



Year 9 Newsletter - 25 September 2015



A message from the Year Leader

A busy fortnight as usual for Year 9. It was nice to see so many of you at the Project week information evening last week. It was a perfect opportunity to find out more about this exciting journey the students will take in November. We have so much work to do in order to be fully prepared for this fantastic trip. The fundraising ideas are beginning to take shape and things kick off this week with our first events. 9B have organised a Netball tournament for Friday and 9C will be supporting this event by selling refreshments. These events will set Year 9 off on their way to achieving their 12,000rmb target. As mentioned at the information evening, if any parents would like to support our fundraising campaign or if you have any great ideas please contact the form tutors directly. The whole year group come together for the Great Year 9 Bake Sale scheduled to take place on 12 October. I'm looking forward to lots of yummy cakes on that day.

This week was also 'School Photo' week. With a new approach to school photos the students enjoyed their photo shoot. We are eagerly awaiting the finished products!

It was also great to see so many Year 9 students having fun with their friends and family within our school community on Sunday. It was a fun day for all and 'Music on the Lawn' was a great success.

Keep your eyes out for our upcoming events.

Have a lovely holiday.

Mrs Jo Parrish—Year 9 Leader

Congratulations to the cast

The following students from Year 9 have been selected for the final cast for this years school production of 'Beauty and the Beast'. We wish them luck in the rehearsals and look forward to hearing more about the show. Break a Leg!

Clarissa La Scola

Lauren Steele

Zehra Bilgin

Amelia Haynes





Through the Classroom Keyhole....

Subject teachers have been keeping me updated with what is happening during lessons. I am pleased to report that as expected the students are focused and motivated in class. Here is some of what is going on...

Science

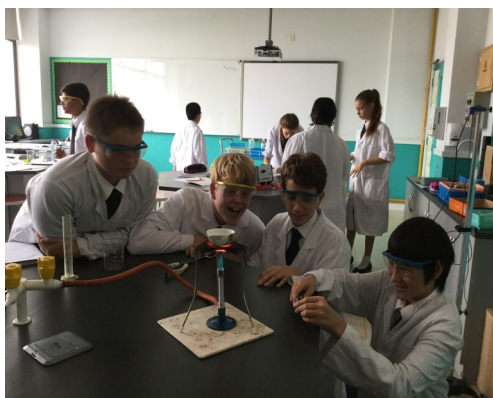
- investigating the quality of bottled water. Year 9 explored the quality of 5 different bottled waters. The students were set the task of investigating the plastics used for bottled water. In the lab, students investigated and compared the pH, the amount of salts in the water and the electrolytes in each bottle of water. Through developing their investigative skills, they were able to conclude which brand of bottled water is best and why. (see photos below)

Mandarin

Students have studied a Chinese idiom this week and made a fabulous picture story. (see photo below)

Maths

Year 9 have been working on a variety of topics in number and algebra. They have been honing their basic skills from simplifying fractions and algebraic expressions to dealing with percentages.



Upcoming Events & Dates

Saturday 26 September – Tuesday 6 October (inclusive) – mid-term break

Wednesday 7 October – school resumes

Saturday/Sunday 17/18 October – Dads and Kids campout

Wednesday 28 October – Year 9 'Into IGCSE' evening (5 – 8pm)

Monday 2 – Friday 6 November – Project Week

Friday 13 November – school closed to students (staff training day).

Thursday 19 November – Years 7 – 10 Academic Review Evening – Family Names A - M

Tuesday 24 November – Years 7 – 10 Academic Review Evening – Family Names N – Z

Sunday 29 November – Christmas Bazaar

Friday 4 December – CCAs finish for Term 1

Friday 11 December – Term 1 ends