

Flying the Flag!

Hannah (7AJa) reporting...



On 28th November 2017 I had the opportunity to go with my football team, C&K Basildon U12s, to be flag bearers at the England vs Kazakhstan ladies' match. I felt really proud when I found out that I was doing it because I was going to be representing my team in front of nearly 10,000 people! I also felt really nervous. We had to hold the flag out and move around one half of the pitch with it. We then had to shake the flag and put it on the ground. After the national anthems were sung, we had to quickly fold it up and put it in a room. England ladies were brilliant and the score ended 5-0 to us! It has definitely inspired me to be as good as I can so that one day I may be able to play for my country too.



Headlines by Andy Hodgkinson

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Thank you to all parents/carers who attended our Year 11 Parents' Evening on Thursday. Such events are always busy, and we very much appreciate your attendance and support. For your information, please find below the dates for the remaining Parents' Evenings this year:

Year 7	3rd July 2018
Year 8	14th June 2018
Year 9	1st March 2018
Year 9 Options Evening	20th March 2018
Year 10	10th May 2018
Year 12	27th March 2018

KEY STAGE 5

Congratulations to Year 13 for the superb way in which they have conducted themselves during the recent mock exams. Good luck to Year 12 who started their mock AS exams this week!

UNIFORM

After last year's school development plan surveys, we agreed to review the school skirt and trousers that our pupils currently wear. To this end, we will discuss possible next steps with our School Council and Parents' Forum and Governors to see if we can make any improvements.

Book of the Week

WE REMEMBER -

CHILD SURVIVORS OF THE HOLOCAUST SPEAK

To commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day, this book is a collection of extraordinary tales of kindness, courage and suffering, written by child survivors of the Holocaust. Steven Frank, (one of the book's contributors), visited Sweyne Park School in 2015, to share his experiences and kindly donated this book.

HOLOCAUST
MEMORIAL DAY
Saturday 27th January



DUTY PUPILS

Thank you for all your help:

Oliver, Lily-Mae, Violet,
Hannah, Sakithyan, Max & Lacey
(8EPo)
Raina, Amy, Teagan & Connie
(8SMY)

Pupil Services

HONESTY BOX

Amy (9AWe) & Nyssa (10MJo)
for handing in money they both
found.

THANK YOU

Mr & Mrs Cheasley for their
donation of two guitars and an
amplifier to the Music
Department.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!



On Friday, eight members of the Library's Book Club travelled to Chelmsford County High School to take part in a Book Trailer Workshop, run by Rico and Ben, from "Into Film", as part of the Essex Book Awards.

Ben and Rico shared technical tips with over 60 students from other participating Essex schools, on what would make a good book trailer and the different options available, including stop/start animation.

Then pupils got started! It was amazing to watch our pupils become so engaged and creative with their ideas and we have some

very good short films in the making.

Well done to Mia, Maisie, Keira, Emily C, Emily L-T, Evie, Isabel and Sienna who also shared their digital expertise with the rest of the Book Club this week. We are confident we shall have some good short films to enter as part of the Essex Book Award competition!

Pupil Voice

ELECTIONS

In October, elections took place to vote for the new representatives of our School Council. An abundance of applications were received and campaign week took place. Students placed posters around the school and created campaign videos to communicate their reasons to stand for election. After a week of excellent campaigning and a day of voting the following pupils were elected by their peers to represent their year group on the School Council:

Year 7:	Millie, Abigail and Harry	Year 8:	Zain and Jasmine
Year 9:	Olivia and Leon	Year 10:	Heather and Ella
Year 11:	Will and Connor		



Harry, Abigail and Millie (Year 7)



Zain and Jasmine (Year 8)



Leon and Olivia (Year 9)

CURRENT PROJECTS



With the new School Council up and running, we began work on a number of projects. First of all, we had the considerable responsibility of selecting the winners for the Jack Petchey award, a task that is now assigned to the School Council representatives each term. The council members take great pride in being able to pick the three worthy winners of the Jack Petchey award. A second project that the School Council is currently

undertaking is to implement taster sessions for pupils in Year 9 who are considering their options for GCSEs. This project is particularly exciting as a member from the School Council the previous year had put this suggestion forward. We have carried out research to find out which options pupils in Year 9 are considering selecting, to enable us to start planning the taster sessions around April time. Finally, an ongoing project is to continue to work alongside the Year Councils to ensure the views of all pupils are heard.

FUTURE PLANS

In the future, the School Council plans to create links with the Sixth Form leadership team in order to enable communication across all year groups. We also hope to continue working with the Year Councils and implement taster sessions for Year 9 pupils. We will also be collaborating with the Rights Respecting Group to support them in achieving their Gold Award for the Rights Respecting School. Finally, members will be looking at introducing a new scheme of work based around mental health.



Heather and Ella (Year 10)



Connor (Year 11)

Isabelle (13LSt) reporting...



This year we have continued the developmental work in the Sixth Form begun by last year's Student Leadership Team. We meet regularly with the Senior Leadership Team and the student body, and we have shaped various Sixth Form policies and contributed to the Sixth Form's visit from Ofsted.