



# BROOKE HOUSE BUGLE

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## Sir Edward Garnier visits Brooke House College



Our Local Member of Parliament, Sir Edward Garnier QC paid the school a visit in early December, much to the delight of the A Level Government & Politics students. Sir Edward spoke to the students about his role as an MP and then answered many questions from the students on topics far and wide. Needless to say Brexit, the referendum and a recent visit from the President of Nigeria were all topics the pupils wanted to discuss. After talking with the A Level students, Sir Edward then had a quick tour of the main campus including one of our girls' houses, namely Georges. The girls of the house showed their guest around the facilities including their kitchen area, common room and individual studies. Also on show were several items of art work from pupils within the house, which greatly impressed Sir Edward.

## The Art Department visit London and Northampton

After arriving at the Tate Modern several hours were spent looking carefully at the different exhibitions and paintings. The group were amazed at all of the different ideas, materials and techniques that filled the rooms. From film, sound, and photography to huge three dimensional structures and abstract colourful paintings the students were inspired with how to develop their own work back in the art class.

After lunch the group crossed the Millennium Bridge with the amazing views of London over the Thames and took the tube to Leicester Square. After visiting China Town they then went to the National Gallery in Trafalgar Square where they were able to look closely at paintings from 1600-1940's. These were a complete contrast to the Tate Modern collection and gave the group the opportunity to be able to contrast materials, techniques and subject matter in art across time and place.

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016 students from Art Foundation and Art A Level visited the Park Avenue Campus in Northampton University for an exciting afternoon of printmaking. This wonderful experience was organised by the Fine Art department in order to help students explore a range of printmaking techniques.

Students were shown techniques in mono-printing using a variety of textured materials to show shape, pattern, tone and contrast. They all had a fantastic time exploring new techniques and materials in the huge Well-equipped studios of the printmaking department.





## Football goes from strength to strength

The Football Academy has had another pleasing term. The U19 team has made excellent progress in their various cup competitions and has made a strong start to the conference league. In the Junior Premier league, the U18s and U16s have made good progress as the season has developed. The U16s have impressed particularly with some fine performances in the new structure. Next year we are intending to enter an U14 team as well to add to our player development programme. Elsewhere within the academy, Micky Adams has added much to the training schedules and has arranged for several of the senior players to be seen by professional club sides. The players have also benefitted much from visits to Wembley, St George's national centre for excellence and a Q & A evening with Steve McMahon, the former Liverpool and England midfielder.

## National Anti-Bullying Week celebrated



Rose, The President of the School Council said that she and her fellow council members felt strongly about supporting the Anti-Bullying message. Even more so because it had been a while since the start-of-the-year induction programme, where the new aspects of *'Keeping Children Safe in Education'* were passed on to the students, and a reminder in National Anti-Bullying Week was a good thing.

There was an increased focus on anti-bullying, as the whole school took full advantage of making the most of 'National Anti-Bullying Week'.

Led by the School Council, the week started off with assemblies for the Sixth Form and the Lower School. Members from the School Council gave presentations at both, assisted by their PSHE teachers and the Principal. Whilst the younger members of the School Council confessed to being nervous speaking in front of their peers, especially given the nature of the college, which has a large Intensive English programme, they spoke well in what is not their mother tongue getting their message across loud and clear.

As well as the assemblies kick-starting the week, each member of the School Council wore a tee shirt with an anti-bullying message. The School Council also made a huge poster with the phrase "Say No To Bullying" written in every language of the student body; some 33 languages in total. Throughout the week, other clear messages were broadcast using the college's digital network, and House meetings focused on the event. The film making activity from the co-curricular programme is also making an anti-bullying video to go on You Tube.

Mr Leonte, The college's Head of Boarding commented that he was proud of the School Council's efforts in tackling this subject and bringing it to the attention of the whole school community. "The whole week has had a really positive feel to it because of the extra focus National Anti-Bullying Week has given us".

PCSO Matt McDade has visited the college twice this term as a part of the PSHE programme. Primarily dealing with online safety, but other topics were covered as well. One of Matt's areas of responsibility is to open up channels of communication with the younger members of the public maximising social media. The pupils paid good attention to Matt's talks and engaged sensibly in the open forum. Certain key areas, raised by college staff in relation to cyber-bullying and sexting, two aspects of recent policy change highlighted by the Principal at the start of the new school year, were also outlined by Matt.



## The co-curricular programme continues to grow

The college has been granted permission to become a Directly Licensed Centre for the running of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. Already some 30 – 40 students have embarked upon the bronze, silver and gold awards. The pupils have covered route planning, map reading, outdoor cooking and survival techniques as preparation for the expedition part of the award. The other key aspects of their awards are volunteering, physical and skills. Here a wide range of activities have been undertaken by the students. Taking up a new sport, helping out with a veterinary practice, undertaking a first aid qualification and much more besides.



New learning opportunities in teaching & learning have opened up for students in a language school in China thanks to Brooke House College's newly established online lessons. Rachel Caine, the Director of Partnerships, University Foundation Programme and careers, has linked up with CSYBI and the language school in China to add to their existing academic programme. Previously, the language school concentrated solely on teaching their pupils English. With the arrival of Brooke House College Online, their students now benefit from additional tuition on mathematics, physics, chemistry and business.



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