

# SLOUGH AND ETON REVIEW

July 2022



## Headteacher Welcome

Mr Collins

It gives me great pleasure to be sharing the last edition of the Slough and Eton Review for this school year. This has continued to be a great offer for our students and I thank all the staff who have made this happen. Have a wonderful summer.

Best Wishes,  
Mr Collins.

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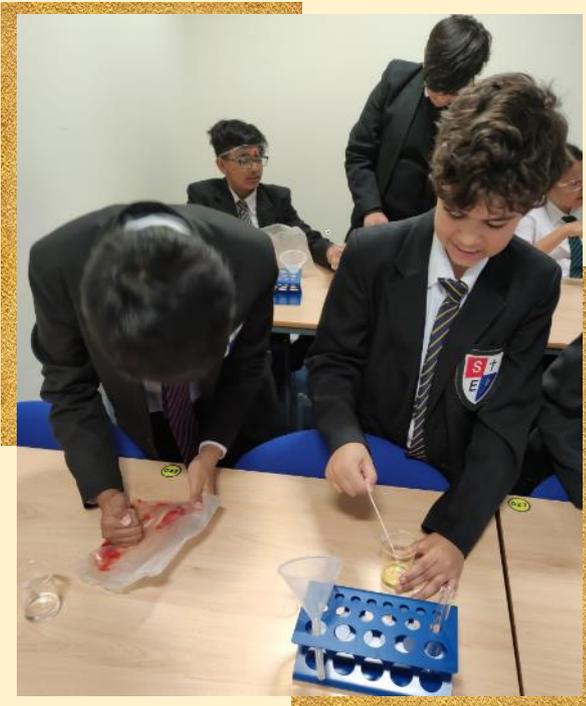
# Year 8 Ignite Programme

Mr Harvey



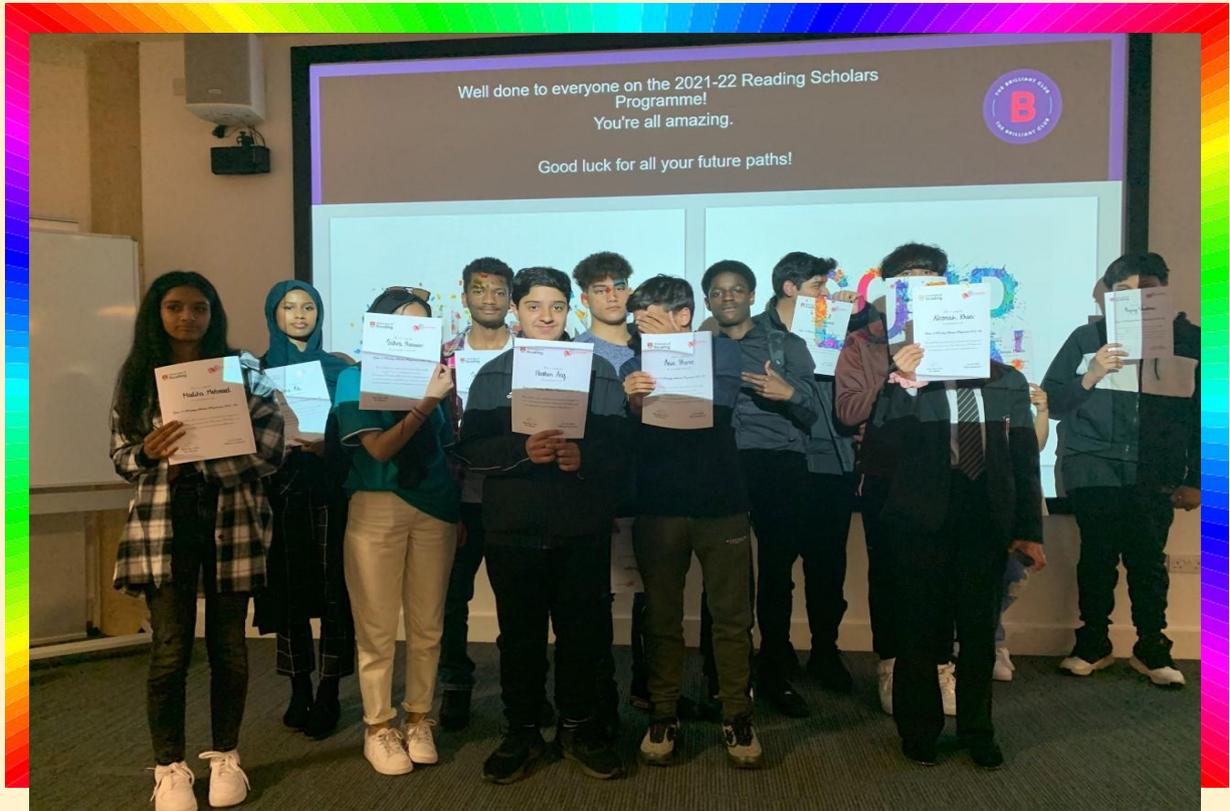
## Year 8 Ignite Programme.

Twenty-three Year 7 students travelled to the University of Reading on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June. This was the second of two activities which are planned each year through until Year 11. The programme is designed to inspire, inform and upskill students to increase the chance of them attending higher education, which is University, or an equivalent level of study. On the visit they had a campus tour, giving them a much better understanding of what facilities are available and what the day in the life of a university student might be like. Two other sessions were planned so that the students could get a more hands on approach to learning, questioning and independence required for higher level education. These were a Strawberry DNA extraction experiment and the chance to hold, observe and be critical about the authenticity and role of ancient Greek pottery. They really did hold in real ancient Greek artifacts. Well done to everyone that attended.

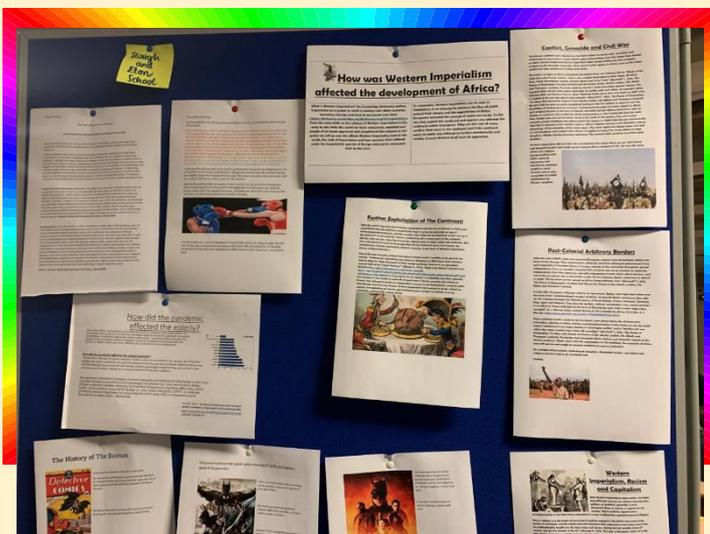


# Year 10 Reading Scholars

Mrs Shaw



Over the last 6 months, 14 of our Year 10 students have been working exceedingly hard with The University of Reading to produce a research poster on a topic of their choosing. They have attended numerous sessions at the university and have learnt all about university life, academic referencing, post 16 options and revision strategies to name a few! On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June, they all attended a graduation ceremony at the University of Reading and were awarded with certificates for all of their hard work. The posters that they produced were fantastic and they were given academic feedback and grades, as if they were studying at university! They all particularly enjoyed the revision strategies session! Such a fantastic opportunity!



# Year 11 Prom

Miss Johnson



Prom 2022 - Friday 24th June

What an evening!! Year 11 ended their exams with a party to top all parties! Photo

booth, pizza, chocolate fountain, cake, music, dancing, awards and more! Year 11 kept the energy high and all staff members who were there to support had a fantastic time too.



Thank you for making Prom 2022 amazing together. With the help of Year 11 Prom committee fundraising, we were able to decorate with balloon arches, banners and even had a red carpet to walk on arrival! We wish you all the best of luck with your GCSE results and hope to see some of you back in the Sixth Form next school year.

# Year 11 Prom

Miss Johnson



Celebrate



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# Year 11 Prom

Miss Johnson



Year 7

Hundertwasser

Miss Johnson



Clay Project



**Year 7 Hundertwasser Clay Project!**

Year 7 have been working hard this term in art and have covered many areas of landscape. It was great to see so many parents looking at the wonderful work during parents' evening. This week they have been working on something very exciting - A Hundertwasser landscape inspired ceramic pot! Here is just a few snaps of them in action. Year 7 will be bringing these home during this week and next week.

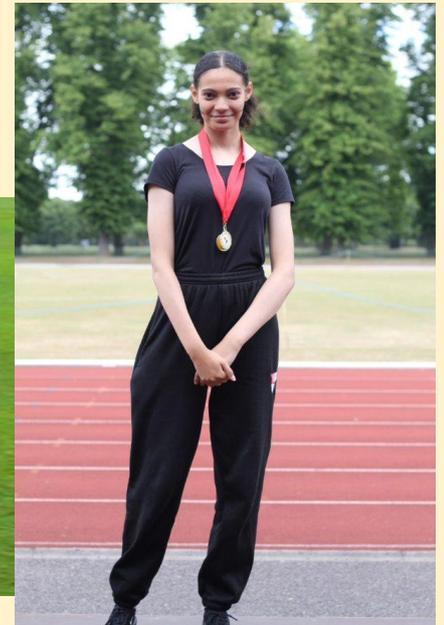


## Sports Day 2022



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On Thursday 30th June after 3 years of no sports days, Sports Day 2022 happened! It was fantastic to see so many students keen and eager to get involved and take part in as many events for their Houses as possible. The celebration of the Houses was wonderful to see with face paints and flags being worn with pride by students. Winton House stole the show with their drums that could be heard all across the stadium to cheer on their athletes. Well done to Angelou House who came first overall winning the most amount of points in events. Well done to all students who took part in events and cheered on students in their Houses. It was a very successful day. Bring on Sports Day 2023!!



## Sports Day 2022



Ali House

Mr Dighorker



Hello to all Ali House students. I hope you have had a great academic year (2021-2022). I am delighted to see the great amount of progress you have made. You have grown mature compared to what you were in July last year and I am so proud of you all.

This year we have seen a lot of activities take place with regards to the house competitions and all of you have taken part in them. Well-done to all of you for that. We have organised the Ali House initiative Christmas card competition in December along with the collections for the Slough Food Bank which was a huge success.

We had the Big Bash celebrations this week, which unfortunately was not in favour of Ali House, but we will all try harder next year and make a big concentrated effort towards winning it.

*Finally,....*

Have a Wonderful summer break.

Remember that the house virtue is 'Honesty'.

**Honesty is the fastest way to prevent a mistake from turning in to a failure.**

James Altucher

Please remember to stay safe over the holidays and return refreshed for another year of hard work and fun.

## Slough Inter-School Chess Championship

Mr Stewart

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July, we hosted the Slough Inter-School Chess Championship by our 6<sup>th</sup> Form Theatre. This tournament had five (5) rounds played by 6 different teams.

We had 6 players who played 20 games altogether. We won nine (9) of those games, giving us 9 points and placing us 4<sup>th</sup> ahead of a team from Beechwood and Herchell Grammar School. The overall winner of this year's chess championship was Upton Court Grammar School with 13.5 points.

Special thanks to Mr. Chandel and Mr. Quddus for their dedication and support. Finally, if you know or teach the following students, please congratulate them:

Bharanyu	7	Ali
Fawad	8	Parks
Samar	8	Ali
Keon	9	Parks
Jokubas	10	Parks
Karina	10	Angelou (Team captain & MVP)



## Slough Inter-School Chess Championship

Mr Stewart





Year 12

# Innocent Smoothie Trip

# Mr Wong



## Innocent Smoothies visit

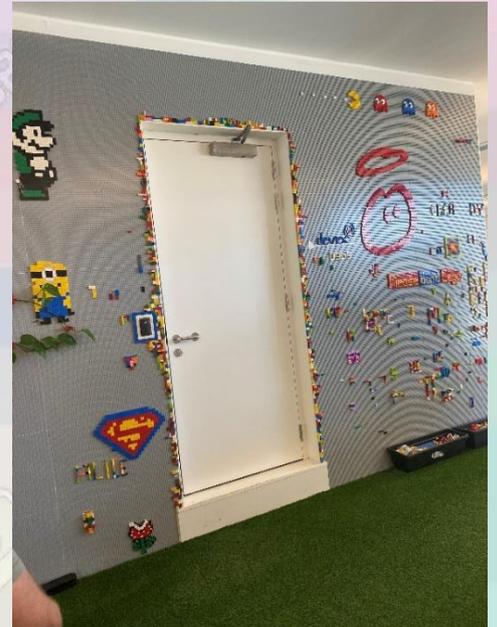


During the Easter holidays we had the pleasure to visit the Innocent Smoothie head office in London, known as Innocent Towers, to personally deliver the knitted hats as part of the Knit-A-Thon to raise money for Age Concern UK.

Upon arrival I was greeted by many friendly people. I then met with our tour guide whose name was John. John showed me around the office floors and gave us some insight on the thought process behind the process of making designing and packaging drinks.

The office had the greatest ambience and was very colourful. The walls were filled with displays and timelines which explained the process of innocent smoothies and how it turned into the great company we know it to be today. John had also shown us the most successful projects around the world (like making cold soup in bottles in France, which John assured us was quite tasty) he also showed us the not so great creations which had to be discontinued such as ramen noodles and some interesting sounding flavours of smoothies and juices. John also told us the thought process of where they get their ingredients and which drinks they made the most profit on, he told us that their hazelnut milk alternative was quite costly to produce and therefore they make the least amount of profit from it. We also spoke to many great minds that were behind the process of certain aspects of the company. Our time at Innocent Towers was great and very informative and we feel very lucky to be first two people to have been offered this opportunity from Slough & Eton. It gave us an insight into how a major international ethical drinks company works.

By: Aleena & Jamine (12 King)



## Year 9 Reward

# Activity

Dr Joshi



It has been great having Year 9 back to 'normal' this year. Year 9 have had a very busy year being able to go on trips as well as picking their options this year. On Thursday we celebrated the Year 9s who were chosen by their subject teachers to receive prizes.

Each half term we reward the top 30 students of the year who have received 0 behaviour points, on time to school each day and good attendance. Last half term we created our own cinema in the Drama Studio with them having pizza and popcorn. This half term we walked to Creams in Slough and had Ice cream which tasted amazing in the 30 degree heat. The students were incredibly respectful and polite to the staff and made the school proud. We look forward to planning the next reward trips in the new school year.



# Slough Schools Cricket Finals

Mr Parker

## Slough Schools Cricket Finals.

Congratulations to the Slough and Eton Year 7 and Year 9 cricket teams who both competed at the Slough Schools Cricket finals on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July.

The Year 7 team ended an outstanding campaign with an unfortunate defeat to Herschel Grammar. The boys knew they had to play attacking risky cricket if they were to chase Herschel's score of 169. We got off to a brilliant start, scoring 30 from the first 2 overs thanks for five 4's from Talha, Ashbal and Ayaan contributed good runs as they tried to chase the very high target. Herschel's fielders however took 3 outstanding catches to nullify our battling, and ended up deservedly winning the trophy.

## Slough and Eton Year 7 team

Back row – Hussein, Ashbal, Ayaan, Zeeshan (captain), Talhar, Abdullah, Adam, Dylan, Zakariya  
Front row – Farzaan, Ali, Alfie



# Slough Schools Cricket Finals

## Mr Parker

The Year 9 cricket team relished their first cricket season at Slough and Eton after a few disrupted summers. It culminated in a division two finals match against St Bernards. It was going to be an enormous task to chase down their opening score of 175. They had a core of accomplished batters, who were calm, confident and skilful. Our team remained confident and played positively. Saifullah opened and was almost last man standing with a personal score of 49. St Bernards' excellent fielding caused many of our team to fall quickly. That was aside from a promising partnership of regular boundaries between Saifullah and Shaheer, which unfortunately ended earlier than we hoped. A few 'nearly' catches from Slough and Eton's fielders could have changed the course of the game, but it was not our day. Well done to everyone involved.

### Slough & Eton Year 9 team

Top row, left to right - Saifullah, Shaheer, Bilaal, Mohammed  
Middle row, left to right - Ali, Abdul, Zain, Muqsit, Shoaib  
Bottom Row, left to right - Sufiaan and Ibad



# Parks House

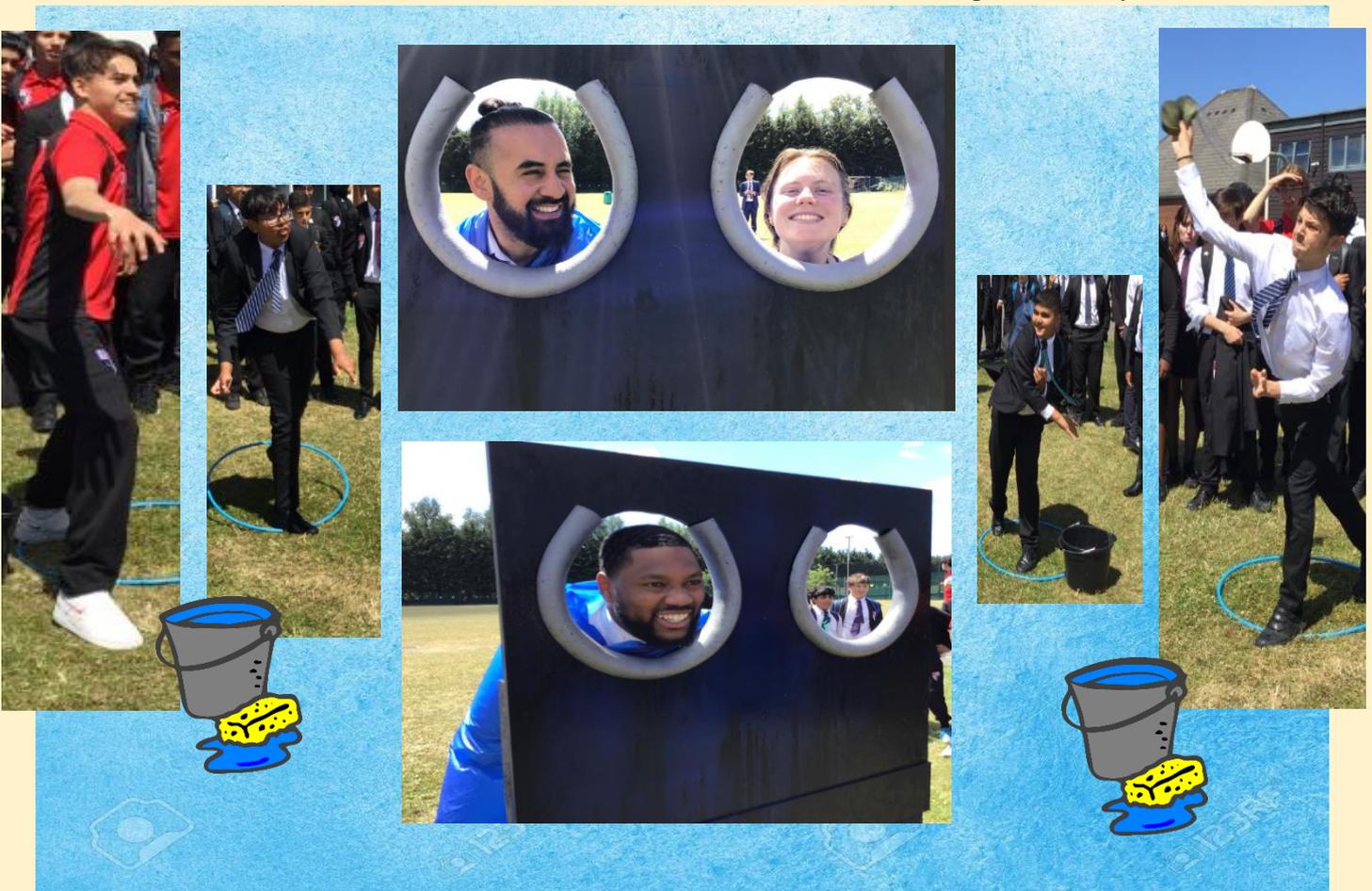
## Mrs Maker

Over the Year Parks House has done extremely well across the board. Sadly, they did not win the Big Bash this year however there is lots to celebrate with Parks House.

Parks House came third at sports day. It was wonderful seeing the House come together and cheer on their peers. All those that took part made their form tutors extremely proud. It was also great seeing them proudly wave the Parks House flag and chant a long with the drum.

This term it was Parks House turn to raise one for their charity Rainbow Trust. The Parks House reps came up with the idea of Sponge the Teacher. They got Teachers to volunteer and students could pay £1 for 3 sponges. This took place one Friday Lunchtime. The students had great fun and we raised £53 for our charity. This has meant that with the raffle we did earlier in the year we have raised £115.20 for our House Charity.

As I step down from my role as Parks House Champion I have loved celebrating the many success that we have had and I know that Parks House will continue to build don these and win the Big Bash next year.



# Music Department

🎵 Mrs Donnet 🎵



## Vocal and Piano Exams with the London College of Music

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of June, the Music Department were delighted to once again invite an examiner from the London College of Music to the school in order for some of our music students to undertake graded exams. For the exams, the students were asked to perform three pieces that they have been learning this term, as well as answer questions to show their general musicianship. We would like to congratulate the following students for their fantastic achievements:

	Edward	9 Parks	Piano Step 2	Distinction
	Sonia	8 Seacole	Piano Step 2	Merit
	Oliwia	7 Ali	Popular Music Vocals Grade 1	Merit
	Jessica	8 Parks	Popular Music Vocals Grade 3	Merit
	Robert	10 Ali	Popular Music Vocals Grade 3	Pass

A decorative graphic of a musical staff with notes and a treble clef is overlaid on the table. The staff is golden and set against a dark purple background with glowing particles. A small purple star icon is in the bottom right corner of the graphic area.

# Brilliant Club 2022

## Mr Harvey

It is important that we stretch ourselves so that we can continue to be our best, make maximum progress and develop



our knowledge of our rich world and its history. Twelve students from Years 7 and 8 combined to take on the Brilliant Club challenge. Led by a PHD tutor from The University of Reading, over 6 tutorials, they have been critically analysing the relationship between gender and peace, what peace means to them and what societal changes might best bring about their vision of peace. It culminated with a 1500-word assignment marked and moderated by the University. Mia, the marking tutor was highly complimentary of everyone's engagement and the standard of the final assignments. Well done to Anisa, Sonia and Claudiann who achieved a 1<sup>st</sup> class assignment, the top available grade. Milena, Muhammad, Usayd, Moez, Abdikadar, Yusuf and Prabhupkar all achieved the second-best available grade, a 2.1. A fantastic achievement by all. The work produced was all well above their current key stage expectation.

All those who graduated were then invited to Royal Holloway, a highly selective university, for a graduation. This included a graduation ceremony, campus tour and an advise, Information and guidance session. This Brilliant Club experience, I have no doubt, will have provided the students with the opportunity to develop new knowledge, skills and the ambition needed to be a successful student in the future. It was a useful and enjoyable afternoon that was topped off by Saifi, who was asked with almost no time to prepare, to give a speech about his experience on the programme. He did this in front of a lecture theatre of mostly strangers, with excellent clarity, expression and best of all with some comedy.

Mr Harvey



# King House

Mrs Goswell



Well Done King House!!! What a Year!!!

I know that you will all be disappointed that King House didn't win the Big Bash this year but by the time you read this we will have had our end of Year assembly and, I hope, will realise how far we have come this year when you consider that at May half term we were in sixth place and by Monday of this week we had risen to fourth place! This was a great achievement and a real testimony to the hard work and effort that some students put into Sports day and other competitions this year. It was a pleasure to stand on the side lines and cheer you on as so many of you gained medals last week.

The nice thing about reviewing your performance regularly is that you can identify areas where small and manageable improvements can be made and then make plans to do better next time. The most important thing about belonging to a House is that success comes, not only from the efforts and achievements of individuals, but also from everyone supporting each other and working as a team.

There are so many ways in which King House did well this year. Here are a few:

- Charity collection for Slough Foodbank- we collected eight large boxes of items to donate to the foodbank and supported Windsor Foodshare as well from your donations.
- Year 7/8 and 9/10 girls' football teams who won their inter-house competition this year! Well done!
- Lots of medals at sports day and at para sports day.
- Participating and supporting in events run by other houses.

So let's regroup and make some plans for an even better performance next year. I would like every member of King House to decide on one thing they could do better next year and really work hard to achieve that improvement and maybe at the end of next year we will be celebrating The Big Bash together!!

As the summer approaches I wish you a happy Holiday. Please stay safe and pay attention to all the safety information you have been given. Above all please make sure that the people around you also have a great summer. I look forward to seeing you all in September

# Winton House

Mr Richards



Wow! What an absolutely amazing year we have had!

As the champion of Winton House, I could not have been prouder of the achievements and the perseverance of the members of Winton House, both staff and students. We have managed to achieve so much this year. Some of the highlights from this year for me include raising contributions to donate to our house charity, Aik Saath with our "Guess the Egg" competition where we successfully managed to raise over £50 and managing to overcome major hurdles to come Second in Sports day. The year has really allowed us to embrace our Christ-like value of 'initiative', with our Form Representative taking the lead on ensuring all member of Winton House know who we are and what we represent. I would just like to say thank you to everyone for their hard work and achievement this year and make a promise that next year's Big Bash will be draped in the colour of Yellow!



Enjoy your summer and see you in the new academic year!

# Year 12 Dyson Challenge at Eton College

Mr Ziomek



A group of Year 12 students visited Eton College to work alongside Sixth Formers from other school for a prototyping workshop delivered by Dyson. Students learnt about how Dyson products are designed and their prototypes made. Students then worked in groups to design their own product - the brief was to solve a problem using air.



Some creative inventions followed in the planning stages, and finally students had an opportunity to build their prototypes using cardboard - a technique used widely in the industry. At the end of the day, all groups received feedback from Dyson engineers.



# Multicultural Day and Evening

Mrs Ali

Slough and Eton's Multi-cultural evening offers a distinct and valuable experience enriched with the ethnic diversity of our school's community. At this event, students take pride in showcasing the integration of cultures at Slough and Eton working exquisitely together as one community. Our students celebrate their vibrant cultures by dressing up in their cultural clothes during the day and having great conversations focused on learning about each other's culture and ethnicity. In the afternoon and evening a big celebration takes place in the form of performances such as cultural music, dance, play, comedy, poetry, presentations by students and staff to exhibit their cultures from the stage to a packed audience.

This year the multicultural day and evening event was more special as it was coming back on the stage after a couple of years of COVID restrictions.

Some of our guests and governors have commented on the event;  
May I be the first to congratulate the whole team who put together the Multicultural Evening last night. I'm told it has been running for many years and is a staple in the Slough and Eton calendar.  
I really enjoyed it, so good to see young people own the space in that way  
Julie Siddiqi – Governor.

The energy in the hall was amazing, and every act or presentation was celebrated and affirmed so enthusiastically by the whole school community. It spoke volumes of the culture of acceptance in the school and displayed the students' gifts, leadership and maturity.

It was a privilege to be present and I will endeavour not to be so under-dressed next time!

Well done everyone.

Scott lamb – Governor.

Well done for such a successful multicultural evening. It was great to see this back on after two years. The students and staff put on an inspiring show demonstrating many talents!

Please pass on our thanks to all those involved including everyone working behind the scenes for many months.

Jacqui Smith and Steve Bremner - Governors

# Multicultural Day and Evening

Mrs Ali

The New Year promises to bring more lights, camera, action music, dance and drama in a fusion that will blow your minds. Save up for your ticket to this magical, diverse event of the year!



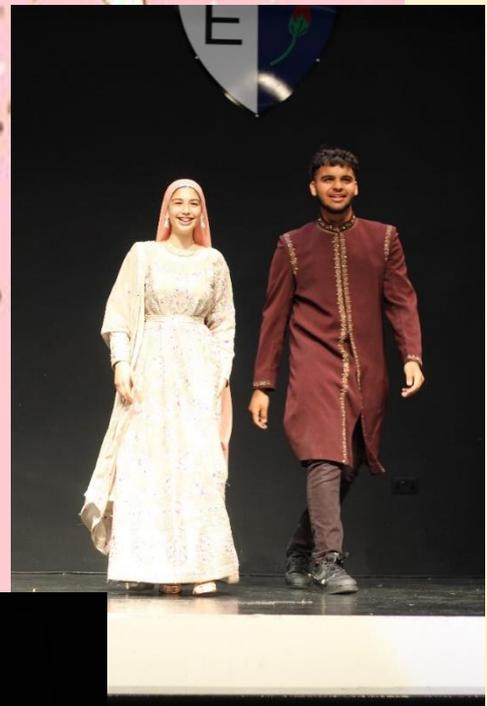
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# Art Trip To The Royal Academy of Arts

Miss Loughrey



The Art Department took all the GCSE and A-level students to the Royal Academy of Arts to give the students the experience of art in context. Students worked together to gather information and photographs for their coursework and exam next year. The students enjoyed the experience and behaviour was excellent throughout the day. Well done Year 10 and Year 12!!!!



# Angelou House

Mrs Fogarty



It gives me great pleasure as House Champion of Angelou House to share with you what we have been up to this term.

Every Monday our House leaders meet to discuss how we can best support and promote our house. We discuss how we can help our charity Slough Homeless Our Concern. We have recently through hard work managed to pack 12 backpacks with essential items to be given to the homeless. We could not have done this without the donations from all year groups, teachers and parents who kindly donated. Thank you.

We went on to raffle our 'Winter Warmer Gift Basket' raising £200. Did we stop there? No! We just kept going and managed to raise yet another £100 with our penny jar collections.

Our aim is to raise sufficient funds to give to our charity to enable them to purchase items which are necessary but difficult for a charity to provide. So what is our next goal? A tumble dryer, desperately needed by SHOC. People without a home need a safe place to pop in for a cup of tea whilst clothes can be washed and dried, so Angelou House are determined for this to happen and are this term raffling Thorpe Park tickets. We will make this happen, because we care.

Finally it gives me great joy to share our major achievement this term. It is official - Angelou House are Winners. When Angelou set out to succeed, they do. I am a very proud House Champion when I share that Angelou House won the Para Sports Event and were the overall winners of our annual Sports Day. What a lovely way to end a fantastic year at Slough and Eton.

Have a lovely summer break enjoy every moment with your amazing 'Angelou' children.



# Big Bash

## Mrs Goodyear

This year's Big Bash was awarded to Angelou House for being the best performing House in the whole school. Students enjoyed a smashing afternoon tacking an army assault course, human table football and the sweeper amongst many other things. Angelou students had a great time, some of their comments are below:

"The Big Bash is totally worth it, there were loads of activities and there was ice-cream" Yusuf Y8; "Has to be one of the best days of school". Firdous Y8; "Big Bash was fun and I enjoyed it because we were rewarded for our hard work throughout the year. I liked the ice cream." Kiyah Y8; "The big bash was amazing in my opinion, I loved the possibility of activities and things we could do. The celebration of getting the most points were really rewarding and i enjoyed it. The Big Bash is the best Slough and Eton celebration and I fully enjoyed". Aironas Y7.



# Whole School Careers Fair

Miss Shallow



Slough and Eton School was very proud to host our first ever whole-school Careers Fair (supported by Learning to Work) on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July. We had eighteen exhibitors from Colleges, Universities and local companies all of whom came ready to speak to our students. The feedback from the exhibitors was extremely positive: they all mentioned how polite the students were, and that they felt welcomed. One exhibitor commented that there was one student who asked the best questions he had ever had.



Students had completed preparatory activities in Form Time to consider and plan the questions that they could ask to make the most of this networking opportunity. Year 7 and 8 were given a 'Treasure Hunt' activity to encourage them to speak to a range of exhibitors. This meant that students were prepared, and once some got over their initial shyness at talking to strangers, it was pleasing to see their confidence grow as they were able to ask their questions, but also the excitement on many faces as they realised the opportunities open to them in the future.



# Whole School Careers Fair

## Miss Shallow



It was especially valuable for Y10/Y12 students to speak to St Mary's, Surrey, Reading and New Bucks Universities and to find out what courses are offered and why university study might be for them. It was UCFB with their undergraduate courses in the football and sports industry that was most popular with students, and so many commented that it was helpful to hear from someone outside school about the opportunities in sport beyond becoming a professional. A large number of students spent a lot of time speaking to Natwest about career opportunities in finance, Resource Productions about creative careers, the Dorchester and Ascot Racecourse about careers in hospitality, Frimley Health about health-care related jobs, and both the Police and the RAF were well-attended. It was the virtual reality goggles tried on by students as part of the construction work done by ISG that was particularly fascinating to those who were able to try them out. One of the things that became clear is that students are interested in hearing about apprenticeship opportunities, and many spoke with the Windsor College group about the apprenticeships that they offer.

There was such a buzz among the student body, and despite a large number of exhibitors dropping out last-minute, students made the most of the opportunity. Feedback from students indicates that it was a really worthwhile activity and that it was both useful and motivating. Thank you to all the exhibitors for giving up the time for our students.



# Year 8 Reward Event

## Mrs Hind

The Year 8 reward event for this term was a little bit unusual - students were invited to meet lots of animals from Berkshire Reptile Encounters – we met a giant tortoise, some very cute little tortoises, turtles, bearded dragons, iguanas ..... and lots of snakes from little male snakes ... to bigger female snakes ..... to a huge python called rhubarb and custard. Some students were a little nervous at first but in the end everyone met and touched at least one of the incredible creatures (except Mrs Hind and Mrs Fogarty!!)



# Prize Giving 2022

## Mrs Attreed

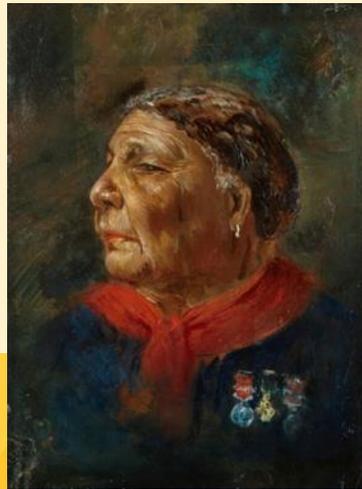


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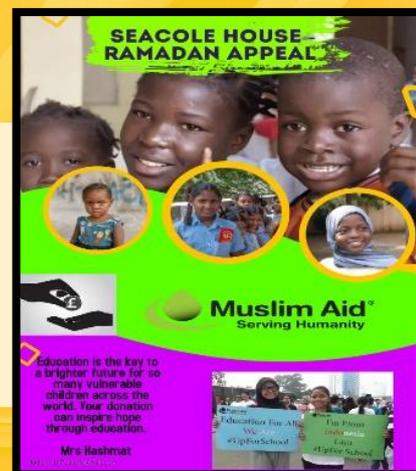


# Seacole House

Mrs Hashmat



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# Drama Department

*Mrs Maker*

This half term students have continued to work on their Drama Skills whether that be in lessons or through extra-curricular activities.

## **Year 7**

This term Year 7 have been working on their understanding of Shakespeare Plays through Crash Course Shakespeare. Every two lessons Year 7 would learn the story and act out parts of the play. The plays they have looked at have been:

Macbeth

A Midsummer Nights Dream

Hamlet

The Tempest

Romeo and Juliet

This helps them with what they are doing in their English lessons and helps prepare them for when they study a Shakespeare for their English GCSE. Remember we have the Shakespeare Schools Festival each year so if you would like to take part look out for audition notices next year.

## **Year 8**

Year 8 have been working on the Knife Crime Performance. This topic is extremely relevant to our students and what is happening in the local community. We had a visitor watching one class who said they were extremely moved by the whole performance and that the performance was 'tragic and beautiful'. One class got to perform their class performance to Mr Collins, Mrs Hind and Mrs Goodyear. The year group did the school proud with how they tackled this difficult topic in a sensitive yet powerful way.



## **Year 9**

Have been creating their own movie ideas from the title 'Time Changes Everything'. We had a wide variety of genres to comedy, to Horror, to Historical. We also explored different camera angles film makers' use and the different jobs of people that help make a film.

## **Year 10**

Have now completed 2/3 of their course and are now focussing on their final exam which is creating a performance from a brief. The year 10's have been exploring different theatrical conventions as well as exploring different target audiences.

# Drama Department

Mrs Maker

## Research Project

This term we had a visit from Marianne Trowbridge who is completing her MSc Psychology at the University of Surrey. A group of Year 8 students took part in her study which aimed to shed light on whether using gestures might help children remember information but also how teachers can use gestures during teaching to support children's learning and transition to this more knowledge-based way of studying. Half of the class tried to learn as much of a monologue as possible just sitting down whereas the other half tried to learn as much of it as possible using the gestures taught by Ms Trowbridge. The students worked really hard and were very respectful. We let you know the results of the study when published later in the year.

## Spring Play

This year was the first time that we did the Spring Play. This gave students the opportunity to perform in a whole school production but preferred to just act and not sing or dance. They really rose to the challenge performing Terry Pratchett's *Johnny and The Dead*. It was also great to see lots of new faces who had not performed at Slough and Eton before. Here are some of the reviews:

'It was a proud moment for me as a Headteacher to see all the hard work coming together for the performances of *Johnny and the Dead*. I could tell how hard everybody worked on this play and really enjoyed seeing our first one being performed. CONGRATULATIONS to everyone involved!'

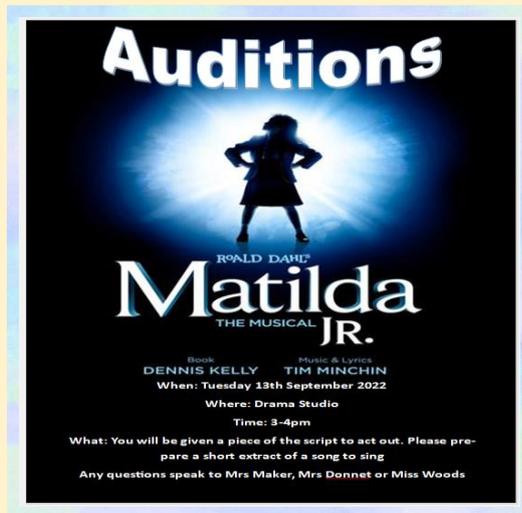
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'It's lovely to see the shy ones who don't say much in class suddenly blossom on stage. You must make them feel so confident.' Mrs Fogarty



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### Trips Matilda

We took 40 students to go on the Drama rewards trip to go to London's Cambridge Theatre to see the Westend performance of Matilda. Students were invited because they took part in either the Whole School Musical, The Shakespeare School Festival, The Spring Play or have been a Drama Ambassador this year. You could feel the excitement as they watched the performance. They were even more excited to learn that our next Whole School Musical will be Matilda. Auditions will be when we come back in September.



### Wider Reading Wall

In Drama we have the Wider Reading Wall. This is for all students that want to learn more about Drama and what is happening in the wider world. Students can collect a copy of an article to read. Students then need to send a summary of the article or what they have learnt from the article to [cma@slougheton.com](mailto:cma@slougheton.com). Any students who complete this will receive 10 positive points.

### Student Voice

Your opinions really matter in the Drama Department as we want to shape the curriculum so that it is relevant to you. At the end of the Term students in Year 7, 8 and 9. Here are some of the comments that were made:

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'I picked this because we had learnt about this so much and it was so good when we did the performance.'

'I chose Charlie and the chocolate factory as my favourite because I got to make a Charlie set and that was really fun and I liked when we described the characters to get a better understanding of it.'

'I like improv as it's a useful skill in many subjects not just drama

but in this case I like it because it helps me think on the spot, it builds up an idea, we have to co-operate with our team in order to create a suspenseful story line'

'Actually I like all the three topics (Harry Potter, Evacuees, Knife Crime) Why I like them is because they all are fun and the evacuees teach us how the history was for them and how was humanity during that time. Knife Crime teaches us the impact on the victims.'

'It's fun learning a script and enacting it and by watching the same scene done by different groups is a good way to improve ourselves.'

## Drama Ambassadors

The Drama Ambassadors did a great job of selling tickets for the Spring Play. The next project they will be working on is fundraising for activities to do during International Drama Day. If you would like to be involved applications will be opening in September.

## 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 have gone above and beyond in Drama. This half term we say a massive congratulations to:

Year 7: Mahad – 7 Angelou

Year 8: Anwar – 8 Angelou

Year 9: Tylise – 9 King

