



# FRIDAY REVIEW

## Year 11 Mentoring

Twenty-five Year 11 pupils began a mentoring programme last week. They will be working alongside Sixth Formers from Langley Grammar School to help them achieve the very best results in their GCSE exams this summer. Their initial session focused on ice-breaker activities and getting to know each other. Our Year 11 pupils really enjoyed it and the Langley Grammar students were very complimentary about those Year 11 pupils involved and our facilities.

## Not in Employment Education or Training (NEET)

Figures that we have received from Connexions indicate that only 1.5% of the pupils from last year's Year 11 are not in employment, education or training. This is a very low figure compared to a national average of 7.3% last year. This is an indication of how committed our pupils are to learn and to work.

## Sixth Form Open Afternoon – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February

Parents are invited to the Sixth Form open afternoon on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February, from 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm. If you want to attend please let school reception know. There will be a short tour, information about the Sixth Form and the chance to talk to some Sixth Form students.

## Community Cohesion in our local area

Last Friday Sarosh Shah, Charlene Khoza and Kyle Sutcliffe went to the O2 headquarters in Slough to discuss how we could improve relations with the police in the local community. The decision was to put on an event with the police. They would then work with a group of students from Baylis Court School and make a presentation to the Police

Board, about how to develop better relationships.

## Language and Literacy Policy

This week we launched our Language and Literacy Policy in order to raise the attainment of our pupils by encouraging them to speak and write English correctly and to avoid slang, mispronunciation and colloquialisms.

## Saturday School at Eton College

On Saturday a group of pupils from Years 9 and 10 went to Eton College to take part in the Creative Thinking Saturday School. This is designed to push some of our high achievers to think, as they say, outside the box. I was delighted with the enthusiasm with which the students reported back regarding the lessons they took part in. The pupils will be keeping a creative diary so they can see how they progress over each Saturday. I would like to say well done to all the pupils involved.

## The AFAN day

A group of six Year 12 students went to Eton Dorney this week to take part in a day of discussion with the group All Faiths and None. The students worked alongside Eton College and Beechwood School students to discuss the big questions of Authority and Freedom. The students enjoyed being able to think about the big issues and see that students from other schools have similar worries to themselves.

## New Law for Slough

Yesterday a group of Sixth Form students from A Level Law and Business Studies visited the Houses of Parliament. They had the chance to work with a Parliamentary Advisor on a new law on anti social behaviour. They were taken through the

full Parliamentary process and had to be able to show why their new law would improve life for Britain. They were able to see the Houses of Parliament and were fortunate to see the ceremonial arrival of the Speaker.

## Public Debate

On Wednesday a group of Year 11 pupils attended a debate at Slough Library, chaired by Hardeep Singh Kohli, the well known TV presenter, along with a representative of Aik Saath on the motion 'This house holds that racism and extremist views will never be eradicated from society'. Pupils from St Bernard's and Slough Grammar were also participating. The ideas discussed were thought-provoking and Mr Kohli's participation ensured it was also highly entertaining.

## Haiti Fundraising

Thank you to all those that took part in fund raising for Haiti. The total raised in one week by the school is £528. Well done.

## Football

Year 8 boys took on Emmbrook in the County Cup on Thursday and played the game of their lives. A fantastic 4-0 win was just reward for hard tackling, great passing and finishing suited to the Premiership. Clinton Tolbot, Omar Fazeli and Gerome Singh (2) scored while Aaron Raja kept his second clean sheet of the season. Well done boys, Sandhurst or Theale Green in the next round. Year 7, 8 & 9 girls continued their good form in the Slough Schools Junior Football Tournament, hosted by Slough & Eton with a win against St. Bernards (7-0) and unfortunately losing to Westgate (4-2).

## Basketball

Year 8 boys beat Herschel Grammar 20-12 last week,

improving with each quarter of competitive play but were then soundly beaten 6-36 by a very strong Langley Grammar side on Wednesday. Basketball club is every Thursday after school for all those interested in playing.

Year 9 boys travelled to Langley Academy for their first game of the season and lost 4-34 as many of the novices in our team struggled against well drilled opponents.

## Hockey

Year 11 girls represented Slough & Eton in the second round of the Slough Schools Senior Hockey Tournament and beat St. Bernard's but lost to Langley Grammar. With one more round of matches remaining our girls can still win having only lost once.

## Next week's fixtures:

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February Year 8 boys basketball vs. Wexham (Home)

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February Year 9 boys basketball vs. Langley Grammar (away)

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February Year 7, 8 & 9 girls football tournament

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February British School Karting Championships Practice event

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February Year 10 & 11 boys vs. Langley Grammar

We would value your comments on any of the items in the Friday Review. Please email to [head.pa@slougheton.com](mailto:head.pa@slougheton.com)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February

Yr 10 Art & Design mock exam

### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

Yr 10 Photography exam

### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February

Sixth Form Open Evening

### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February

Year 11 Parents' Evening