



WALDEGRAVE NEWS

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This has been a busy and productive week for students and staff who have been spending the afternoon setting individual targets together for students. Students now need to make sure they pay attention to these targets in order to get the most from their studies. Thank you for your support with the One to One Tutoring week.

Last Friday was a very special day for Year 9 who had the privilege of meeting 85 year old Holocaust Survivor, Harry Bibring, as part of a visit organised by the school's Humanities Department and the Holocaust Educational Trust (HET) to mark Holocaust Memorial Day.

Hearing Harry's story gave students the opportunity to learn about the Holocaust and the terrible acts that can take place when prejudice and racism are able to take hold. Students listened intently to Harry's life story and found the whole experience very moving. Harry's testimony was followed by a question and answer session, enabling students to better understand the nature of the Holocaust and explore its lessons in more depth.

The National Holocaust Memorial Day is on 27 January and was established following an MP's visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau with the Holocaust Educational Trust. Moved by his visit, Andrew Dismore MP proposed a bill, "to introduce a day to learn and remember the Holocaust" on 30 June 1999. The Day commemorates the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the Nazi concentration and extermination camp.

In school, students learned about those who were persecuted and perished at the hands of the Nazis and how we should ensure that the horrendous crimes of racism and victimisation committed during the Holocaust are never forgotten. At the end of the day an assembly was held where students spoke about their feelings and lit candles to remember all those who had died in the Holocaust and similar genocides.

Mrs Davies, on behalf of the whole Humanities Department said:

"It is a privilege for us to welcome Harry to our school and his testimony will remain a powerful reminder of the horrors so many experienced. We are grateful to the Holocaust Educational Trust for co-ordinating the visit and we hope that by hearing Harry's testimony, it will encourage our students to learn from the lessons of the Holocaust and make a positive difference in their own lives."



Photographs courtesy of Newsquest South London Newspapers

PTA NEWS

May Ball

Tickets are still available for the May Ball and so it is not too late to get a table together. If you want to buy individual tickets, we can make up a table for you. More information and the order form are available directly from the [PTA section](#) of the school website.

If you have any enquiries or want to discuss table arrangements please speak to Jo Grinbergs on 020 8979 2935 or email her on jobergs@btinternet.com.

Dig Day – this Saturday 22 January from 9.00 am onwards. All parents and students welcome. Jobs will include re-felting the PTA shed roof, weeding and leaf clearance. Please bring gardening/rubber gloves if possible.

The next AGM and PTA meetings will be held on Tuesday 8 February starting at 7.45 pm in the school – all welcome.

LETTERS SENT HOME (copies available on News section of school website)

Mon 17 Jan	Year 8 visit to Macbeth at the Globe Theatre – reply slips due back by Friday 4 February
Tues 18 Jan	Year 10 GCSE Drama visit to The War Horse – reply slips due back by Friday 28 January

EVENTS

Tues 25 Jan	Y11 GCSE History exam (pm)
Weds 26 Jan	Y10 GCSE Functional Skills Maths (am)
Weds 26 Jan	Y11 Parents' Consultation meeting 3.30-6.00 pm

W/E 17.01.11	BEST ATTENDANCE	BEST PUNCTUALITY	MOST HOUSE POINTS
Year 7	7HF	96.9%	7PG & 7JF
Year 8	8HA	98.6%	8JD
Year 9	9AL	97.3%	9SA & 9AL
Year 10	10AE	98.2%	10KP
Year 11	11SS	98.1%	11KD & 11CS
			0 lates
			0 lates
			0 lates
			0 lates
			1 late
			7ICS & 7CCE
			8CHF
			9ALP
			10CDP
			11ABF
			142 points
			145 points
			42 points
			35 points
			53 points

SPORTS EVENTS & FIXTURES

Year	Sport	Date	Year	Sport	Date
Y10/11	Basketball tournament	25.01.11	Y10	Key Steps Gymnastics event	28.01.11
U13	Indoor Cricket tournament	28.01.11	Y10/11	South London Volleyball Finals	28.01.11

NEWS**Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat**

Fifteen Year 8 and 9 students are involved in Hampton School's production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat on 16-18 February.

Tickets can be booked online via: <http://450hall.hamptonschool.org.uk/OscarWebServer.dll/>

School Uniform

Postage and packaging is now free on all orders from Schoolwearforless.

Visit www.schoolwearforless.com or click on the link from the [Uniform Page](#) of the school website.

Family Links Parenting Course

A 10 week course starting Monday 24 January 2011 and every Monday (excluding half-term) from 10 am - 12 pm at Waldegrave. (No new members accepted after week 2). The course offers positive practical ways to get the best out of family life. Topics include; positive discipline, ages and stages of teens, behaviour, feelings etc, nurturing ourselves, coping with stress and issues within our own families. Refreshments provided.

To book contact Lisa Phillips 07940 966279 or lisa.phillips@richmond.gov.uk

LOCAL NEWS

Gill Hines, is a freelance Education Consultant working mainly with schools and supporting the development of children of all ages. She is also co-author of two books 'Whatever – a down to earth guide to parenting teenagers' and 'It's Not Fair – parenting the bright and challenging child' read her new blog posting on her blog 'Parents and Children' <http://gillhines.wordpress.com/>

Touch Typing, Easter and Summer holidays

Children and Adults aged 7 to 107! Dates and venue at www.verityping.co.uk or telephone 020 8568 4633, email: jane@verityping.co.uk.



RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

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