member of the SKF Kickboxing/Karate Crawley Dojo (www.skfkarate.com) and has been since he was 6 (7 years training.) Tai trains 6 days a week, some days twice and up to 4 hours at times.

Being part of SKF and having a sense of belonging has pushed Tai to realise that he can be anything he wants to be, that anything is possible if you work hard and believe. Tai's hard work, determination and never-give-up attitude has led him in achieving his Junior Black Belt this summer and selection into the GB squad.

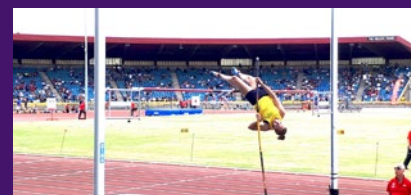
Cicely Cole (Year 12) competed on Saturday 9th September in Birmingham at the Alexandra Stadium representing Sussex Schools in the biggest British athletics event of the year.

This event is the most important athletic competition that any pupil can qualify for during their period at school, for some it will be the pinnacle of their sporting life.

To be invited they must have achieved a qualifying standard in their chosen discipline (Cicely's is Pole Vault) in the very short outdoor season prior to the closing date in June. Cicely did this at the Sussex Schools competition held at K2 winning gold wearing the Oriel colours.

Cicely had a really successful day at English Schools. She was able to match her Personal Best and went out of the competition attempting a new one.

Congratulations Cicely!



STUDENT SUCCESS

Ioana Staicu (Year 12) entered a Creative Writing Competition and submitted a poem on the theme of 'Being There'. She was in the final three of her age group and was highly commended by the judges and invited to attend the award ceremony in Devon to receive her accolade. An amazing achievement when one takes into account that she joined us from Romania at the start of Year 11 and has worked hard on her command of the English language since then.



World Scout Jamboree 2019

Megan Elliott (Year 10) and **William Lingard (Year 10)** have recently been selected to attend the 24th World Scout Jamboree being held in July 2019 in West Virginia, United States. Their selection follows a weekend selection camp followed by a panel interview. Their success is a great honour for Crawley District Scouts and marks the start of an 18 month journey of fund-raising and team building activities.

Look out for fund-raising activities happening in the school soon!



In English this year, we're really encouraging students to make use of our two brilliant online learning opportunities. We're encouraging parents to log on too, to check on their children's progress and talk about their learning.

- **Bedrock Learning** teaches students academic language, which is essential for success in all subjects. Year 7, 8 and 9 students should do a minimum of 2 Bedrock lessons at home, each week. For years 10 and 11 there is a GCSE vocabulary quiz.
- **Years 7 and 8 also use Accelerated Reader:** students read books, take a quiz at school and get a prize! Accelerated Reader recommends books at the right level for students and also allows their teacher to know how much they are understanding. We expect all Oriel students to read for 20 minutes every day. Parents can log on to check their child's progress against their termly target.

If you need help logging on, please contact Ms James on zjames5@oriel.w-sussex.sch.uk



Halloween 500 words Short Story Competition



Win a
remote
controlled
tarantula

Write the **scariest** short story to win the tarantula! You must include the 10 words listed below in your story. Max 500 words.

Mist Glinting Beast Slaving Lake
Murder Moor Moonlight Ghostly Apparition

Words can be used in any order or combination
Closing date: Tuesday 31st Oct

HALLOWEEN SHORT STORY COMPETITION

Ms Bruce (a.k.a. Winnie the witch) in the library recently held a spooky writing competition to win a remote control tarantula. The winning story had to be the scariest short story, no more than 500 words. There was one more blood curdling challenge, to use all of the following words;

**MIST | GLINTING | BEAST | SLAVING | LAKE | MURDER
| MOOR | MOONLIGHT | GHOSTLY | APPARITION**

It was a devilishly close call for the winning spot but congratulations to Gabriel Morgan NHA YR8 on his hideously blood curdling short story The Reaper of Nikmup Forest.



A special mention to Mr Marriot on his equally ghoulish short story Detention! He won first prize in the staff competition run by the English department.

DETENTION

My heart thundered in my chest as I reached for the door handle. With my free hand I reached up and wiped away a lake of sweat from my forehead. Bracing myself I opened the door and stepped through. A ferocious beast lurked on the other side of the door waiting for an opportunity to tear me to pieces.

"You're late again Miss Lican!" hissed Mr Moor, my maths teacher.

"Sorry sir", I mumbled, "I just..."

"Don't give me another excuse young lady..." he interrupted, "You've earned yourself a detention after school..."

That's how it all began. It wasn't even my fault I was late, I couldn't ignore that text and then I needed to go to my locker...and before I knew it I was 15 minutes late and now I had a detention...on Hallowe'en of all days. I had so many plans that evening I couldn't afford to waste time at school!

So anyway, since the meeting with Mrs Lake the headmistress, would have been worse than murder if I'd missed the detention, I went along. Our school finished quite late in the day and it was getting dark, with a full moon rising, as I made my way across the playground to my maths room; I had maths in one of the old Portakabins at the back of the school. A pale white mist had descended during the afternoon, deadening the sound of my footsteps and lending the usual bustling tarmac a quiet, ghostly air.

For the second time that day I reached the wooden door, with its cracking and faded red paint that served as the portal to my own personal hell. I was so keen to get the torment over with that I wasn't paying attention as I walked in. When I noticed that the lights were off and the room seemed silent and empty the door was already shut behind me. I put my bag down on the nearest desk and called out into the shadows.

"Hello? Mr Moor?"

At first there was no response. Then there was a creak of the floor behind me. I span round to find a hideous apparition or Mr Moor behind me. Now, Mr Moor was a portly man with thin hair and giant glasses. Or at least, that's how you would normally describe him. For some reason in this early evening moonlight he looked far more menacing. His glasses were broken, his mouth was open in a slaving snarl and two of his teeth were sharp and pointed. His arms were raised, fingers hooked like claws.

"Nice vampire costume sir..." I muttered nervously.

"Not a costume!" he snarled and dived towards me.

At this point, you're probably expecting me to describe how I screamed and ran. Not that the full moonlight, glinting off the shards of Mr Moor's glasses, triggered my own transformation allowing me to make a quick snack of my attacker.

I told you I had plans that evening.

Werewolves always have plans on Hallowe'en.

THE REAPER OF NIKPMUP FOREST. BY GABRIEL MORGAN

It was on the night of Halloween that the Reaper attacks never a day before and never a day later, as 12:00 was the time that poor Richie 'o' Donovan's screams could be heard not a moment before and not a moment after. Some say the Reaper lurks in the shadows of Nikmup forest waiting for another victim, the reaper sneaks about the forest a ghostly spectre, a part of the grey mist, keeping out of sight of the glinting gaze of the silver moonlight that curses these woods, it hides in the lake, in the trees, heck it could be hiding in your own bedroom nobody knows what it looks like because everyone who's ever seen has somehow dropped dead in a state worse than being a murder victim!

"Wait what?" said Daniel "Do you mean Reaper as in the Grim Reaper?" Max took his water bottle off his now wet lips "No!" He said infuriated "You remember Richie that kid who was killed last Halloween?"

"Yeah they scraped up his torso on the side of the Nikmup moor."

"Shame they never found the other half of the body." The two boys stared down at the ground for a solid 2 minutes before saying "Bet if we go into the forest we will find the other half of good ole Richie." Said Max with a laugh "Along with an apparition of good ole Richie." Daniel stared at him confused "You

didn't even know the kid." He said. Max gave him a look of doubt. "If the reaper is real you are so toast dude." They walked into the forest laughing to hide the fear, as they were scared that the might be near, and IT was.

The forest was dark and desolate, beams of light shone through gaps between the dark oak trees rocks were laying in a circle at the very centre of the forest, Daniel froze, a look of insecurity entered his two brown eyes. "Maybe this isn't a good idea" said Daniel his voice shaking dramatically. "My Mum's not going to be happy if I come back late because I was hunting a beast of unimaginable terror." Max rolled his eyes and shone his flashlight on to the ground, severed heads along with human skulls and spines lay inside the circle and so did the bottom half of good ole Richie. "We need to leave Daniel!" shouted Max but it was too late a long nailed hand swooped down scooping up Daniel leaving only a backpack on the floor; and a blood curdled scream echoed on the wind, but that was when Max Reilly saw the monster. It had one long arm but one that was only bone that stuck out the bottom of its shoulder, and its head was perched in-between its two shoulders, its mouth slaving like a dog with a bone, its ribs were exposed on the left but then it charged towards him.



NATIONAL POETRY DAY

The English Department celebrated National Poetry Day this year with a competition open to all Year groups. The theme this year was 'Freedom' and so, in the spirit of freedom, there were no restrictions upon the type of poem that students were asked to write. Consequently, we received many excellent entries and we were blown away by the wide variety in both the form and content of the poems that students had composed, displaying their incredible imaginative powers. Thank you to everyone who took part in the competition and congratulations to our five winners whose poems are published below:

Elliot Orsborn | Trinity-Maria Chamberlain | Hari Gunturu | Maisie Hill | Rebecca and Rachel Cole (joint entrants)

What I am to them by Hari Gunturu

I am an object,
In iron cuffs walking aimlessly,

I am a joke,
In a cage, stumbling carelessly,

I am unrecognizable,
But this is what I am to them,

There's a world outside,
An abyss; cascading arrays of colour,

There's a man waiting for me,
But yet I'm touched by another,

There's a depth of deep hatred,
No one dares to reach,

But here I am sinking,
On a shore of an empty beach,

I am an object
In the night, wandering fearlessly,

I am a joke,
In that boat, floating ever so peacefully,

I am skin,
Through thick and thin, I have conquered what I am,

I am unrecognizable,
But this is what I am to them...

The World of Freedom by Trinity-Maria Chamberlain

The sun is rising and the cold is gone,
The birds start singing at the crack of dawn,
The deer are grazing as the trees begin to yawn,
The beautiful sound of freedom.

The bees buzz and the bears roam,
The children wake in their cosy home,
The fish swim in an underwater dome,
The beautiful life of freedom.

The children run off into the early day,
The fishing boats are sailing away,
The adults are waiting to get their pay,
The beautiful day of freedom.

The oceans glitter in the shimmering sun,
The trees sway in the breeze of fun,
A wonderful day has just begun,
The beautiful world of freedom.

Stuck Inside by Maisie Hill

Little girl with the butterscotch hair,
A soft touch of silk with the clothes she wears,
Raised in a metaphorical cage and shooting glares,
Her lungs tightening with every breath of false air.

Every day stuck in a trance,
Her raw and salted tears falling to the floor,
A huge pang of guilt with every push of the door,
Though she felt ready to protest and take a stance.

Her mind racing,
She slips on her shoes,
Hiding the self-inflicted bruise,
Then unlocks the door, anticipating.

And as the door opens she casts a glance,
Average people paying their bus fares,
Young and wild teens setting dares,
And as the young girl grows she learns to fly and dance.

She feels the freedom and the answering to her prayer,
Patching up her clothes from the forced tear,
And with every minute she's becoming aware,
That her lungs are opening with every breath of real air.

She is free.

Freedom by Rebecca and Rachel Cole

Freedom comes in all shapes and sizes,
But some people remain indecisive.
Some people think it does not exist,
Some people fight for it and persist.

Like a rapid river flowing,
Freedom is relentlessly growing.

Although the sun may not be shining,
It shall sleep behind silver lining
When the star radiates through the trees,
A glorious luminosity is released.

One shade may overpower another,
But at heart it does not matter.
Some people take freedom for granted,
Some worship the seed that has been planted.

Segregation will always appear,
But that does not mean it will be adhered,
Race,
Religion,
Gender,
Sexuality,
Open your eyes, they are a reality.

Dictators may strip us of our rights,
But it will not go down without a fight
Who are they to manipulate us?
We are the people, we want it just!

Escapism by Elliot Orsborn

The morning sky stares back in solemnity
Into the eye, of the believer.
As the world awakens – the mind wanders.
Desire for escapism dominate –
As the world evolves.

New is created; the old destroyed
Each millisecond – feelings reconstruct.
Emotions – although temporary, may last,
For eternity.

Everything connects with elasticity
Multiple reactions radiate
From one small Ping.

We are boxed in, trapped almost
Until the situation dissolves
And we run free.

Leaves flurry and glisten and tumble and turn
Streetlamps flicker, with only soft shards of evening light
Glazing, through the canopy above.
Autumn echoes its call,
Casting deep crackles of crimson and tangerine
To pulsate, around the detached mind
Painting, complex thoughts with vibrancy.

Parallel to reality, impulses wander,
To where the sun shines and happiness connects us
As the gleaming waves lap against the sand.
A place where everybody is smiling and laughing and relaxing
- But -
here is not that place.

Sadness envelopes the streets,
Sidewalks dampen with grey.
The storm, within herself, rages on as
In the end, you may run as fast as you please, however,
It is illusion.
You cannot escape yourself.
Instead, the storm must be fought – before day breaks
- Again.

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STUDENT INVESTOR

10 teams of Sixth Form students have entered the Student Investor Challenge this year and working hard to create good Active and Strategic portfolios. Starting with a virtual £100,000 they compete nationally to maximise returns on their investment. At the time of going to press the staff team (Team Hums) had moved into 2nd place in the school league. Jo & Co (Student team) have started well and have risen to the top 200 teams nationally. There are 1900 teams and we have until January to improve.

The winners of the Student Investor Challenge get a week-long, all-expenses paid educational trip to New York for themselves and their teacher. They also win £200 for each team member. The trip to New York will include excursions to the financial district as well as some of the famous landmarks. Mrs Nicholls, who is organising the competition said "I wish all the teams the very best of luck – my suitcase is packed already!"

Year 7 Netball

Miss Burgess has been very impressed with the girls' commitment towards Netball Club this term; we have had enough girls to field two Year 7 netball teams for District League matches. The teams have started off their league with grit and determination, but lost their first two matches against Holy Trinity and Thomas Bennett School 0-3, however, found their feet during the match against ICC, winning 3-0. Well done to all of the girls who took part, matches continue this term, please see Miss Burgess for details.

Year 10 Netball Match Report by Jodie Davis

The Year 10 netball team fought a heated and extremely close game against Thomas Bennett but sadly we lost 6-5. Still tired, we triumphantly came back to win 11-2 against Holy Trinity and followed up with another victory against Hazelwick, as with little time remaining the winning shot was made, ensuring the game ended 3-2 to Oriel. Well done everyone; excellent effort by all.

Year 8 Rugby

Our Year 8 rugby team recently had the opportunity to play against St Wilfrid's at Crawley Rugby Football Club. They played under floodlights in front of 2500 spectators as part of their Halloween and Fireworks Night celebrations. Pleasingly, in front of a big crowd, surrounded by firework smoke in an atmosphere that could have been intimidating, our boys performed extremely well, leading the game from early on, and winning 25-20 by the end. Well done boys; what a great experience!

Year 9 Rugby

Our Year 9 rugby players recently visited Christ's Hospital to take part in what is now an annual friendly fixture. The team played fantastically well and put up a great fight against good opponents. Unfortunately the final score was 22-10 to Christ's Hospital but the team should be very proud of their performance. We are looking forward to visiting next year and hopefully getting a more favourable result.

Year 8 Football

The Year 8 football team have progressed to the next stage of the County Cup beating Bexhill Academy 9-1, a game which saw 6 different players on the score sheet. In the coming months we host Claverham School and hope to win this to move into round 3.

Year 9 Football

The Year 9 football team have been involved in a couple of thrillers this term but have unfortunately been on the wrong end of the results. We have just been knocked out of the County Cup, in a 14-goal thriller, which saw us lose 9-5. We also lost to our fierce rivals Hazelwick in the North Area League.

Year 10 Football

The Year 10s have played a few matches so far this year. Lots of different boys have been representing the school and standing in when the team has been short; this has been great to see. Of the three matches played, we have won one and lost two. Our first County Cup match is next week and we will finally have our strongest team available for it. Hopefully we will be able to continue the successes of the previous years and have a long run in the Cup.

Year 11 Football

Our Year 11 footballers recently secured a fourth District title in a row with a comeback win against St Wilfrid's. Trailing 1-0 after 20 minutes, a strong performance from joint Man of the Match Josh Sullivan, and goals from Josh Neathey (4 screamers), and Hisham Buhary, tapping in after Connor Steyn's free kick had been palmed on to the bar by the St Wilfrid's goalkeeper, ensured a 5-2 win. It's a great achievement to win the league once, but to accomplish the feat four years in a row is remarkable, and puts these boys right up there amongst the best in Oriel's history. The next target for this team is to achieve a title on the County-wide stage; their next opportunity to do so will come in January, following the first round draw for the Sussex County Shield. Onwards and upwards boys!

Sixth Form Football

This year the Sixth Form team have been given lots of fixtures all across Sussex. The team is a mixture of Year 12 and 13 students. After an initial selection training, the team was formed. Our first match was a loss, but since then, now the team bonds have been formed and fitness levels are improving, we have won our other matches with big score lines- 6-3 and 6-2 over Chichester and Thomas Bennett CC. In the coming months we will be travelling to Brighton and Horsham to face strong competition. Top scorers so far include Sam Jobbins, Joe Walker and Ben Phillips.

Year 5 and 6 Cross Country

Oriel recently hosted the Crawley Schools Year 5 and 6 Cross Country event; a great spectacle, with over 200 hundred competitors, was widely enjoyed by the runners themselves, and spectators. Our Sports Captains did a great job in stewarding the event, their first of a busy year of leading sports events for our feeder schools, at which hundreds of Year 1-6 students are able to come to Oriel and compete in a range of sporting competitions using our excellent facilities. Next up, Bench Ball and High 5's Netball on Friday 8th December.

GIRLS FOOTBALL



BOYS FOOTBALL



GIRLS NETBALL



RUGBY AT CRAWLEY RUGBY CLUB



CROSS COUNTRY





Tesco FareShare

Recently, we were successful with our application to receive unsold food that can be used for our evening Youth Club.

Tesco stores send unsold food that can be used by charities rather than be wasted. We receive an array of items such as bread, pastries, salads and eggs, all of which are used in a variety of ways. The youth club cook them and so far have made banana bread, French bread pizzas and toasted sandwiches.

Our students have also shared the surplus supplies with Crawley Open House so that there is very little food waste.

If you know of a local charity that would benefit from unsold food, please get in touch with FareShare <http://fareshare.org.uk/contact-us/>

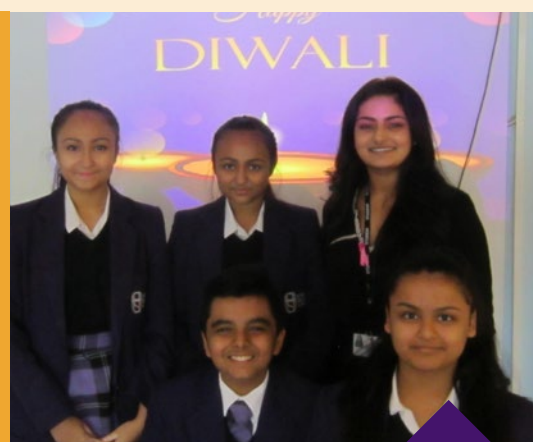
Crawley Lions Club Centennial Legacy Project.

The Oriel Gardening Club and Forest School programme were delighted to receive gardening equipment for use with our school projects.

Crawley Lions Club were pleased to make the donation to help develop our existing garden area and to involve more students. The creation of the 'Conversation Conservation' has become a place for people from the school, additionally the Youth Club and members of the local community, to come together and enjoy sharing their knowledge and skills of gardening through inter-generational projects as well as curriculum based lessons. The final aim of the garden is to grow enough produce to share with the community through baked sales and vegetable sales, to provide donations to local homeless charities.



The forest equipment will be used to further develop the Forest School programme which offers a unique educational experience using the outdoor environment of a local forest. The programme offers small groups of students regular opportunities to achieve, and develop confidence through hands-on learning in a woodland environment. The woodland provides students with endless opportunities for den building, games and exploration. With a clear set of safety routines and boundaries it allows students to develop a responsible attitude to risk.



Diwali Comes to Oriel

A group of students brought the Diwali celebrations to Oriel! This year Diwali started on the 19th October and lasted for 5 days of celebration during which these students enjoyed the Festival of Lights. On the last day of half-term they came into school to share sweets with our teaching staff, which were gratefully received by all.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

June

Asia - Luke Harris
Australasia - Megan Atkin
Africa - Elizabeth Mackie

July

Asia - Jolie Stacey
Australasia - Katie Francis
Africa - James Tatnall

September

Asia - Joseph Watkins
America - Maddie Potter
Australasia - Kayley Austin
Africa - Sophie Capdevilia

October

Asia - Luke Barber
America - Freddie Leese
Australasia - Ghufuran Manzoor
Africa - Ben Spencer

Oriel Garden Update.....

A group of our students proudly donated their first batch of crops to the Crawley Open House. As you can see it was a bumper crop! Of course they did have a taste themselves and the baby tomatoes were a massive hit.

Currently growing are garlic, onions, cabbage, a selection of salad leaves and winter greens.

Gardening Club, every Monday. 2.40pm - 4pm. Meet in the Youth Wing.



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)

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