

# FAITH, FAMILY AND FELLOWSHIP

## Celebratory news from across the Koinonia Federation Part 2

### Secondary Phase

#### Duke of Edinburgh



Over the course of two weekends, 28 of our students took part on their Bronze Expedition all passing with flying colours. On the first weekend students embarked on a 16km trek through Epping Forest before arriving at campsite. Despite some of our students over packing they all kept the morale high whilst working together to navigate a map with an instructor. Students worked in groups to set up tents, cook dinner and prepare breakfast and set up a camp fire for the evening. The weekend was finished off by a 16km walk back to the station without the help of an instructor.



On the second weekend, students arrived better prepared with lighter bags to carry. This time the sun was shining and again the students created a brilliant atmosphere from start to finish. Students trekked in groups through the Chilterns in North London, navigating their way through different fields, footpaths and woodland areas. Students played sports in the evenings whilst cooking dinner and worked together to keep the camp organised and tidy. All students completed the weekend gaining their Bronze Certificate and were rightly so very proud of themselves.

Miss Woolsey

#### Year 10 Work Experience

In the final week of term our Year 10 students will be completing one week of work experience (18<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> July). If any parents across the Federation would be able to help by offering experience in either their own workplace or through friends/colleagues that would be hugely appreciated.

Please contact the Careers Lead (Miss Botha) if you are able to help via

[info.secondary@koinoniafederation.com](mailto:info.secondary@koinoniafederation.com)

Miss Both

# Sixth Form

## Life as a Sixth Form Student

Hello, I'm Paulina and I am a year 12 student in the newly opened sixth form. For my A Levels I chose to study: History, Psychology and PRE (philosophy, religion, and ethics). Picking my A Level's was difficult for someone like me who is indecisive however, I believe it's best to pick subjects that you most enjoy and are confident in. In my case I picked all heavy essay-based subjects due to my love of writing and ability to think critically. I have found that in each subject I develop transferable skills, for example I am confident in analytical writing and conducting research due to history. These skills will be useful when I eventually go to university. I am not entirely sure which university I would like to go to but my top choices at the moment are UCL and Kings college in which I plan on studying ancient history which requires an average grade of AAA. One of the main things I love about my sixth form lessons is the fact that the class sizes are very small which in my opinion is so beneficial. The content gets harder during A levels, but the smaller classes allow for the teacher to give you one to one individualistic feedback and instructions. This makes a student like me feel heard and increases my confidence.

As an external student what attracted me to this sixth form was the new facilities on offer and the wealth of opportunities which I knew would give me a unique sixth form experience. I felt that going to a completely new sixth form would be a refreshing but a difficult beginning, but I knew I would overcome it. Not only that but I have a close friend who recommended this school - expressing to me how teachers were accessible and how much they enjoyed going to the secondary school previously. From my experience, what I enjoy most is how we are taught transferable skills like independence and responsibility. We are treated like young adults and are encouraged to aim for high aspirations and learn how to balance things like paid work, schoolwork: revision and relaxation. I also enjoy the school's diversity which varies in religion, race and sexual orientation creating a welcoming and safe environment

## Child Poverty Action Group Research

During this month, researchers from the Child Poverty Action Group, came into school to run a research group with our Sixth Form students. The researchers were very complimentary about the students, especially as they took the role of student researchers and conducted the research alongside the academic team.

This was a fantastic opportunity for many of our students to engage in live sociological research, and also a very important platform on which our wider student body could voice their ideas and concerns about how poverty can impact young people and their experiences of education. CPAG will be returning in July 2022 to feedback to the school about what we are doing well, and how we can improve the support offered to those of our students who may be experiencing poverty.

Mr Marshall



# General News

## Peninsula Forest School and Community Garden

As the summer approaches, the Forest School becomes greener and a lot more beautiful. Holy Trinity Church have been running Messy Church Goes Wild every month but more recently the Peninsula PFA have been planting and maintaining the garden.

With the help of families and friends, they have weeded, planted, watered and explored the space. An Open Afternoon was held for families to come and look round, plant and play. They hope to hold coffee mornings and meetings there during the summer months whilst they watch the flowers, fruits and vegetables flourish and grow.

Contact the PFA for more information or to get involved - or check out the 'Outside Spaces' page on the Koinonia website.

Rev. Dominic  
Hubbuck



## Primary Breakfast Clubs

We currently have spaces available in our breakfast clubs across our primary campuses. The cost of breakfast club each day is £5.50 which includes a hot or cold breakfast.

Breakfast club starts at 7.30am and your child will be taken to their classroom/playground at the start of the school day.

For more information regarding the breakfast club, please contact your campus main office.

# This Half Term's Sports News

## Athletics

Our Y9 Boys Athletics team finished third in the Cambridge Cup, narrowly missing out on first place by only a few points. There were plenty of top three finishes throughout the competition for the SMM Team...



**Chimamandah** – 2<sup>nd</sup> in 100m, 3<sup>rd</sup> in 200m.

**Ephraim** – 1<sup>st</sup> in 200m, 1<sup>st</sup> in 300m.

**Nifemi** – 3<sup>rd</sup> in 300m, 1<sup>st</sup> in Hurdles.

**Michael** – 1<sup>st</sup> in Long Jump.

**Daniel** – 1<sup>st</sup> in High Jump, 1<sup>st</sup> in Discus, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Shot Put.

Due to their excellent performance for the school, all of the boys mentioned above have been selected to represent Greenwich at the London Schools Athletics Championships on the 11<sup>th</sup> June, this is an excellent achievement! This is a very talented team that will only get stronger as they train more and more. Their next competition as a team is the Greenwich Schools Athletics Championship in June.

Our Y8 Boys and Girls Athletics teams also competed at the Cambridge Cup after missing out last year due to the pandemic. The standout performances are below.

**Daniel** – 1<sup>st</sup> in the Hurdles, 3<sup>rd</sup> in High Jump.

**Iyeesha** – 2<sup>nd</sup> in Hurdles.

**Amaarisah** – 2<sup>nd</sup> in Shot Put.

**Naomi** – 3<sup>rd</sup> in 100m.

**Nekemka** – 1<sup>st</sup> in Discus, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Shot Put.

**Elroy** – 3<sup>rd</sup> in Javelin, Long Jump 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Emmanuel** – 1<sup>st</sup> in 100m.

Eleazar Obese-Amankwah – 2<sup>nd</sup> in 100m

Well done to everyone involved! We will now wait and see if any of the Y8 pupils have qualified to represent Greenwich

Mr Lawrence