

Monday 18 December 2023

Dear Parent(s)/Person(s) with Parental Responsibility,

This time of year gives us a great chance to reflect on the many things we have achieved together this term. We have a lot to celebrate and so, for a change, here are some of our successes shown in numbers:

- ★ **1334** awesome students with great attitudes to their learning and their personal growth
- ★ **16,875** great lessons delivered by **84** specialist teachers and **32** skilled teaching assistants
- ★ Attendance is above national average and getting closer to our pre-covid level at **92.6%**
- ★ **15** inspiring Teaching and Learning briefings(10 min training sessions for all staff every Wednesday morning before school)
- ★ **35** practice GCSE examinations for Year 11 in the Exam Hall
- ★ **1** new website successfully launched
- ★ **2** wall art installations added to the wall in the SBRestaurant with motivational quotes from diverse role models
- ★ **28** refurbished classroom with new windows, doors and technical equipment and furniture
- ★ **3** refurbished toilet blocks
- ★ **827** chromebooks refurbished, reprogrammed and ready to give out to students in Priority Groups
- ★ **1** Head Girl, **4** Deputy Head Girls and **52** Prefects taking an active role in student leadership
- ★ **8** experienced and dedicated governors attending school events and Local Board Meetings
- ★ **1** newly appointed Poet Laureate who has written and performed **2** poems so far
- ★ **2** Student Leadership Conferences to promote leadership skills and provide a forum for student voice
- ★ **2** Extended Learning Days to enrich our curriculum and inspire our students
- ★ **3** Parent Evening Meetings attended by **80%** of our parents
- ★ **3** Community Events - Celebration of Learning for Year 7, Black History Month Celebration, Gothic Tales
- ★ **226** Achievement Awards presented to **226** students in our Sister Achievement Assemblies
- ★ **11** Early Career Teachers successfully trained and mentored through the first term of their teaching
- ★ **2** empowering staff training days which inspired, upskilled and developed our team
- ★ **59** after-school clubs with a student footfall of **3533**
- ★ **£1543** raised for the school in Cambodia we fund raise for as part of our United World Schools charity work
- ★ **£119** raised by students for humanitarian aid to Middle East
- ★ **80** amazing assemblies on Sisterhood, Black History Month, Anti-bullying, World Mental Health Day and more
- ★ **17** educational visits involving **1128** students to galleries, museums, theatres and more
- ★ **78** students engaged in specialist tennis coaching from Greenhouse Coach Tom Sippy
- ★ **180** careers interviews, **1** careers workshop linked to Black History month and **1** Insight Visit to Alvarez & Marsal
- ★ **4** members of the Strategic Leadership Team speaking at prestigious national conferences
- ★ **10** New digital leaders recruited to support the delivery of online safety across the school
- ★ **8** students completed the Social Media and Me project with LSE University
- ★ **1** successful accreditation for the school for Online Safety
- ★ and much much more !

Well done to all our students and staff for making this term a brilliant one. Read more about some of these achievements in the latest edition of the school newsletter by going to the school website.

Take time to say thank you

People at Sarah Bonnell are proud to work in a school that enables students to be ambitious, confident and kind. I invite you to send a message of thanks via the following email staffthankyou@sarahbonnell.ncltrust.net

Key Dates

Term ends for all students on **Wednesday 20 December 2023 at 12.20pm** when they will be dismissed by the Water Lane Gates. Spring Term begins on **Monday 8 January 2024** at the usual time of **8.30am** for all students.

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A peaceful new year to everyone

Our community prides itself on its diversity and commitment to equity and social justice. In light of this we hope the new year brings a real and lasting solution to peace in the Middle East. At Sarah Bonnell we believe everyone in the world should live free from fear, oppression and prejudice and have equitable access to universal human rights including a safe place to live, education and health care.

Thank you for your continued support of our school, seasons greetings and a happy and healthy new year to all our SBS students, staff, families, governors and friends.

Yours faithfully,



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