

Spring Newsletter 2019

15th February 2019

Dear Parents and carers



Joyce's Art work was chosen in a London Art competition. Joyce, fellow student Melanie and Felicity Chadwick-Histed, our Link Governor, were kindly invited to attend the Mansion House in central London for tea and biscuits, hosted by the Lady Mayoress. We spent a fabulous morning with her visiting the house and everyone had a fantastic day!

Another of our 16-22 Campus students is currently studying A Level Spanish. As part of James' studies he will read a famous Spanish book 'La casa de Bernarda Alba' (the House of Bernarda Alba). We had the opportunity to go to the theatre to watch the play, which will help James to understand better the characters and the story in the book. James greatly enjoyed the experience and he said that it was helpful to analyse the book deeply and the characters.



James is also studying A Level Chinese and set a new Sybil Elgar record on Wednesday by receiving a lesson across the furthest distance, approximately 5 700miles! James's lesson was taught using Skype with his tutor being in Shanghai at the time.



Sybil Elgar Girls Group has been set up for our primary and secondary girls to explore their own identity through activities that look at who they are in order to build confidence and self-awareness. The girls have taken part in some fun activities such as self-portraits, OT sessions, all about me worksheets and a nails and make-up session which they thoroughly enjoyed.

We hope to create some positive relationships not only for the girls but also staff/student relationships - a relationship where the girls will feel comfortable and safe. We are looking forward to the future of what Girls Group has to offer and what experiences our girls will be able to take part in and enjoy. We will also look to set up a Boys Group to support their growing awareness of themselves as mature young men building self- esteem and confidence.



Across our sites, we enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year. This year is the year of the pig, which is a symbol of wealth in Chinese culture.

This term our Business Enterprise and Work Experience departments have arranged a market stall at Acton Market. We will be selling handmade goods and providing information on Autism and our school. We will be there on Wednesdays throughout the day. If you are in the area, please drop by to support our students who will be very happy to assist you.



Parents in Partnership

We apologise for the late cancellation of the Parents in Partnership Workshop on Wednesday 6th February. We will be in touch soon with the next Workshop date.

Coffee Morning

Our next Coffee morning is on Thursday 7th March at Havelock Road. Please feel free to drop in, between 9.30am-12.30pm.

Parents Evening

Parents Evening is Thursday 14th March. Teachers will be contacting you soon to confirm your appointment times.

Policies

Please find attached our updated Anti-Bullying Policy for our pupils and students. All of our key policies, including Complaints and Safeguarding can be found on our website, at the following link: <https://www.autism.org.uk/services/nas-schools/sybil-elgar/about-us/policies-and-procedures.aspx>

If you would prefer a hard copy, please do not hesitate to contact the school and we will post a copy to you.

Term and Holiday Dates

If you are unsure of when school holidays are taking place, please do not hesitate to contact reception on 020 8813 9168. We will be very happy to post or email you a copy of our term dates. Alternatively, they can be found at www.autism.org.uk/sybil-elgar

Please **only use the school website** for the most up to date information, including weather alerts and school opening.

Important dates for your Diary

FEBRUARY 2019

Tuesday 26th February	Staff & Students Return	All Sites
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MARCH 2019

Thursday 7th March	Coffee Morning	Havelock Road
Thursday 14th March	Parents Evening	All Sites


APRIL 2019

Friday 5th April	Break up for Easter	All Sites
Wednesday 24th April	Staff & Students Return	All Sites

Summer Social/Graduation Party

This year our Summer Social/Graduation Party will be on Saturday 20th July at Havelock Road. Further details will be sent soon.

I wish you a calm and happy half term break and we look forward to greeting our young people back at school on **Tuesday 26th February 2019**



Chloe Phillips
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