



## The Brighton Choral Day

24th February 2023

We arrived in school at roughly 07:30, and at 07:45 we set off on the journey to Brighton. The journey was elongated because of a crash on the M25. When we got there we were greeted with large churches and colourful houses. We started the warm-ups almost immediately. We sang many songs, some of which Mrs Minter recognised! After the first hour or so we set off to have a short tour of the school itself. Soon afterwards we had an early lunch in the school lunch hall. Once we were finished we went to the music building to participate in a rhythm workshop using African drums with the drums teacher. Once we'd finished the workshop, we continued practising our songs from the morning: 'Feeling Good' and 'Can you hear my Voice?' Finally, we performed the songs in the school hall after a magnificent performance from the Brighton College Chamber Choir who are performing in the national final. We then performed our pieces in front of some teachers and the parents of some of the children. At the end of the day, it was time to go home but not before we received a goodie bag from the college!

Rory and George Y7







## Yrs 2 & 3 Trip by Mrs Hogan

On Wednesday, Y2 and Y3 travelled by train to the Kew Water and Steam Museum. The London Museum of Water & Steam ([waterandsteam.org.uk](http://waterandsteam.org.uk))

The boys solved a series of challenges in the 'hands on' gallery and ventured into replica sewers where they discovered a common habitant: a rat!

They learned about how people become sick from drinking dirty water as London expanded during the Industrial Revolution and then performed a filtration experiment to begin the process of cleaning water. After lunch the boys had a guided tour of the museum. Highlights included the largest steam powered water pump in the world and learning of all the different jobs people performed when the museum was a working pump station. The boys finally enjoyed some time outside where they made concoctions in the mud kitchen and built their own steam engines out of wood.







### Wall of Honour

Repeated historical thanks for everyone's generosity and more recent thanks for everyone's patience. Finally, our tiered seating is festooned with a number of personal messages on rather fetching steel plaques. The 'Take a Seat for THS' campaign was very popular and the aforementioned plates are now fixed to the seats to create a wall of honour when the seats are retracted.

Eagle eyed viewers will notice there are still seats available for patronage - so if you would like to sponsor one or more, please drop me a line at [head@thsboys.org.uk](mailto:head@thsboys.org.uk)



### The Tiger

The Tiger prowls through the overgrowth  
With stripes of fire it is unseen  
As fast as a bullet  
There is no escape  
With teeth like daggers  
And a roar that's an earthquake  
It is the true King of the jungle.

by Axel Y4





### In Flanders Fields

I know year 6 families have enjoyed keeping up with the class trip to Normandy via the Twitter feed.

We look forward to their return this afternoon and also to an extended report in next week's newsletter. In the meantime, here is a picture of Daniel and Luke who represented the school so impeccably at the Last Post Ceremony at Menin Gate earlier this week.



### Monster Munch

Our prolific ceramicists have been at it again. There was a sneak preview of some of the magnificent monsters during the Creative Arts Exhibition - now there is a full display in the Junior School stairwell! Many thanks to Ms Whiting and our Year 3 potters for brightening up our days.







### The Awards Season

The BAFTAs are not the only awards to be handed out over the last week or so – two more pupils in Year 8 have had honours bestowed on them by senior schools.

Many congratulations to Oscar Leonard and William Spears! Oscar has been awarded a Sports Scholarship by Hampton School and William has been awarded a Drama Scholarship by Bradfield College. Well done boys – we look forward to tracking your undoubted rise to fame in your respective disciplines !



### Change of Scene

After doubling up as a theatre and concert hall in recent weeks, our new multi-purpose space became the setting for some serious stuff this week – as our intrepid Year 8s sat their latest set of mock exams.

A resounding well done to examinees – they have shown great stamina and fortitude – remember lads, ‘train hard, fight easy’. Meanwhile, the rest of the school has followed business as usual (albeit with much quieter transitions) and of course, we did not have to resort to packed lunches – hurrah! Who would have thought that this last point is probably the most popular result of our new facilities.

### .....meanwhile, more popular steps.

We have listened to parental cries for help in catching the 8.23 train in the mornings. In order to make your walk (trot) down the hill less stressful each morning – we are now opening Junior School and Senior School doors at 08.10. Many thanks to supervising staff for enabling this small, but most helpful, change to routine.





## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Monday 27th February

- 2.30: 1st/2nd v Ibstock (H)

### Tuesday 28th

- 2.45: U10 A/B v Eaton House (H)
- 2.45: U9 A/B v Eaton House (H)

### Wednesday 1st March

- 2.30: 1st/2nd v St Philips (H)
- 2.30: U11 A/B v St Philips (A)

### Thursday 2nd

- World Book Day
- Lunch time: World book day lunch theme.
- 2.45: Year 2 Class & Grandparents assembly
- 2.20: Please enter through Senior Gate for parents and grandparents
- 3.30 approximately boys return to class to collect bags and coats and go back to leave with guests through SS door  
(No Year 2 clubs)

### Friday 3rd

- 2.30: U9 A/B v Surbiton (H)

**Have a lovely weekend!**

Mr Gregory Evans, Headmaster