



ARTS AWARD NEWSLETTER

October 2017

Intake Evening

After a busy and successful September, our October Arts Award programme began with an extremely well-attended Intake Evening on Wednesday 4th. Many parents and prospective students visited Room 12 to see the range of activities and work undertaken by many of our committed and talented Arts Award students. Pride of place, as often is the case, went to the delightful commemorative poppy and, in particular, the model of the First World War trench designed and built by Luke Hasler. We are indebted to Lewis Blee and Josh Jeranyama who gave up their evening to talk to visitors about their Arts Award journey.

Arts Award Evening

On Friday 6th October we held an Arts Award Evening at the South Chingford Community Library. This was a very successful evening, well attended by students and parents, and included presentations of short stories and poem, debate items and Bronze, Silver and Gold portfolios put on show for comments. We were also delighted to have on display some excellent returns of the Roald Dahl Day Challenge set at the September Arts Award Evening and also the results of a number of students' research on Chinese Art in preparation for the visit of a Chinese Delegation of teachers who are visiting the school on 20th October. Our sincere thanks go to the volunteers at SCCL for once again hosting our Arts Award Evening.

Schools Conference – British Library

On Tuesday 10th October, Ms Guns and Mr Hunter attended a conference at the British Library organised by "A New Direction" to discuss the future of the Arts in Education. Ms Guns was there primarily as an AND Arts Award advocate to lead a work shop on the benefits of the Arts Award and what makes a school successful in the Arts led by Dr David Parker. Dr Parker's brief is to research schools who have had success in the Arts and CFS was chosen as one of 7 schools, country wide, that Dr Parker has visited as part of his research. He has interviewed Mr Morrall and Ms Guns at great length to discuss how the creation of the role of Arts Coordinator has enabled the school to develop its national reputation.





London City Poets – CPD – Museum of London

On Friday 13 October, Ms Guns and Mr Hunter visited the Museum of London to prepare for this year's project of London City Poets – entitled "The Power of Poetry". The project involves a group of Year 7 & 8 students visiting the Tower of London and spending time viewing the Crown Jewells and using the session as inspiration for some poetry. This can then be used to complete a Bronze Arts Award Portfolio for moderation in the spring. Ms Guns was invited to lead a workshop explaining how engaging with London City Poets could form the basis of an Arts Award portfolio as piloted by CFS students last year.

Barbican Art Box – The Barbican CPD – 17th October

Another major Arts Award project to look forward to is this year's Barbican Art Box. We shall be offering the opportunity of participating in this exciting event to 20 students from across the Year Groups. This year, the inspiration is the art of Jean Michael Basquiat. He was a pioneering prodigy of the 1980s downtown New York art scene. His work included graffiti art, poetry and music. The students will visit the superb exhibition at the Barbican and use the specially put together "Art Box" as inspiration for this prestigious project. We shall be drawing up a list of participants in the next couple of weeks.

Chinese Delegation – Friday 20th October

This first half term of 2017-2018 ended with a visit of Arts teachers from China. Trinity College had asked Chingford Academies Trust if we would host the Chinese Delegation to allow them to find out about Arts Award in a nationally recognised school of good practice. The visit went extremely well and a number of pupils were on hand to talk to our guests, show their work, entertain with poems, songs and music and escort them on a tour of the school.

The pupils involved who brought great credit on themselves and the school were:

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| Year 13 | Georgia Stratton, who entertained our guests with superb piano playing
George Li, who excelled as a brilliant translator
Wen-Yi Yap, another great help with translating |
| Year 12 | Jessica Williams, Charlotte Sinclair and Zara Hall (tour guides, performers, exhibited items) |
| Year 11 | Bradley Glynn (tour guide and performer) |





Year 10	Lewis Blee, Josh Jeranyama, Iona Berg and Chiara Brandon (tour guides, exhibited items)
Year 9	Regan Clark, Hana Bhutta, Bethany McMillan & Sarah Amran (tour guides, Performers & exhibited items)
Year 8	Amelie Ayto (tour guide & exhibited items)
Year 7	Jake Hawkins (tour guide & performer)

We hope you will continue to support our events and our Arts Award programme generally. Look out for details in November for:

- Launch of the Barbican Art Box
- November Arts Award Evening
- Launch of London City Poets

