



## Headlines

Whilst Coronavirus seems to be making all of the headlines at the moment, I would like to start with something very different and equally important. I am delighted to inform you that Fergal Moane, Deputy Headteacher, has this week been appointed as the new Headteacher of Hitchin Boys School starting from September 2020. Fergal has worked at Sandringham for many years, holding various positions of responsibility in this time and making a significant contribution to the development of the school. He has been an amazing colleague who has now been recognised for his qualities by the Governing Body of Hitchin Boys School and I have no doubt he will make an equally amazing Headteacher there. We will be very sorry to see Fergal leave, but the plan is to keep in regular contact between our two schools and continue learning from each other. An advert will be placed shortly for his replacement, although under the current circumstances with school closures, we may need to look at alternative methods to recruit. I am sure you will join with me in congratulating Fergal on his promotion and wish him every success in the future.

In other positive news, our non-uniform day raised a fantastic £1,959.02 for Sport Relief. Thank you! This money will go to charities in the UK and around the world who are working on improving mental health and child poverty.

The World has moved significantly since last week and we have tried to respond as best we can to cope with Covid-19. Hopefully, the daily updates have helped keep you abreast of actions at school.

I would like to thank all of our staff for the work they are doing to deliver high-quality learning to all our students. I would also like to thank the students and their families for responding so positively to the changes being forced upon us. We will be closed from Monday onwards, until instructed otherwise.

Staff have now all received some training in the use of various on-line systems for distance learning and we will be supporting students with this and giving them clear instructions on how to continue with their education from a distance.



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Finally, and on a more positive note, our new English block and Learning Resource Centre (library) is now OPEN! Students have been looking around and enjoying the new surroundings. All the feedback so far has been incredibly positive – they love it! We will be showcasing this at various events so please let us know what you think of it when you get a chance. There will be a formal opening but I am not quite sure when this will be yet.



Alan Gray  
Headmaster

## Headteacher's Commendations Week Ending 20th March 2020

### Aspiration

Seth Montet	7A	Physical Education
Natalie Ensor	7E	Science
Sebbie Lees	7E	Science
Rory Lynn	7E	Science
Eliana Seymour	7F	Art
Tommy Everitt	7H	Physical Education
Oliver Nicholls	7H	Physical Education
Oliver Rees	7H	Physical Education
Noah Ziaullah	7H	Physical Education
Vivian Cela	7J	English
Joe Farrugia	7J	Physical Education
Poppy Golding	7J	English
Shaun Uzus	7J	Physical Education
John-Paul Starck	7N	Physical Education
Nathan Posner	7S	Science
Freya Barker	8A	History
Elliot Bill	8A	History
Archie Bye	8A	History
Lauren Dent	8A	History
Finley Hamilton-Bray	8A	History

## Headteacher's Commendations

### Cont.

Bryn Jenkins	8A	History
Hafsa Khan	8A	History
Jessenia Khan	8A	History
Gabriella Lees	8A	History
Clover McDonald	8A	History
Mia Pold	8A	History
Lauren Presland	8A	History
Abigail Veitch	8A	History
George Warwick	8A	History
Olivia Caswell	8E	Science
Rosie King	8E	Science
Charlie Roberts	8E	Science
Noah Butler	8H	History
Talya Frankl	8H	History
Ivo Gaytanski	8H	History
Dhanu Goonaratne	8H	History
Olivia Hakim	8H	History
Sarah Head	8H	History
Jonah Howgego	8H	History
Isabella Janda-Basiaco	8H	History
Livia Klag-Horne	8H	History
Atharva Kulkarni	8H	History
Evan Marr	8H	History
Millie Searle	8H	History
Leo Viney	8H	History
Katie Wong	8H	History
Daniel Mohammedbhai	8S	Science
Ellie Norman	8S	Science
Jess Pratt	8S	Science
Keira Bushell	9A	Art
Heidi Lowe	9A	Art
Megha Sahu	9A	Art
Trinity Vallender	9A	Art
Jacob Carhart	9N	Art
Hollie Wynn	9N	Art
Emily Darlington	9S	Art
Lydia Illingworth	9S	Art
Lucy Kinghorn	9S	Art
Charli Knibbs	9S	Art
Rhiannon Powell	9S	Art
Morgan Hop	9T	Art
Megan Kite	10A	English
Lucy Pether	10A	English
Lucy Topp	10A	English
Joe Lailey	10J	English
James Cooke	10N	Science

### Initiative

Soraya Enayatollah	7A	English
Jack Sweeney	7A	English
Luke Collis	7S	Music
Lucy Topp	10A	Computer Science
Samuel Hansen	10F	Computer Science
James Burnett	10N	English
Samuel Posner	10S	Computer Science
Flinn Chapman	10T	Science

### Confidence

Huwie Mauchline	7F	Science
Jake Allen	7S	Skills 4 LL
Luke Collis	7S	Skills 4 LL
Sophie Cray	7S	Skills 4 LL
Sofia Danan	7S	Skills 4 LL
Daniel Hickson	7S	Skills 4 LL
Eva Jeavons	7S	Skills 4 LL
Olivia Leto	7S	Skills 4 LL
Natasha Lines	7S	Skills 4 LL
Ben Lockhart	7S	Skills 4 LL
Max McLaren	7S	Skills 4 LL
Jack North	7S	Skills 4 LL
Harry Parker	7S	Skills 4 LL
Rory Pledger	7S	Skills 4 LL
Zara Stocker-Padin	7S	Skills 4 LL
Tristan Sue	7S	Skills 4 LL
Anaiya Tozer	7S	Skills 4 LL
Darcy Whinnett	7S	Skills 4 LL
Archie Whitworth	7S	Skills 4 LL
Zita Sikora	9S	Phil, Religion & Ethics
Sophie Vaile	9S	Phil, Religion & Ethics

## Additional Headteacher's Commendations

### Aspiration

Jasper Dalton	7E	English
Parisa Elhamri	7E	English
Nicholas Hallick	7E	English
Eya Mouloud	7E	English
Alex Poole	7E	English
Grace Dilworth	7F	Phil, Religion & Ethics
Annabelle Field	7F	Phil, Religion & Ethics
Charlotte Hannam	7F	Phil, Religion & Ethics
Mira Mahoney	7F	Phil, Religion & Ethics
Huwie Mauchline	7F	Phil, Religion & Ethics
Sophia Parsons	7F	Phil, Religion & Ethics
Jessie Pedley	7F	English
Adi Roy	7F	Phil, Religion & Ethics
Eliana Seymour	7F	English
Dimitri Smotlak	7F	Phil, Religion & Ethics
Harvey Vallender	7F	English
Farhan Ahmed	7H	History
Martha Cooper	7H	History
Katie McNamara	7H	History
Azima Muratova	7H	History
Leon Rainey	7H	History
Isabel Ramachandran	7H	History
Thyra Sondergaard	7H	History
Millie Taylor	7H	History
Jed Telford	7H	History
Noah Ziaullah	7H	History
Mae Barnett	7J	Phil, Religion & Ethics
Ruari Curtin	7J	Phil, Religion & Ethics
Tabitha Devlin	7J	Phil, Religion & Ethics
Joe Farrugia	7J	Phil, Religion & Ethics
Neo Hall	7J	Phil, Religion & Ethics
Harvey Nsubuga	7J	Phil, Religion & Ethics

## Additional Headteacher's Commendations cont.

### Aspiration cont.

Harry Parkin	7J	Phil, Religion & Ethics
Poppy Robinson	7J	Phil, Religion & Ethics
Jessica Rolph	7J	Phil, Religion & Ethics
Jake Allen	7S	Design Technology
Emily Gardner	7S	English
Natasha Lines	7S	English
Tristan Sue	7S	English
Tristan Sue	7S	Science
Lily Bedwood	7T	History
Rico Hayles	7T	History
Natalie Inches	7T	History
Dominic Milton	7T	English
Megan O'Leary	7T	History
Kaden Rajkumar	7T	History
Emily Salisbury	7T	History
Lexi Samuel	7T	History
Oliver Webb	7T	History
Daisy Xie	7T	English
Adam Hatia-Khawaja	8E	Science
Edith Hurrp	8E	Science
Oliver Buckingham	8F	Science
Ben Fingland	8F	Science
Nico Curry	8S	Science
Danny Moyles	8S	Science
Alex Shallcross	8S	Science
Alexandra Bundy	9E	Mathematics
Abdul Rehman	9E	Mathematics
Harley Currant	9F	Mathematics
Ryan Donegan	9F	Mathematics
Sam Pritchard	9F	Mathematics
Teddy Hardie	9S	Mathematics
Ellen Park	9S	Mathematics
Sameer Qayyum	9S	Mathematics
Zita Sikora	9S	Mathematics
Angus Houlahan	10A	French
Dorka Molnar	10A	French
Joe Lailey	10J	French
Katie Leigh	10J	French
Jasmine Rainey	10J	French
Alice Wigmore	10J	French
James Cooke	10N	French
Ida Sondergaard	10N	French

### Initiative

Lily-Anna Saltmer 8N Design Technology



## Drama News

### National Youth Theatre Auditions

There was a fantastic turnout for the National Youth Theatre auditions this week.



Well done to everyone that took part, you really impressed the associates on the day and they commented on your professionalism and sheer love of Drama! We wish you all the best of luck in future casting opportunities and becoming part of NYT.



*Charlotte Hardacre  
Director of Learning: Drama*

## Visual Arts

### Year 13 Art Trip to Liverpool



The Year 13s had a great trip to Liverpool over the weekend and Izzie S in 13H wrote the following

“We really enjoyed exploring Liverpool and its cultural heritage. We visited lots of art galleries including The Walker Art Gallery, The World Gallery, Tate Liverpool, Open Eye and also completed a really fun and informative workshop run by Zap Graffiti. I loved the additional exploration of Liverpool such as when we visited the Beatles statues and The Cavern Club. I even had the opportunity to sign my name on the wall at the Cavern Club joining in a tradition established by many famous musicians. We also had the opportunity to do lots of shopping and I loved visiting the biggest LUSH in the world and also visiting Cass Art to stock up on lots of essentials for my current art project. We had such a great time on the trip and it is wonderful to complete my final year at Sandringham with such a positive experience.



## Theatre News



Following the guidance of the UK Government and the UK Theatre organisation on Covid-19, we regret to announce that The SandPit Theatre is temporarily closed until the end of May at the earliest.

We take the health and safety of our visitors, casts and staff very seriously and this decision was not taken lightly. All shows in this time period are now suspended and we are working with our hires for future possibilities of rescheduling their shows. If you would like a refund for tickets then there are three options:

### 1. Credit Note

If you would like a credit note, which includes the refund of your booking fees, then please email [admin@sandpittheatre.co.uk](mailto:admin@sandpittheatre.co.uk) with your transaction number and we will email/ post the voucher.

### 2. Refund onto Payment Method

If you would like to refund back onto your payment method, this does not include your booking fees, then please call on 01727 799565 and be ready with your transaction number and card.

### 3. Donate Your Ticket

If you'd like to support the theatre in this troubling time and you can afford to then we ask that you donate your ticket. All you need to do is let us know that this is your wish via email at [admin@sandpittheatre.co.uk](mailto:admin@sandpittheatre.co.uk) with your transaction number.

We are aiming to reschedule shows with our clients as much as possible so please keep an eye out for information from your schools and we aim to keep you updated as much as possible. Thank you for your support in the past and we look forward to welcoming you back in the future!

*The Sandpit Theatre Team*

## HCC Notice re Autism support

To support children with **communication and autism needs** and their families during this unsettled period, the Specialist Advisory Teachers will be extending the hours of our telephone advice line from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March until the schools reopen.

It will be open **daily between 10am and 2pm (term time)** to provide advice and guidance for parents and carers. If you wish to speak to a Specialist Advisory Teacher please call **01442 453920** during these times. Please note: We are unable to provide advice in relation to the coronavirus or the duration of school closures.

*Sharon Coubray  
County Lead for SPLD and Autism, HCC*



This week Mr Gray received a wonderful email from Miss Jo Gill, an English Teacher at an International School in Shanghai regarding one of our Year 8 students, Lily, and the amazing work the climate crisis that she has been doing. It is always wonderful to hear about Sandringham students going above and beyond and we'd like to say a big THANK YOU to Lily for all of her efforts and hard work.

*"I am writing to you to recommend one of your students, Lily D, for recognition and high praise due to the collaboration and input she contributed recently in developing links and understanding with students in another country.*

*I am a High School English Language and Literature teacher and teach the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme to students aged 16-18 in an International School in Shanghai. My Grade 11 class are studying the Language Acquisition course, Language B to learn English at an advanced level and within a cultural and global context.*

*Last semester, we were exploring youth innovation around climate change and I asked Lily if she would share evidence and commentary on her consistent and admirable action to reverse the climate crisis and promote sustainability. Considering Lily is a Year 8 student and my students are the equivalent of Year 12, Lily conducted herself, her passion and her beliefs, with great maturity.*

*My students read Lily's emails and watched a video to help inquire into and understand the growing movement of youth action across the globe. The students learned about Lily in the same way they learned about Greta Thunberg and Bali's Wijsen sisters and considered her on a par with them. She was referenced and cited in their discussions and written work.*

*This is a fantastic accomplishment for Lily. I only wish I could have developed the link between her and my students further. Lily has inspired my students and inspired me to build a better world and make a difference. She is a credit to your school and I would recommend her for any fitting honour or accolade that the school could award her.*

*I wish you and the school all the very best for the rest of the school year.*

*Yours Faithfully,  
Miss Jo Gill  
English teacher IGCSE IBDP"*

## Character of the week (Room: S12)

### Malala Yousafzai



'Everybody can be Somebody'

Room S12 is named after Malala Yousafzai whom we feel demonstrates strong Resilience in her work.

#### Date of Birth:

- 12nd July 1997

#### Early Life:

- Malala was born in the Swat Valley region of Pakistan
- As a young girl, she defied the Taliban in Pakistan and demanded that girls be allowed to receive an education.
- In 2012, she was shot in the head by a Taliban gunman but fortunately survived.



#### Achievements:

- In 2014, Malala became the youngest recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize for her struggle against the suppression of children and young people and the right for all children to have access to education
- In 2011, she was awarded Pakistan's first Youth National Peace Prize for her activism .

*"When the whole world is silent,  
even one voice is powerful.*

*Bio written by the Teaching and Learning SLT*

# WOW!

word of the week

**D** is for... deride [verb]

**Definition:** Express contempt for; ridicule.

Example: Environmentalists **derided** the decision.

Synonyms: Disparage, Mock, Ridicule

Antonyms: Admire, Approve, Praise

## MFL News

### German Exchange trip to Quickborn

From the 4th of March to the 11th of March we were given a once in a lifetime opportunity to Quickborn, Germany on an exchange. We were really excited to arrive, we were delighted to see our exchange partners again - it felt like years since we had seen them in St. Albans. On our first day with our exchange partners, we went into their school, Dietrich Bonhoeffer Gymnasium. It was interesting to see how the school was set up because it is very different to our schools in England.



On Friday, we went into Berlin and saw the Brandenburg Gate which is a very famous landmark that was built to represent peace and unity. We had a lot of time to spare so went out to visit the shopping centre. And after, we proceeded to see the Reichstag, the government of Germany. The building was massive, and well decorated with a structure on top that consisted of two spiral staircases and a sculpture made of mirrors.



At the weekend, we all had an amazing time with our exchange partners. The activities we did ranged from going to the Volksparkstadion to watch a game of football to going to the Hamburg Dungeons. Also, the German exchange students organised many of us to go to a water park called Arriba. It was amazing!

The Berlin tower broadcasts shows all over Germany, it is 368 meters high and not a challenge to those afraid of heights as it was too foggy to see. We had just come back from an hour of free time and were excited to take the elevator up. There was a bar at the top where you could buy drinks and a rotating restaurant.



After school, the German exchanges organised parties at their houses where everyone could come together and have fun. We would play Just Dance, MarioKart, and overall enjoying ourselves until one in the morning.

In Hamburg, we went to see Miniatur Wunderland, which was really cool. There were many cities in great detail, and it was really interesting. The sculpture must have taken hours to make.



We would definitely recommend this trip, although the fear of staying in a German family abroad is great, the thrill of experiencing the different cultures, speaking the language and eating the Currywurst is a once in a lifetime opportunity.



*Written by James Morris and Elliot Cheshire in Y9*



## Sixth Form News

In a rather scaled back Awards Ceremony on Thursday, we celebrated the academic, sporting and pastoral achievements of the current Year 13. Congratulations to all of the students on their dedication to studies and on their contributions to the wider community. Please see below for a list of Award winners.

Award	Winners
Visual Arts	Anna Sutcliffe
Business	David Barnes Rider
Economics	George Taylor
Enterprise Award	Sam Sharpe
Dance	Ellie Pitchforth
Design & Technology	Jake Farrenkothen
Wallace Award for Acting	Grace Jackson
Janet Florey Award for English	Jess Pannese
Stella Withers' Award for Public Speaking	Kristen Kemp-Robertson
Extended Project Qualification	Samuel Lailey
The Swann Cup for Geography	Harry Hurp
Government & Politics	Anna Leeson
History	Emma Skerry
Computing	Joel Hodgson-Stokes
Susan Atkins' Cup (Languages)	Megan Mitchell
Mathematics	Chris Rowe
Further Mathematics	Sam Herodotou
Media Studies	Jack Carpenter
Music	Callum Hayes
Music Technology	Lewis Covey-Crump
Psychology	Freddie Jones
Philosophy & Ethics	Lucy Patterson
Science: Biology	Louise Errington
Science: Chemistry	Will Samuel
Science: Physics	Saken Muratov
Science: Applied Science	Alfie Drake
Sociology	Elena Kite
A Level PE	Aimee Sheppard
CTEC Sport	Luke Sweeney
Outstanding Contribution to School Sport	Peter Awuku
Linda Randall Award for Achievement over Adversity	Dima Sherstnev
Linda Randall "Unsung Hero" Award	Hallelujah Adesakin
The Swann Cup for Attainment in the 6th Form	Bartol Sikora
Jan Palmer Sayer Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Arts	Daniel Burstow
Janet Lewis Award (for being hardworking and contributing to the school and wider community)	Elena Kite
Steven Andrews Award (an excellent role model, with high academic ability and who contributes to the school and wider community)	Katya Rees

## Sixth Form News cont.

During the ceremony, Mr Gray reassured them and congratulated them on all of their hard work during their time at Sandringham, Miss Clarke told them off for talking one last time and reminded them of their sense of purpose and Mrs Mouncey thanked them for everything and promised a fabulous prom in September.



Thanks also to Mr Soltysik for being chief photographer (a link will be shared once they are uploaded.) We appreciate that these are unsettling times, but know that all of the hard work each member of Year 13 has already made will put them in a strong position for a bright future.



## PE News

### News

As with many events, Sport has been hit hard by Covid-19 on an Elite and School level and with what was to be an extremely busy couple of weeks and the culmination of many sporting events, including multiple District, County and Regional Finals- we have found ourselves confined to homes with no sign of competition. It looks like postponements may become cancellations for a number of events and with the uncertainty of returning, our Summer sports of Athletics, Tennis, Cricket and Rounders all look very much in doubt.

We hope that people can look forward to what is to come and reflect on what has been, up to this point, another hugely successful sporting campaign with so many individual and team achievements.



In my opinion, it will be increasingly important to keep students as physically active as possible in the coming weeks. This will ensure they are both mentally and physically stimulated and remain healthy. We will try to send out resources and links to physical activity that can take place at home and in the local surroundings.



In an uncertain time for sport there should be light at the end of the tunnel and if students are able to keep active they'll be in a great place when we return and come back stronger. Please keep an eye on our social channels and know that we will be emailing out as much as we can to students to keep them going. We will also strive to keep you up to date with developments in school sport and any changes in National Governing Bodies and their advice for sport.

*Andrew Cracknell  
Director of Learning: PE*