

ACS PARENTS NEWS

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Photo: Mr Gerard McKenna BSc(Hons) NPQH

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to Nabiha Shaikh for being awarded second place in the Brent Regional Final of the Jack Petchey's Speak Out Challenge, which took place on Wednesday 23 January. We were also represented at the event by another talented Year 10 student, Muzaina Shah. Both girls recited stunning speeches on the topic injustice. We look forward to both girls presenting to our students in assemblies this term.

I also look forward to seeing many of you during the Year 10 Parents' Evening which will take place this Thursday 31 January, from 5:00pm at our Ealing Road site.

Second place in the Regional Finals of the Jack Petchey's Speak Out Challenge



On Wednesday evening two of our Year 10 students, Nabiha Shaikh and Muzaina Shah, took part in the Brent Regional Final of the prestigious Jack Petchey's Speak Out Challenge. Both students did incredibly well and Nabiha won the second place in the competition.

The speeches were very engaging and both students spoke with great confidence, eloquence and authority in front of a packed audience of dignitaries, media, students and families from all over Brent. They were a credit to themselves, their families and to their dedicated teachers and support staff who have nurtured and inspired them along the way. Well done everyone.

Chilean dignitaries visit Alperton Community School



On Wednesday our Headteacher Gerard McKenna had the great pleasure of welcoming to the school Francisca Julve, Senior Advisor at the Ministry of Education in Chile and

two representatives from the British Council in Chile, Executive Director Katherine Hutter and the Education and Society Coordinator Vanessa Gomez. The visitors also met with our Deputy Headteacher and Safeguarding Lead Miriam Manderson and with members of our pastoral team. They were very impressed with the school and said: **"It was very inspiring to see a school with tremendous focus on inclusion and diversity, and in turn, on excellence."** (Katherine Hutter)

Eco-Schools Action Plan



During the first meeting of our Eco Committee this Friday, members carried out an Environmental Review covering 10 environmental topics. Following this audit, the Eco committee has drawn an Action Plan based on three areas identified as needing improvement: Waste, Water and Litter. The Eco

Reps are already successfully running a weekly recycling programme to reduce paper waste as well as encouraging teachers and students to recycle more paper. Also, all plastic coffee cups for the staff and plastic take-away lunch boxes were both replaced by recyclable materials in order to reduce

single-use plastic. Regarding Water waste and Litter, the Eco Committee will lead a "saving water" campaign for World Water Day (22nd of March) and will take part in the Great Big School Clean to clear litter from the Canal in Alperton.

Alperton student invited to speak at the Bett Education Show 2019



On Thursday 24 January, Adobe UK organised a talk at the Bett Education Show 2019 about the role of creativity in education. The talk was hosted by Mala Sharma, Vice President of Adobe Creative Cloud and our A Level student Prkruti Pindolia was invited to discuss about her experience studying creative arts. The other two guests present were Sir Anthony Seldon, Vice-Chancellor at the University of Buckingham and Jacqui O'Hanlon, Director of Education at the Royal Shakespeare Company. Besides Art & Design, Prkruti is also studying Further Maths and Economics and she explained how arts helped her develop valuable transferable skills such as problem solving: 'Through the arts I've developed skills that I will be able to use in any job that I do', Prkruti said.



Words of the Week

Recently our students were introduced to an Academic Word List to further develop their vocabulary and literacy skills. The list contains words that are needed by students to access and understand academic texts over a wide range of subjects. To aid their learning we created a poster introducing five new words each week. To see this week's entry, please click on the image below:



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

10	Thursday 31 January - Year 10 Parents Evening
10	Thursday 7 February - Year 10 Targeted Parents Evening
8	Thursday 14 February - Year 8 Year 8 Options Evening
ALL	18 February - 22 February All students - Half Term
9	Thursday 07 March - Year 9 Year 9 Options Evening
ALL	Tuesday 2 April - All students Celebration Assemblies
11	Wednesday 3 April - Year 11 Year 11 Targeted Parents Evening
ALL	08 April - 22 April All students - Easter Holiday

R RESPONSIBLE

Once upon a time there was a strong, hard-working forester whose job was to maintain the local woods. On his first day on the job, the forester cut down 18 trees and impressed his boss: "Well done. You are our best forester yet", his boss said. Motivated by his boss's words, the forester tried even harder the next day, but he only cut down 15 trees. The third day he tried even harder but only cut down 10 trees. Day after day the forester cut down fewer and fewer trees. His boss came to him and told him that if he didn't chop down more trees, he would lose his job. The forester tried harder and harder and worked during his lunch breaks, but still he could not cut down enough trees. Eventually his boss told him he was fired. The forester was really upset, but he knew he had worked as hard as he could and he sadly handed his axe back. The boss took one look at the axe and asked, "When was the last time you sharpened your axe?" The forester looked at the axe and replied: "I've never sharpened my axe. I've been too busy trying to cut down enough trees."

Are you always ready and prepared for every single lesson? Are you ready to change how you study if you are not getting the results you would like?