



Headlines

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Our first full week back has gone well, and students have settled quickly into the new routines for keeping safe. Last night we held our first Virtual Open Evening with a Live Stream and talks from Dr Creaby, the Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl and two year 8 students. In the absence of Open Morning Tours we hope that it was informative to prospective parents in showing the ethos of the school. If you would like to view the broadcast, you can do so on our relaunched website www.sandringham.herts.sch.uk



We were aware from the start that adjustments may need to be made, either due to national guidelines or our own analysis of how to fine-tune systems. The adjustments made this Thursday, we hope, will further improve life at Sandringham and allow us to continue to deliver the full-range of curriculum entitlement. As you may have read, a number of local schools have had to send students home on advice from Public Health England and whilst at the time of writing, this has not been the case here, we need to be realistic and assume that at some point we may have a confirmed case of Covid-19 and will need to respond appropriately.

We will follow the advice of PHE, and anticipate that in the first instance if a student is confirmed positive, the entire year group 'bubble' would have to work from home using our VLC, rather than be in school. Potentially, this would be for a two-week period. We would contact you immediately via parent mail and also send a covering text, should this be necessary to give you as much notice as possible. I am sure you appreciate that we will have to move very quickly in such circumstances.

Students have embraced the new systems of wearing masks in corridors really well and this will now be our new norm for the foreseeable future. What we ask now is that students move to reusable masks that are cleaned regularly to avoid mass waste of disposable masks and issues with disposal. There will be a period of settling in but if you are able to obtain a cloth face mask (plain) that would be greatly appreciated. Sandringham colours are Red, White and Black and we would like to encourage students to go for these colours. Red would be my preference; far more cheerful than black. If any student does not have a mask they will have to go to student services and buy one from the school. We will log their name and this will be a one-off option. The school is not set up to be a regularly supplier to those who forget masks I am afraid.

I have spent some time walking the school this week and the learning atmosphere is back to its usual standard with really well-planned and delivered lessons and students enjoying what they are doing. It also seems that they have built on their learning since March through the VLC which enables us to move forward with the curriculum here without too much going back over previous material.

It is difficult to predict the future but it is likely that the herd-immunity threshold will be reached at some point this year and that, coupled with a reasonably effective vaccine will allow us to move to a position of maintaining an open school for all students all of the time.

*With best wishes,
Alan Gray*

DIARY DATES

Mon 14th Sept	Theme Week: Rosh Hashanah
Tues 15th Sept	18:30 Y13 Virtual Info Evening
Weds 16th Sept	18:30 Virtual DofE Y10 Launch
Thurs 17th Sept	18:30 Y10 KS4 Virtual Info Eve
Mon 21st Sept	Theme Week: World Peace

Please visit our school website for the most up to date diary dates

YEAR 7 NEWS

It has been a fantastic start to the week for Year 7 who are finding their feet around campus and taking part in a variety of lesson activities, from designing trainers to having philosophical discussions.

Congratulations to 7S who were the winners of last week's year group challenge. Who will win the competition this week?



Are you excited for extracurricular activities to start?

We thank you for your patience while we sort the logistics of how we can offer as much as possible to all of Year 7. Find out more in our assembly next week.

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Ms Davies

SIXTH FORM NEWS



We are really pleased to have welcomed 255 new students to the Sixth Form last week, including a large number students joining us from local schools. Both year groups have made a really good start, with Year 12 getting used to sixth form studies and Year 13 starting to really focus on their UCAS and apprenticeship applications. As we can't physically hold the Year 12 and Year 13 Parent Information Evenings this year, we will be sending out recorded presentations to parents/carers in coming days. We look forward to working with all students in the months ahead!

*Kate Mouncey
Head of Sixth Form*

LIBRARY NEWS



It is lovely to see our students back and asking for books to read. Due to Covid restrictions, we cannot allow browsing in the Library, but if students go on MySandstorm > Accessit Learning Resource Centre they can see our online catalogue. If you click on a book, you can reserve it and we will email you when it is ready for collection.

Please return any books that you have read since lockdown, or over summer, as soon as possible.

We also welcome a new member to the LRC team, Miss Critchley. Along with the rest of the team, she will be able to help with any queries that you have.

Keep reading!

The Library Team

FUNDRAISING IDEAS



Sponsor a chair for the Gambia



During certain and uncertain times our school always has chairs available for us to use in every room. However, in our link school in Farafenni, they do not have enough chairs to use in their school hall when they want. They either have to move chairs for other parts of the school or hire them in. We want to change this!

For only five pounds you can sponsor a chair which will be given to the school in the Gambia. If you are interested in this worthy cause, you can contribute via parentpay.

SPONSOR A CHAIR! FOR THE FARAFENNI SCHOOL HALL
AT OUR GAMBIA PARTNER SCHOOL.



Thank you for your help!

*Ms Fryer
Mathematics Faculty*



The word of the week will now link to the Personal Development theme for each the week, starting on following Monday.

I is for... incompatible **[verb]**



Definition: Not able to exist together without trouble or conflict.

Not going together well.

Example: Religions are irrational and incompatible with modern values.

Synonyms: Antagonistic
Contradictory
Opposed

Antonyms: Compatible
Complementary
Harmonious

Etymology : From the Latin word 'incompatibilis' from 'in' meaning not and 'compatibilis' meaning suffer with.

*Mrs Bulbeck
Teacher of English*

SANDPIT THEATRE NEWS

Welcome back to a new term! We are excited to be welcoming you all back. Through September and October, we have lots of exiting screenings coming to The SandPit. Including, 42nd Street the Musical, Kinky Boots, Matthew Bourne's The Red Shoes, and The King & I. We look forward to opening our doors again safely and to see you all again.

What's coming up?

Sun 20th Sept: 42nd Street the Musical – 7pm



Entertainment doesn't get bigger than this! There are fabulous tap-dancing numbers and classic Broadway songs 42nd Street, We're in The Money, Lullaby of Broadway, Shuffle Off to Buffalo, Dames, and I Only Have Eyes for You. Receiving 5-star reviews, 42nd Street is praised on the quality of the performances, staging and choreography. Tickets £13.50/£10

Sun 27th Sept: Kinky Boots – 7pm



After successful Broadway and West End runs, and a UK tour, Kinky Boots The Musical is strutting its way onto the big screen! It was filmed live at the magnificent Adelphi Theatre in the heart of London's West End, and stars the original West End leads, Killian Donnelly as Charlie and Olivier Award-winner, Matt Henry as Lola. Kinky Boots has won the Radio 2 Audience Award for Best Musical as well as three WhatsOnStage Awards for Best New Musical, Best Actor in a Musical and Best Choreography. Tickets £13.50/£10

**Sat 3rd Oct–
Matthew Bourne's The Red Shoes 7pm**



Matthew Bourne's gorgeous take on the film classic comes to cinemas for the first time. Winner of two Olivier Awards, The Red Shoes is an utterly enthralling. The tale of obsession, possession and one girl's dream to be the greatest dancer in the world. Victoria Page lives to dance but her ambitions become a battleground between the two men who inspire her passion. Tickets £13.50/£10

Sun 4th Oct– The King & I – 7pm



The multi-award winning and critically acclaimed Lincoln Center Theatre's production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's The King and I, recorded live at London's iconic Palladium. returns to the big screen. Set in 1860s Bangkok, the musical tells the story of the unconventional and tempestuous relationship that develops between the King of Siam and Anna, a British schoolteacher whom the modernist King, in an imperialistic world, brings to Siam to teach his many wives and children. Tickets £13.50/£10

Following Government guidelines, you must wear a face covering while attending The SandPit Theatre unless you are exempt as stated in these guidelines. If you do not wear mask you will be refused entry and your ticket will be forfeited. Our café will be open during these screenings for drinks and snacks but please note we will only be accepting card payments.

The box office is open from 11.30am – 3.30pm Monday to Friday. Alternatively, you can call us on 01727 799565 or visit www.sandpittheatre.co.uk

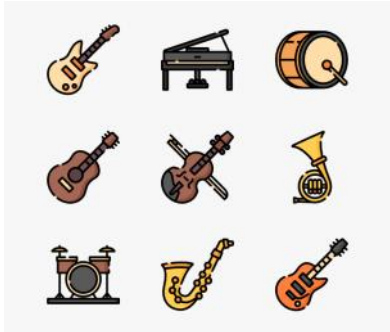
Abi Carter-Downing - Box Office Supervisor

MUSIC NEWS

Celebrating Success

Congratulations to the following students for passing music examinations:

Evan H–	Grade 6 Guitar – Merit
Freddie P	Grade 7 Singing Distinction
	Grade 7 Bassoon Merit.



Also, a huge congratulations to Zac P in Year 11 for his win in the 12-14 years category of the BBC Young Composer of the Year competition. This is a huge achievement and a very exciting prospect for Zac (please see more details in the Student Spotlight section!)



Extra-Curricular Music

The music faculty will be resuming some of our regular music groups from Monday 14th September. We are working hard to ensure that we can get music-making going again in a safe way and have devised a careful timetable to ensure that year group bubbles are maintained.



There are individual timetables in the music faculty which show which weeks each year group will attend rehearsals. Below is a summary of our groups and would really like to encourage new year 7s especially to join in with Sandringham Band (for instrumentalists) or Junior Choir (for singers).

Day	Lunchtime	After School
Monday	Sandringham Band (Yrs 7 & 8 in F5 and F6)	KS4 composition clinic F8
Tuesday	Junior Choir (Yrs 7-9) F8 and F6	
Wednesday	Chamber Choir in F5 and F6	Jazz Band F5,6,7 KS4 composition clinic F8
Thursday	Junior Jazz (Yrs 8&9 in F5 and F6)	Sinfonia F5,6 & 8
Friday	String Group	Show Choir (Yr 9+ audition only) F6 and covered area outside sixth form block

Emma Beaton
Director of Learning, Music

Student Spotlight

Congratulations to Zac P in Year 11 for winning his age category in the prestigious BBC Young Composer of the Year competition 2020. This is an annual competition for 12 to 18 year olds across the UK who create their own original music.

Winners will now participate in a tailored development programme working with a mentor composer on a project with the BBC Concert Orchestra which will be performed and broadcast in a special young composers concert at the BBC Proms in 2021.



Zac said 'During lockdown I worked on a piece of music to be entered for the BBC Young Composer of the Year Competition 2020. I really enjoyed challenging and pushing myself throughout the writing and recording process but I didn't expect to win! When I found out I was one of the winners it was so excited. This is such a huge opportunity for me, as composition and music production are such a big part of my life.'



Well done on all of your hard work Zac. We look forward to hearing about more of his successes in the future and seeing the final performance at the BBC Proms in 2021

Check out the BBC website for more information.
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4mY3MbSJ5G2LvSbzZPbc85G/bbc-young-composer-2020>

If you would like your son/daughter featured, in the Sandprint please send any text/pictures to admin@sandringham.herts.sch.uk

CHARACTER OF THE WEEK

Malorie Blackman (OBE)



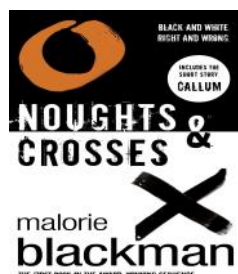
"Everybody can be Somebody"



The Library is named after Malorie Blackman (OBE) whom we believe has shown Integrity through her exploration of social and ethical issues in her writing.

Early Life:

- Malorie was born in Clapham on 8th February 1962 to parents from Barbados.
- Her critically acclaimed novel, Nought and Crosses, employs the setting of a fictional dystopia to explore racism.
- She held the position of children's laureate from 2013 to 2015 and now writes literature and television drama for children and young adults exploring social and ethical issues.
- She has written more than 60 children's books and her work has won over 15 awards
- In her personal time, Blackman enjoys playing the piano, composing, playing computer games and writing poetry.

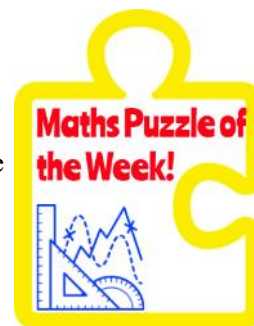


"Books allow you to see the world through the eyes of others"

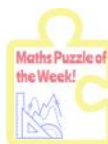
Bio written by the Teaching and Learning SLT

MATHEMATICS NEWS

Every week the Maths department publish a puzzle for you to try! You can find the puzzle in the Sandprint or on the screens around school. For every entry you will receive 1 housepoint, if you answer correctly you will win 2 housepoints! If you are the fastest person to answer the puzzle correctly then you will win 5 housepoints! To enter, simply scan the QR code and fill out the google form. Good luck!



Maths Puzzle of the Week!



$$N + 2 = T - I$$

$$(R + I) / 2 = T$$

$$D + I = 7$$

$$D = R - 3$$

$$2 \times G = D$$

$$2 \times D = P$$

$$10 - P = 2$$

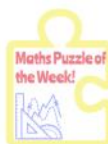
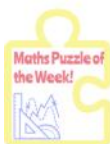
$$S = G \times I$$

$$E = I \times 3$$

$$R - S = H$$

What is the RIGHT number?

Scan the QR
code to enter!



Ms Fryer
Mathematics Department

YEAR 7 SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Form tutors will be handing out proofs of the individual Year 7 photographs in the next few days.

You can either order these online or return the pack to your form tutor by **Tuesday 22nd September**.

Unfortunately due to Covid restrictions, no form photographs were taken but we hope that this may be possible later in the year, along with updated photographs for Years 8-11 which were postponed from the Summer Term.

The Whole School Photograph planned for this September will also now take place in September 2021

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PHOTOGRAPHY

