

# Burnside Secondary School

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our end of Autumn 2022 newsletter. We have lots of news to share and celebrate.

Firstly, a huge 'well done' to our Year 11 students who have worked exceptionally hard in their mock exams, week beginning 05.12.22. They have taken these exams very seriously and really have tried their best. Teachers are currently marking the papers and students will know their results by the beginning of the new term, at the latest. Initial results are looking very good indeed.

Year 11 have also shown real maturity when they took part in a discussion with Lindsay Jackson from the Local Authority about their aspirations for post 16 pathways. This will help the London Borough of Waltham Forest to make sure they offer a range of post 16 pathways that cater for all needs and interests. It is so important that our students' voices are heard and taken seriously and our Year 11's can feel rightly proud of themselves. In addition, Year 11 have attended several other career trips this term.

We have also been listening to student voice in other ways this term by asking students what reward trips they would like. We have recognised students who have consistently tried hard to improve their attendance and punctuality, learning and engagement and behaviour for learning. Students have chosen two trips this term to work towards. At the end of Autumn 1, a trip was organised to Paradise Wildlife Park which was attended by 14 students and at the end of Autumn 2, students chose ice skating as their trip.

Please note: We have an INSET day for staff on Tuesday 3rd January, so school will be closed to students. We have a parent/carer day on Wednesday morning, 4th January. We look forward to seeing you and your son/daughter at the parent/carer day to review progress from the Autumn term and set targets for the new term. The first full day of school will be Thursday 6th January 2022.

Thank you for your continued support and I wish you all a restful Christmas break.

Best wishes

Liz Rattue

Headteacher, Burnside Secondary PRU



## **Upcoming Dates for your Diary:**

- **Inset Day** on Tuesday 03rd January 2023
- **Parent / Carer day** Wednesday 04th January 2023.
- **Students Return Back** — Thursday 05th January 2023.
- **Spring Half Term** 13th—17th February 2023.
- **Easter Holiday** - 3rd—14th April 2023.
- **Inset Day** — 17th April 2023.
- **Parent / Carer day** on the 18th April 2023.
- **Students Return Back** — 19th April 2023.
- **May Day Bank Holiday**—1st May 2022.
- **May Half Term**—29th May / 2nd June 2023.

### **Curriculum Update:**

I am pleased to say that we have expanded our enrichment curriculum this term. This has included a half term of visits to a music studio with students creating their own tracks, media production, mindfulness and film club. This is in addition to swimming, football, boxing and driving theory. All of these options are so important to developing creativity, engagement, fitness and wellbeing.

### **Back to Mainstream:**

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate all 10 of the students who have successfully transitioned back, to either mainstream school or a specialist school this term, or who are due to transition at the start of the Spring term. The staff team are immensely proud of them and we continue to visit them in their new schools to ensure that they settle well.



### **Charity Work:**

We have also done some fundraising this term. We raised £30.03 for Children in Need, in November and raised £20.76 for Save the Children, when we had Christmas jumper day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December.



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# PARADISE WILDLIFE PARK



## Paradise Wildlife Park:

On 21<sup>st</sup> October our school visited Paradise Wildlife Park. The day was successful and the students enjoyed the variety of animals there. Amongst the best of these were the lions and tigers which were in large, well designed enclosures which enabled a good view of these amazing big cats. The meerkats are a big attraction there as there are several enclosures of these cute little furry critters and they are not shy which makes seeing them so much easier. They also have a selection of reptiles and the information about each animal is detailed and interesting.

This is a good zoo for a day out and the students really enjoyed looking at all the animals.



**Vixmix Studio:**

Our students were offered a 6 week course at Vixmix Studio. All of our students really enjoyed making their own music and creating their own artistic piece. The students have learnt a lot from the studio and how a musical piece is created.



### **Career Work:**

During this term, the Year 11 students had the opportunity to visit the UK's largest Jobs and Careers event in London ExCel centre for the Skills London event. This was an opportunity for students to discover different college, apprenticeship and training providers. At the end of this term, Class 6 students were invited to Hawkswood School to represent Burnside in a formal workshop with a Lindsay Jackson- Assistant Director Post-16 & Schools Operation of Waltham Forest Borough. This workshop was an opportunity for students to discuss potential Post-16 strategies and what they thought would help support both themselves and other students in the Borough.

Well done to the Year 11's :)



### **Meeting Lewis Hamilton:**

Our Science teacher Yasmin met with Lewis Hamilton.

'I met with Lewis Hamilton in September and shared my story with him. Lewis Hamilton was permanently excluded in Year 11 and has set up Mission 44 to support school children to fulfil their potential.'



We hope you all have a restful break and a Happy & Safe New Year. We all hope you have a good Christmas! Merry Christmas Everyone!

- Love from all the Staff at Burnside!



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