



# The Clarionette

## 10 Great Things this Fortnight

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1. Congratulations to Jude Bright-Davies in year 13 who is now a national champion in the Triple Jump, coming fourth in British Senior Trials (image top right)
2. Voting is now underway for the coveted roles of Head boy and Head girl in the sixth form. The standard of all our candidates is exceptional and we wish them all the best of luck. We will report on the results in the next edition of The Clarionette.
3. We continue to celebrate success of pupils in Science with our 'hats off to' board displayed in the Science building, where we have celebrated the success of pupils in dual science, either by those meeting or exceeding their targets in recent assessments.
4. Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February saw the launch of our first boys reading club. This will take place every Friday lunchtime in the library and is open to all boys who would enjoy reading and discussing books.
5. We were delighted to hear from one of our alumni last month with exciting news on her career development. Kairo Maynard is in the final stages of her Masters Degree and has been selected to be a speaker at the 3rd European Federation of Dramatherapy Conference this April in Ghent, Belgium.
6. We have been following the progress and success of the year 8 basketball team closely throughout this year and we can now report that on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February they became Brent Basketball Champions, beating Queens Park 39-28 (image below). Meanwhile the year 10 basketball team are looking forward to their first ever Brent basketball final, against Ark or Capital this half term.
7. Earlier this month, nine Year 10 students participated in a Holocaust Memorial Day Seminar at JFS. Students had the opportunity to listen to the experiences of a Holocaust survivor. Also, students interacted with students from local secondary schools and discussed issues which aimed to challenge our understanding of the Holocaust today.
8. Last week saw the first round of auditions for the highly anticipated Claremont's Got Talent live final, which will take place on the 30<sup>th</sup> March (link to poster bottom right)
9. On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March a group of year 12 students were taken to a careers fair at Emirates Stadium, where they were provided with information about apprenticeships and how they can progress to these following their studies of BTEC courses.
10. On Tuesday 21st February Claremont took part in a girls' under 13s football tournament organised by premier league clubs. After some difficult rounds, the team came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall out of 14 teams. They conducted themselves brilliantly throughout the day by demonstrating exemplary behaviour, perseverance and teamwork (image below with 2 players from the Watford FC Ladies team)



### News in Education

This Week: Myths about underachievement and what we can do to support students to achieve:

[http://www.claremontacademy.org.uk/CurriculumLinks/Underachievement\\_myths.pdf](http://www.claremontacademy.org.uk/CurriculumLinks/Underachievement_myths.pdf)

A useful app for parents: <http://ourpact.com/>

**Claremont's GOT TALENT**

**AUDITIONS THURSDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 3.30PM - 5.00PM MAIN HALL**

For more information, please speak to a member of the Drama department.

Could you be the winner of Claremont's Got Talent 2017?

What do I need to prepare?  
You need to prepare the performance you hope will win you the competition! This must be a maximum of 3 minutes in length. You are responsible for sourcing sound/equipment/props you may require. Please see a member of the drama department if you need to discuss your requirements.

Do I have to do it alone?  
No. You can audition as a solo performer, duo, trio or a group.

What will happen in the auditions?  
You will perform your piece to a small panel of judges.

When will the show be?  
The performance date is Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm. **HOWEVER, you must be committed to independent and some after school rehearsal times between Feb - March.**

Link to poster:

[http://www.claremontacademy.org.uk/Student-Links/Claremonts\\_got\\_talent\\_poster.pdf](http://www.claremontacademy.org.uk/Student-Links/Claremonts_got_talent_poster.pdf)



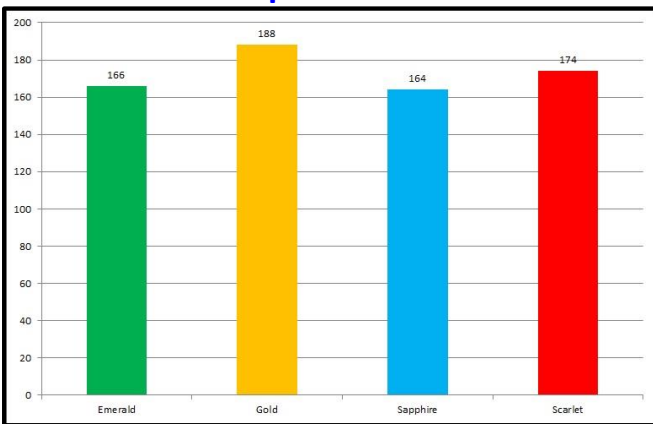
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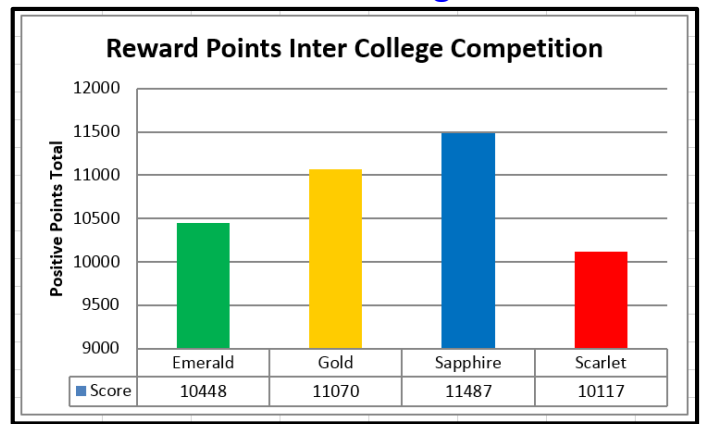
Sports



Rewards and Recognition



Scarlet and Gold came out on top in a highly competitive 6th Form badminton competition last Friday. The results see Gold extend their lead at the top, with early pace setters Emerald and Sapphire falling behind.



Gold have started to gain on Sapphire. Should they be worried? Maybe with the new focus on rewarding Year 10 students, Gold can steal the lead from champions Sapphire. Scarlet have also begun to make good progress in catching up with Emerald. It's all to play for.

### Pupil Commendations: Year 9

**Norhan Gira 9.5** She is always positive and a really supportive friend to others in the form. She is going to represent the form for Student voice and is an all round good egg.

**Sahar Bandukara 9.7** - For her kindness to others and contribution to our assembly on disabilities and diversity.

*KS3 Book of the fortnight*  
'The knife of never letting go'  
by Patrick Ness.



*KS4 Book of the fortnight*  
'We are all made of molecules' by Susin Nielson

### KS5 CORNER

6th form have just had the delight of listening to their fellow peers present themselves to be the best and suitable choice of Head Girl/Boy. From such a range of compelling speeches it will be hard to choose just two! Meanwhile, in the history department, students in both Year 12 and 13 have watched the hilarious but informative production of 'This House' in Trafalgar Square. Many of us found it a delight and we were very moved with the whole show!

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