



CLAREMONT HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMY

CLARION

December 2015



LIGHT

NATIONAL POETRY DAY
18th DECEMBER 2015

The English Department
celebrates National
Poetry Day 2015



This was the 21st annual celebration of National Poetry Day. The theme this year was "Think Like a Poet." This is what we tried to do by having an open lunchtime workshop for the students. I would like to thank all the staff and students who made the event special. We celebrated by writing poems on golden stars. The poems were very impressive. It was great to see so many students of all ages popping in to join in with the fun. I was so impressed by the quality of the work achieved. There are clearly lots of poets in the school. Watch this space to find out about future events you can get involved in. **Ms Sinclair-Webb**



On 26th November, 60 students from Uxendon Manor Primary School visited Claremont's Science Fair

Our Science Department organised a circuit of experiments and demonstrations, where each student was able to experience activities that the three sectors of Science had to offer. Eight of our own Year 10 students, facilitated the groups and taught them various key concepts to enrich their experience. Feedback from the primary students included "the Claremont Science students were so awesome, they made all the practicals really fun!" with staff adding that they were amazed with the enthusiasm, behaviour and effort that our students put in. Primary School students thoroughly enjoyed the experience, with the workshop providing them with "the opportunity to experience a vast range of age-appropriate experiments and demonstrations which would not otherwise be possible", thanking Claremont for their efforts. **Ms Anwar**

Dear Parents, Families and Carers,

With a Clarion packed full of curriculum extension and enrichment activities it's hard to grasp that for the past 14 weeks Claremont pupils have also been receiving excellent teaching. I know this because I hear them talking with enthusiasm about their learning, I see them in lessons fully engaged in what they are doing and I can actually see the great progress they are making on our assessment system, Go4Schools. If you haven't logged on yet then I strongly urge you to do so.

All that hard work and exciting learning has led Years 11, 12 and 13 to a week of intense mock examinations. Again, I have seen students engaged and determined to do well.

Please have a wonderfully celebratory and energising Christmas and winter break and take time to reflect on the part that each of you has played in making Claremont the amazing place it is. Without your support, encouragement and ambition it simply wouldn't be the same.

F.T. Molloy, Headteacher

CLAREMONT REUNION 2016

Did you or your family attend Claremont and if you did we would love to hear from you, and how would you like to meet up with your classroom friends from years ago. The current school management is organising a school reunion and are on a mission to find pupils who left Claremont between 1950 – 1980."

The date planned for the reunion is Sunday 6th March 2016 from 3.00 pm – 8pm and the venue is the school which has been completely transformed since those early years. We have already found over 120 ex –students who will be attending.

There will be a buffet reception and all sorts of events, tours of the school and facilities, speeches, displays of photos, memories from the past and lots more. We would very much like to invite 'special guests' who have attended the school over the years.

Peter Georghiades, Assisnant Headteacher, said "The school hopes from this first reunion a Claremont Alumni will be created with regular get-togethers, features and events."

Anyone who would like to attend or who are in touch with any fellow students can **email me for further information at DANCE4UK@AOL.COM**.

Martin Rose - Administrator, Claremont Reunion 2016



Biology Field Trip

Orielton Field Centre, Pembrokeshire

Thirty-one Biologists from Year 13 travelled to Wales for a field course. Over the course of a week, students tried out a variety of techniques for identifying and investigating organisms on the rocky shore and sand dunes. They then designed and carried out their own experiments as part of their A2 coursework.

As always, our students were frequently complimented by the field centre staff and we were very proud of their approach to the work. When we had to leave the centre at 6.30 am to catch the low tide and measure snails in the rain, everyone was ready on time and looking forward to the challenge.

I would like to thank the students for their enthusiasm and Mr Wood for giving up his free time to accompany the trip.

Dr Egan



'The Voice's' Essay Competition

On Monday 30th November, eight Year 7 pupils were lucky enough to accompany myself and Ms Constant to The Imperial War Museum where they were presented with certificates and goody bags for partaking in 'The Voice's' Essay Competition: 'What does Black History Month mean to you?' We listened to a series of talks and presentations from the newspaper and the museum about famous black icons, and the winning entrants read out their inspirational essays. Unfortunately we didn't have any winners this year but the pupils behaved brilliantly and it was a lovely way to honour all the hard work they had put into their essays. The event will be in 'The Voice' newspaper, out today, as well as next Friday's edition, so be sure to look out for the pupil's pictures and contributions (some were interviewed as well!)

Ms Pask

Back row: Kinza Joshua Osundu, Kaveesha Amarasinghe, Maryam Abdali, Samin Iqbal
Front row: Nizaankan Thayaparan, Anton Okuefuna, Maks Viaja, Neer Sthankiya



WORLD KINDNESS DAY

Scarlet College Tutors have been working with their form groups on 'random acts of kindness' both in and out of school as part of a college themed focus on building the community. It has been an absolute pleasure to see these chains grow in size and in the first week back after the holidays tutors will display their chains to the whole college.

Kindness towards each other and ourselves is a very important topic and one that should not be under-estimated as in the words of someone a lot wiser than me once said: "Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world." Desmond Tutu. Thank you to all the Scarlet College Tutors. *Ms Beauchamp*



Black Achievers 2015

This year we look at change, the things that came about, and the things that we go through that influence our lives today. We also learn that within us lies the potential to bring about change; change in our own lives and changes to the lives of people around us, as the inventors, researchers and pioneers of the past have done. We will come to see that many things are possible with drive and determination. Black Achievers were invited to visit Claremont to tell us how they were able to make changes in their own lives by changing their attitude, enabling them to succeed.

As their stories unfolded we saw just how it is possible to take a situation that, on the surface, may seem hopeless, finished or out of our control and with a change of attitude we are able to make a change. We have seen this happen throughout History where Black Achievers have overcome hurdles of prejudice and opened opportunities for others to follow. We do not claim that all obstacles can be removed but with each age new ones come and some of the old still remain, and a change of attitude by us all we can make this world an equal playing field and a much better place to live.

The author Andrew Muhammad is known throughout the Black community for his lectures on Black history. He gave a sobering talk on to our 6th Formers that the time to think about their next step in life and how to get there. As young men and women they are now becoming more aware of the consequences which reflect the attitude to learning they have received. This of course was delivered in Andrew's own unique way.

Ever wondered about your own past? Why you look the way you do, why you act the way you do, well on the 8th Oct Paul Crooks came to talk to Year 9. He told of how these questions and more drove him and this was his inspiration to trace his ancestors. He was able to go as far back as the 18th century.



The sixth form talk was very good as it made the point that education is the key to success, but it was done in an entertaining way. I also enjoyed them being woken up to clear out the cobwebs at the start. Z.Goddard

Personally I found it intriguing. It made me want to look into my own family tree and ancestry. Paul was an engaging, interesting and influential speaker and I hope the students got as much out of his story as I did. Tom Dearden



CLAREMONT HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMY DOES 'THE HOUR OF CODE 2015'

Robotics Workshop

14 students in Year 8 were rewarded for their hard work and enthusiasm in Science and Technology with a Robotics workshop this term. The students learnt how to build and program a lego robot to move around the room and avoid obstacles. The event was so enthusiastically received that we have decided to enrol keen students on an eight week course next term where they will have the chance to develop their engineering skills further. **M. SHAH**



Peak District Trip



COLLEGE PREFECTS

The college prefect system was re-launched last year with a change on the focus and widening the participation of student voice through the college prefect system. The pilot stage of the college prefect system has already been introduced to all of the colleges, with 94 students in Years 7-10 making applications to the various roles.

The College Prefects uphold Claremont's Vision and Values and demonstrate these within and outside school, they are a role model to other students and actively participate in all aspects of school life. Prefects make a difference in Claremont and improve the quality of learning, achievement and participation throughout the school.

The college prefect roles have remained quite traditional but there are new roles, in particular the learning ambassador roles that are new to the system. Karen Moulds Head of Geography leads on the exciting new opportunities for student voice in relation to the learning ambassador's element of the prefect system. The various projects are outlined below for the term ahead.

Prefect Group	Project Outline
Literacy Prefects	The Literacy Prefects are introducing the 'word of the fortnight'. They began this term by introducing it to Year 9s in their assembly and incorporating it into their literacy lessons. They will be launching it with the whole school next term.
Numeracy Prefects	The Numeracy Prefects have decided to create Maths Scavenger Hunts for all the year groups to carry out in their lessons. They have planned the Year 7 Scavenger Hunt that the teachers will be using with their classes. Next term they will focus on planning Scavenger Hunts for the other year groups.
Reading Prefects	The plan for the Reading Prefects is to interview students and teachers about their favourite books and to create a book review to share with all staff and students.
Curriculum Prefects	The Curriculum Prefects have already been very busy. They planned and delivered an assembly giving advice to the Year 7 students. They are currently carrying out an audit on the school displays and next term they will be helping staff improve the displays around school.
Sports Prefects	Table Tennis has become very popular at Claremont, so the Sports Prefects have decided to plan and run table tennis competitions next term. They will also be helping organise the Sports Relief Mile Run.
Digital Prefects	With technology playing an ever increasing role in students' lives, the Digital Prefects have decided to review educational apps that could help students improve key skills and knowledge. They will be sharing the reviews with students next term.
Charity Prefects	This year the Charity Prefects have decided that they would like to raise money for their College Charities but also for a new school minibus. They have planned numerous events for throughout the year, such as bake sales, sponsored events, supermarket bag packing, competitions and many more.
College Shield	The College Shield Prefects have decided that they would like to start a 'Teacher of the Term' award. They felt that they would like the opportunity to let their teachers know what it is they appreciate and enjoy from their lessons.

