

# SLOUGH AND ETON REVIEW

AUTUMN EDITION 1



## HEADTEACHER SUMMARY

*By Mr Collins*

I am delighted to be sending you our first edition this year of the Slough and Eton Review. It has been a great first half term of the year with many activities getting underway once again and both students and staff both enjoying the fun coming back to school life. We have worked hard to rise above the challenges presented by COVID and make sure that school has as much of a feel of normality about it as possible. With this focus I have been pleased to see and feel the buzz coming back to school life and look forward to this continuing as we head through the academic year.

Best wishes

Mr Collins

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# Sanctuary Garden Opening

Mr Collins

Following some tremendously hard work by Mrs Nash and her husband we were delighted to officially open our Sanctuary Garden in September. This will give us a calm and welcoming open space for students to go to when they need some time to reflect or engage with emotional support and to help support their emotional well-being.

Almost everything that was used in the garden was donated or recycled and we are extremely grateful to Mr and Mrs Nash for the time they gave up to bring this project to life.



# Success in the Muslim News

Mr Collins

At the end of August we were delighted to be written to by The Muslim News who wanted to share details of the exam success of some of our students. I am pleased to say that the details of several of them were published in their September edition and students included should be very proud of this prestigious recognition.

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## EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW

# Loss of focus and failure to prioritise Taliban to blame for Afghan debacle says US policy adviser

**India's Hindu nationalists begin new phase of crippling Muslim livelihoods**

**Sajida Haidar**

The lynching of Muslims using allegations of "illegal cow slaughter" has become a common occurrence in Narendra Modi's Hindu nationalist India. However, a new trend of attacks on the livelihoods of Muslims has emerged over the past few months.

A multi-million-dollar company selling packaged food across India, West Asia, the Far East and the US has become the latest target of an Islamophobic campaign. "Every single Hindu" is urged to boycott vegetarian snicker ID Fresh Food Ltd because Hindu organisations allege their products contain horse manure, calf digestion enzymes, and various bones and skulls.

Handmade in Bangladesh, the multi-million-dollar ID Fresh Food Ltd sells a wide range of vegetarian ready-to-eat products such as laddu and Dosa Bites, Malabar parotta, candy, paanai, vada and filter coffee decoration.

Far-right and self-proclaimed "proud Hindu leader" Srinivas SGI launched the campaign on Twitter. Referring to the religious identity of the company's owners and employees, which is the real motive for his campaign, Srinivas asks, "How many really know that this company employs only Muslims, and it is Hindu certified?"

A group of Muslim consumers founded ID Fresh Food in 2005 with only Rs 15,000 (£250). By 2015, they had reached revenue of Rs 1 billion (£10 million).

ID Fresh Food called the allegations "baseless and fake propaganda" aimed at undermining the trust of millions of customers. "We would like to clearly specify that ID uses only vegetarian ingredients to make its products. ID laddu-Dosa Bites is made from rice, maida (flour), sun-dried and water only, which are 100% natural and vegetarian ingredients. There are no animal extracts used in any of our products," the firm said in a Facebook message.

With the campaign against ID Fresh Food, a disturbing trend of attacks based on religious identity has extended to the most basic of services. While the few wealthy Muslims in India had their businesses under attack, poorer Muslims bear the brunt of the attack on their bodies and livelihoods.

Last month Abdul Rashid, a middle-aged snuff dealer, was attacked in a village in the central Indian state of Madhya Pradesh simply for being a Muslim who dared to enter the area to collect scrap. Rashid was not new to Sitali village and had been doing business there for a long time. When Rashid arrived to answer a snuff contract, he was surrounded by men who attacked him. "How can we do business in our village?" They asked, adding he was a Muslim. Rashid, a Hindu, was a Muslim professional Hindu village. His livelihood was considered he was made to chant "Jai Shri (Hindu Lord Hanu)," a religious group now politically supported by the Hindu Party (BJP). Having taken Rashid's scrap, he was ordered to return to the village again.

Similarly, earlier in August, a 15-year-old boy was attacked in 1) Pradesh's capital city Bhopal group of men associated with the Hindu Party. The boy's father was and school has been. When he returned to his village, the boy was attacked, and his father was warned never to return to the village.

A few days later, Laxmi Ail, a Hindu seller, was beaten up in the city of Madhya Pradesh allegedly using a fake name of arranging the people who are, the police arrested 15-year-old allegedly while selling. The police claimed that two cards with different names were from his bag.

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A Muslim hawkers selling roadside stall in the Dept of Madhya Pradesh was an arrest after he failed to pay an Aadhaar card to verify his business. There are no animal and bones with sticks and he said he had left his card.

The attacks are not limited to Madhya Pradesh, two brothers were for during to some them for the Hindu deity Lord Krishna in the district of Mathura - be the birthplace of Krishna the many local businesses still Muslims (another name: Dosa Corner).

A group of men then do and demanded he explain had not used a Muslim's stall. They threatened to tell Hindus not to eat the

**Ahmed J Versi**

Washington's shift in focus and its failure to prioritise a revived Taliban is, largely, to blame for the Afghan debacle said a US policy adviser on South Asia and the Middle East.

The withdrawal after 20 years pushes the American counter-terrorism "back to square one," says Distinguished Professor of International Relations at the National Defense University in Washington, Hassan Ahmed.

On future policy, the Pakistan-American scholar said that the West needs to "rethink the possibilities and accept at least giving the Taliban a chance to be a bit more pragmatic."

"If they show a little, such possibilities, let's give them a chance so that after another series of crises, we should be able to say yes, there were some signs. And we gave them enough, he told *The Muslim News*.

"We gave enough chance to Kabul (Iraq) 20 years that we know you are corrupt. We know you are incompetent, but we are willing to support you for two more years."

"The professor suggests the US-led invasion of Afghanistan failed because US interest was diverted to Iraq in 2001, but that it was the Taliban that was running the country and has come back again for the 20th anniversary.

"It is a fact that if the US attention had not been diverted to Iraq in 2001, things would have been different. The US lost its focus in terms of analysis and deep understanding very quickly within two years because we thought the Taliban were out of power."

"The number one issue here was the diversion of attention to Iraq, which was, as we know, a huge thing. Iraq was in some ways the civilization, the

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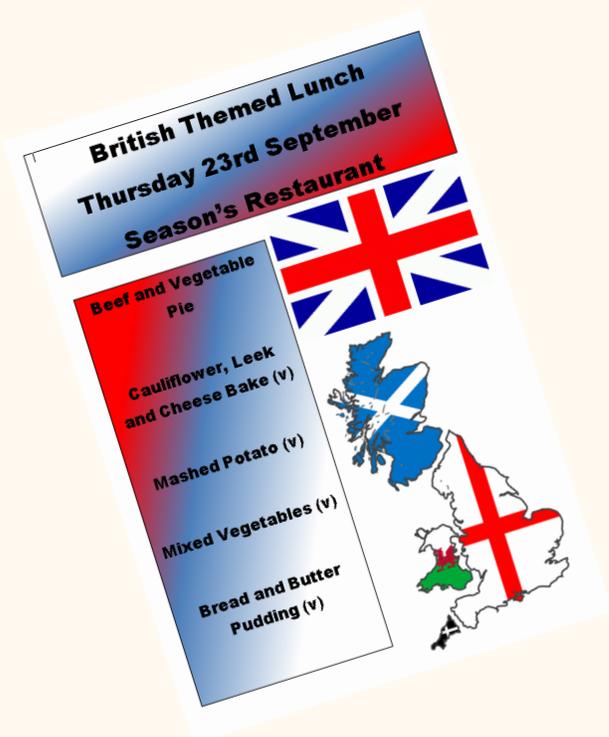
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# Restaurant Theme Days

Mr Moody

Every few weeks Season's Restaurant hosts a different themed lunch. Earlier in the term there was a British themed lunch and most recently an Indian themed lunch. Next term we have a Spanish lunch as well as our annual Christmas dinner. During these events we have dishes that do not form part of our usual menu cycle here at Slough and Eton. These are good opportunities for students to try foods from different cultures that they may not have experienced before. They are also beneficial for the catering team, as a popular menu item can often then find its way onto the normal weekly menu. During these lunches, decorations are added around the serving counter and music from the country plays in the background of the restaurant.



# Margam Discovery Centre Trip

Mrs Qayyum

The Y13 A level Biology students visited FSC Margam Discovery Centre in Wales, at the beginning of October to carry out field work techniques. On day one, we had perfect weather and the students went out to the woodlands to measure biodiversity in two different areas. Later in the evening, we set up small humane mammal traps around the centre. In the morning they were excited to discover that they caught a vole and two field mice!



Day two was very wet but this did not stop the students! They were prepared for all weather conditions. The students put on their waterproof clothes and wellies, and headed for the river to collect data for their core practical



# Drama Department

Mrs Maker

Drama Department

The Drama Department has been busy already at the start of term. We started the Year with having auditions for The Whole School Musical which this year is Sister Act Jr. The students missed out last year putting on a school production and it is great to see how talented all of our students are. They have all been working hard rehearsing most days after school learning songs, dance routines and lines. It is going to be a great show and can't wait for you all to come and watch.

Details on tickets will be announced later.

At Key Stage 4 they have got stuck in with their coursework. They worked with the theatre company Paper Birds learning about how a professional theatre company and how they start devising their performances. They learnt lots of new skills and came up with great performance.

They will be using these when they complete their own devised performances as part of their exam. The Year 10 and 11's also went in to London to watch the play The Woman in Black. The play is a ghost story about a haunted house. The students did the school proud with their respectful behaviour and thoughtful analysis of the performance. Although there were a couple of scared jumps they all really enjoyed it. It was great to be able to take students back to the theatre. The next opportunity our students will have is to audition for the Shakespeare School Festival. This is where students will rehearse a Shakespeare Play and then go and perform it on a professional stage in a theatre. This is an incredible opportunity and the students have loved taking part in previous years.

## The Drama Hall of Fame:

In Drama we believe that we should celebrate the achievements of our students. Each half term we announce our Drama Hall of Fame. This is one student from each year group that has gone above and beyond in Drama. This half term we say a massive congratulations to:

Year 7: Yasmin 7 Winton

Year 8: Bronte 8 King

Year 9: Bilaal 9 King

# Year 11 Achieve Tennis Training

Mrs Sandhu

The Year 11 Achieve group have been participating in fortnightly Tennis training sessions with a professional Tennis Coach from Bracknell Tennis Club. The students have been learning to use different tennis strokes, the rules of a game and have started to play matches against each other. This training contributes towards the Participating in Exercise Unit students are currently completing. Students will resume sessions after the half term break and get the chance to compete against another school.



# Asian Women's Awards

Mrs Tayyab

On Wednesday 22nd September 4 lucky students who are part of the Girls' Group Initiative were invited to the Asian Women's Awards Show at Hilton Hotel on Park Lane. The prestigious award showcases and celebrates multicultural Britain and the contributions of diverse cultures and talents to society. Nadia, Sana, Laviza and Ammara in Year 13 networked with Nominees and Winners of the Award and highly enjoyed learning about the role Asian Women are having in their respective fields. Students met nominee Prof Jugnoo Rahi Jugnoo who is a clinician scientist with an international reputation for innovative research on childhood visual disability. They also heard the inspiring speech from Ikra Ali who had a successful career in football before setting up a team for women from BAME backgrounds and creating an environment where women of all walks of life can play football without judgement.



# Eton Mentoring

Mrs Kaye-Taylor

On Monday 11th October Eton mentoring had its first session in 18 months. The sessions involve peer mentoring for our Year 12 & 13 Maths students with Eton students.

It was great to see how enthusiastically the students threw themselves into the work and how beneficial they found it. They are looking forward to the next session.

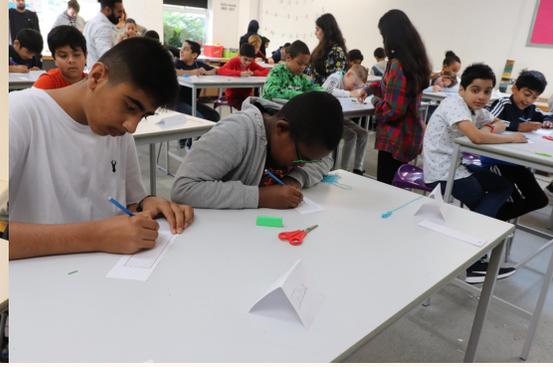
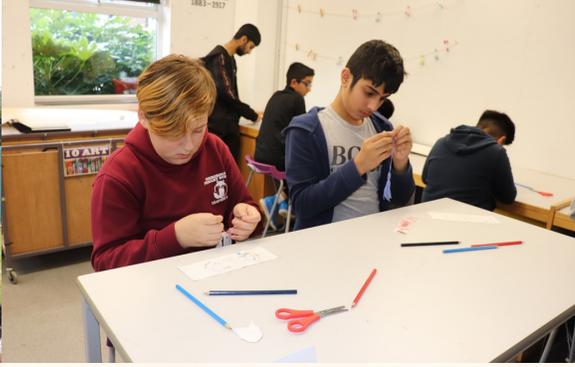


# Seniores

Mrs Fogarty

Our first event of the academic year took place in September, We were so pleased to welcome Gerry Hay as our first guest speaker. Gerry has achieved success since leaving school at a young age in two completely different industries - building on her success at every stage and enjoying a career of world-wide travel and challenges. Gerry took us all on her journey, and what a journey! A perfect evening beginning with a hot chocolate provided from the Coffee Cube and ending with a delicious buffet.





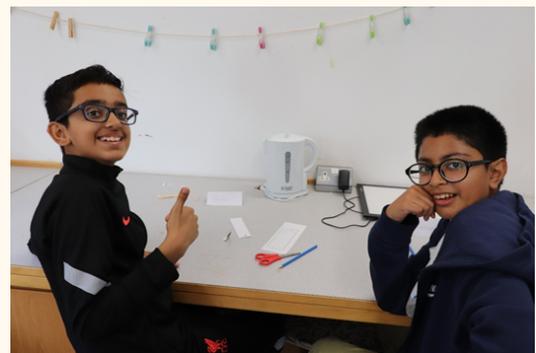
# Summer School 2021

Mrs Brabants

August 23-27 2021

Over five days at the end of August, Slough and Eton hosted its 2021 Summer School to help students get secondary-ready. Over 100 students joined us through the week to take part in a range of activities from orienteering and creating stationery to team building and problem solving games as well as a mini-sports day. We explored the importance of the transition from KS2 to KS3 and some of the concerns and expectations that come with that. As ever, our goal was to help students increase their confidence and comfort, to become more familiar with the school and its routines and to focus on meeting people and making friends. A new addition this year was our invitation to parents to join us in the afternoon at our new Coffee Cube to spend a bit of time in the school to better imagine their child's secondary experience. After a disrupted school year, staff really enjoyed the buzz of young people enjoying themselves and getting ready to return to school!

The whole summer school was a very pleasant experience for students. They really enjoyed themselves making friends and meeting staff members who attended. It allowed students the head start they really needed.



**Mr A Bhatti, Head of Year 7**

**It was lovely attending summer school and witnessing the start to the students journey at Slough and Eton. I witnessed them making new friendships and develop confidence to start as a new Year 7. It was great to see!**

**Miss A Abdalle, Form Tutor 7 King, English Teacher**

**I thought the students were engaged with the tasks of the day and spent the breaks being sociable and friendly when getting to know each other. A very positive introduction for them for secondary school.**

**Miss F Loughrey, Form Tutor 7 Seacole, Curriculum Leader for Art**

**Summer school was a great opportunity for me to meet my new tutees in person and get to know them in a friendly and relaxed environment before school started. The atmosphere was warm and welcoming, and I feel that the students really enjoyed the whole experience. The beginning of friendships was made, and these friendships have blossomed since the students started in September. I feel that seeing a friendly and recognisable face on that first day of school was a huge positive and helped them settle quicker than those who did not attend summer school. There was a great buzz during summer school and the activities planned were interactive and useful.**

**Miss S Harrison, 7 Ali Form Tutor, Science Teacher**

**Summer School is always a great opportunity for all new students to have a taste of Secondary School and what to expect when they arrive in September.**

**It was so nice to be able to welcome so many bright and smiling faces through our gates.**

**Everyone from parents to students have spoken to me about how much fantastic and amazing this opportunity was. Who knew school could be so much fun!**

**Mr L Richards, Deputy of Head of Year 7, 7 Winton Form Tutor, English Teacher**

**And what did the students think?**

**" Summer school was super fun."**

**"There were a lot of fun activities at the start of summer school."**

**" Summer school was very interesting because of the Murder Mystery activities."**



# Art Department Trip to Virginia Waters

Miss Loughrey

The Art Department recently took a selection of students from Year 10 and 12 to Virginia Waters to help them develop their sketching and photography skills for their GCSE coursework. Students visited the waterfalls, old ruins and bridge within Virginia Waters. It was a productive trip with all students gaining good resources for their GCSE to use back at school.



# Slough & Eton Girls' Talent Show

Mrs McMullen

On Friday 15th October, in the week of the United Nations International Day of the Girl Child, Slough and Eton held a talent show to celebrate the many and varied skills of our female students. In front of an enthusiastic and supportive audience of 120 ticket holding female students, from every year group in the school, nine acts presented a thoroughly entertaining experience.

The show, which was held in the Main Hall, was opened by our talented group of Year 10 dancers, performing 'This Is Me' from The Greatest Showman. Anna Maria, Emmanuella, Zahra, Nicole, Anita and Unmole coordinated their moves brilliantly and were inspiring to watch. Miss Woods, Dance teacher and Year 10 tutor, had assisted with the choreography and rehearsal of this act and can be rightly proud of an engaging opening number.

A range of singing styles was showcased, with Daniela in Year 9 and Alexa in Year 7, performing acappella. Both girls produced captivating performances and are talents to watch for the future. Kezia and Asil treated the audience to a contemporary duet. Asil demonstrated a range of talents in the show, as she was also part of the mixed years dance group, and Kezia's impressively mature voice drew praise from the staff and students present.

The mixed years dance group was a delight to watch. Students from Year 13, Year 10 and Year 7 had worked hard after school, over a few weeks, to put together a fabulous routine to the Nagada Sang Dhol and Kamariya remix by DJ Talreja. Beautifully dressed, Jannat, Asil, Kristina, Monica, Mahnoor and Maham lit up the room with their fantastic dancing and their positive energy.

Year 11 dancers, Ceasay, Elle and India. Muhammad also performed a routine which they had choreographed themselves, and which demonstrated both musicality and flexibility. An effective team, they showed that they could interpret contemporary music with skill and creativity.

Slough and Eton's musicians were represented by Year 13 pianist Sidrah and Year 8 drummers Davina and Maryam. Sidrah played a beautiful, melodic rendition of Bach's Prelude in C. Over on the other side of the stage, Davina and Mariam demonstrated skill and control in their sequenced drum performance, using a full drum kit. Both musical performances captivated the audience.

Our closing act was Year 13's Reem. A seasoned Slough and Eton performer, Reem has a beautiful voice. Performing 'Don't Watch Me Cry' by Georgia Smith, and drawing the audience into the emotion of the song, Reem demonstrated wonderful vocal ability which would grace any stage.

Special thanks must go to Mrs Dessai, who was compere for this lunchtime event, introducing the acts with characteristic flair, and to Ms Donnet and Mr Blair for their technical expertise on the day, the guidance they gave to the performers during the rehearsal period, and all their advice and support leading up to the show. Thank you to IT for running the backing tracks and lighting, to the site team for preparing the staging and to the fantastic Year 12 ticket team who assisted with the smooth running of the show.

This event was a joyful celebration of our remarkable and creative Slough and Eton girls. In addition, just under £40 was raised from audience donations, which is being split between CAMFED and Period Poverty.



# #HelloYellow for Young Minds

Mr Richards

Last half term we had the opportunity to raise some money for a worthwhile cause. #HelloYellow was created by the charity YoungMinds to help raise awareness of Young People's mental wellbeing.

As a result of the global pandemic it is more important now than ever to ensure we are doing everything we can to support our young people.

Across school, there were multiple opportunities given to help make all staff and students aware of this very worthwhile cause.

Year 7 Students were given the opportunity to purchase some Yellow Smiley Face badges to show their support of the cause. This also allowed some of our Sixth Form Students to show off their initiative skills and support the fundraising effort.

As well as this, all students were given the opportunity to go through some amazing resources, highlighting all the amazing things that are being done to help support young people and their mental wellbeing by the charity. There was also an excellent quiz at the end to test our student's knowledge. I have been told Tutor Time got quite competitive.

Staff also took the challenge of #HelloYellow by wearing an item of yellow clothing to work. I assure you it certainly was a sight to behold. From golden ties to yellow socks and a mustard scarf all the way to a Yellow Bib courtesy of our PE department, it was really wonderful to see such a high engagement from staff for this noble cause.

Overall, we as a school were able to raise £150.00 for this very worthwhile cause which was a fantastic achievement. I would just like to thank all staff and students that helped make this event so successful.

The logo for Young Minds features the word "YOUNG" in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font, followed by "MiNDS" in a bold, dark grey, sans-serif font. Below this, the tagline "fighting for young people's mental health" is written in a smaller, dark grey, sans-serif font.

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# Book Buzz

Mrs McGuire

At Slough & Eton we value reading immensely and to encourage our students to read, we take part in a programme called Book Buzz. The students get to choose from 17 book titles, then the books are ordered and each student is given the book they have chosen free, as a gift from the school. This causes a great BUZZ around the Library when the students are given their book to take home.

Ms McGuire



# Hot Chocolate Friday

Mr Collins

Since the start of term I have had the pleasure of meeting with a number of students from various Year groups to share Hot Chocolate Friday.

Each Head of Year suggests four students that have excelled in different ways to come along and meet with me and enjoy a Hot chocolate from our very own in house Coffee shop.

Many topics have been covered and I have enjoyed listening to the positive comments and forward thinking of our students.



# Black History Month

Mr Byrne

This year at Slough and Eton took a new and different approach to promoting and creating awareness for Black History Month.

All departments and many staff positively contributed their valuable knowledge, interests, and resources were very much appreciated. The displays made by Ms Pletti and the Kahoot quizzes made by the Year 10 students and all other associated work and contributions from staff helped bring attention to a worthy cause and helped make Black History Month a big success.



# PE Fixtures

Miss Kelleway

S&E Y8 Boys' Football vs Trevelyan (3:1):

Great game, whereby Trevelyan scored first from a free kick, nothing we could do about it. But our boys did not let their head drop and managed to turn the score around to 3:1 with Alwan scoring a hat-trick.

S&E Y11 Boys' Football vs Wexham (0:3):

Unfortunate game for our Y11 boys who have tried hard but didn't manage to break down the opponent's defence. Wexham capitalized on loose balls in the middle of the park, where we were unable to hold on to it or play it wide.

Year 9 Girls' Netball:

Unfortunately in their first Netball fixture the Year 9 girls finished with a loss against Ditton Park Academy. When the ball did get into the D the attacking players from Slough and Eton were able to score some excellent goals however the Ditton Park defence were very strong and prevented the ball from entering the D on many occasions. From this game however the S+E girls made considerable progress for their second game which showed their resilience and motivation. They played their second game against Westgate and the final score was 4-4. The passing and movement from S+E was much improved from their previous game and their teamwork was fantastic. Well done girls this was a highly enjoyable game.

Year 7 Girls' Netball:

The Year 7 girls took on Ditton Park at home for their first game. This was the first time they had all played together as a team and their teamwork and resilience was really lovely to watch. They were so supportive of each other. The game ended with a loss to S+E however the girls will continue to work hard to secure a victory in the future. Well done girls.

