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School Newsletter

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE



We have come to the end of a long and busy term and the whole school community is looking forward to a well-earned rest; the prospect of Christmas cheers us all and lifts our spirits away from the cold, dark and depressing weather of the season. On Friday the 13th, the school looked extra wonderful, with staff and students dressed in all sorts of wonderful Christmas jumpers!

This term, there have been many highlights for me (many of which you will hear more about in the following pages), Awards Evening being one. It is so lovely seeing students being publicly celebrated and rewarded for their hard work and dedication towards their studies.

I was delighted to see the vast amount of food which was donated to our Rainham Food Bank drive; this totalled over 142kg! Such generosity will help to ensure that others are also able to have some festive cheer this Christmas period and this also highlights the empathy our students show for others, and the positive impact they wish to have on the local community.

I am sure that students, parents and carers would like to join me in thanking all of the staff and governors at Sanders, for their continued tremendous hard work and commitment to the students. Likewise, we the staff, governors and students would like to thank all parents and carers for all your support. Last but in no way the least, we, the rest of the school community, thank our students - they make the school and continue to be the heart beat of Sanders.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a happy, safe and relaxing festive break and wish you the very best wishes for 2020.

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Celebrations From the Term

France Trip 14-18th December. A very memorable time was had by al.l



Rainham Food Bank Collection The Sanders community donated a most impressive 142kgs of food. This will make a real difference and allow families to enjoy the festive period.

Dear Vicki and the students at Sanders Draper

A great, big HUMUNGOUS and AWE-INSPIRING THANK YOU goes to everyone for donating a whopping **142.89kg** of food. We cannot thank you enough for doing this.

We are indeed very grateful for your contribution as it goes to help the many families in

Awards Evening. The evening was a chance to celebrate the nominated students for their hard work and achievements over the last year.

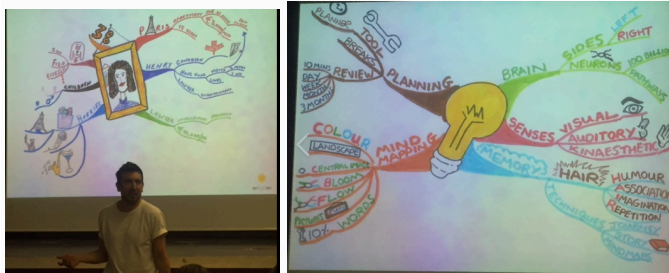


Special mention for Reagan from Year 11 on being awarded the Sanders Draper Award. This was as a result of having 100% attendance from Year 7-11, his high level of commitment in every lesson, supporting of numerous school events and performing the role of Prefect and Senior Prefect so admirably. A true role model for his peers.

Criminal Exploitation Talk. We had the privilege of a former officer of the Met Police Trident Force speaking to our Year 10 and 11 students. The talk was to address and identify the causes, signs and impacts of criminal exploitation. We are committed to safeguarding our students and ensuring that they are informed members of the community.



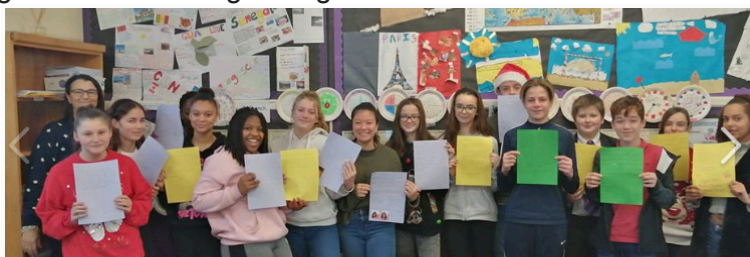
Year 11 Memory Session - Karim, from Enlighten Education, came in to work with our Year 11 students. He introduced a host of memory techniques and approaches which the students could then adopt in their studies as they look to condense the knowledge required for their summer exams.



Children in Need - a range of events helped to raise almost £1000 for charity, these included bake sale, guess the balloons in the car and the annual wet the teacher competition!



French Pen Pals - This year, we have been lucky to secure a pen pal project with a French school in the South of France. Both our Year 10 classes have now received letters from their French pen pals and this week, they have been really excited to write their replies in French, including their Christmas greetings.



Remembrance Day - Sanders paid their respect and we were serenaded with the 'Last Post' by Harry from Year 8. Our students raised £115.30 for The Poppy Appeal.



Open Evening We welcomed many families and students, who attended our school for the open evening. Our Student President Kyla (Y11) was joined by Olivia (Y7) and George (Y7) on stage as they spoke passionately about their time at Sanders.



Construction. The students have moved on to brick laying this term and have been constructing some pleasing brickwork.



Staffing

Staffing - We sadly say goodbye to some members of staff who are moving on to new challenges elsewhere. I have on behalf of you and your children, thanked them for all their endeavours throughout their time at Sanders and continue to wish them well for the future.

We say thank you and goodbye to Ms Foley (Assistant Head), Ms Summers (English), Ms Velani (Maths), Ms Scott (Maths) and Mr Tavarez (Science). We also say farewell to staff members who have been with us since September: Ms Akpodae (Business), Ms Mikhailova (Art), Ms Datt (English) and Mr Mohammed (Maths).

I am delighted to say that we have worked extremely hard to recruit members of staff who will add a great deal to Sanders; they bring with them a real wealth of expertise, knowledge, experience and a passion in raising standards at Sanders. Importantly, all are driven to improving the outcomes for all of our students.

The staff joining Sanders from January:

English

Mrs Sears, already an English teacher at Sanders, is stepping up to become our Head of English Language and Ms Ansah joins her as Head of English Literature. Together they will be leading and driving the English faculty forwards. They are joined by Ms Jopson and Ms Harris, both extremely passionate and knowledgeable teachers who will help to make our English department a formidable one.

Maths

Ms Bawhom and Ms Mustali; both brilliant mathematicians, with a proven track record of ensuring strong academic success with students. They will be working under the leadership of our current Head of Maths Mrs Appleby.

Humanities

Mrs Hogan comes in as Head of Humanities and is joined by Mr Watson, who is a history specialist and GCSE Examiner and so brings knowledge and expertise to the faculty.

Ms Rahim is a passionate teacher of Art who is excited to see the creativity of our students.

Ms Bhardwaj will be our new business/ICT teacher and is excited to be working with our students.

Ms Haastrup will be working in our Science faculty from January.

I would also like to end, by taking this opportunity to introduce Mr Evans who joined us in December and will be taking on the role of Head of Year 9, working with the pastoral and conduct team.

Year 11 We would like to thank our Year 11 students who have embraced the change this year. We have introduced many initiatives, in order to raise standards with our Year 11 students and they have responded really positively.

Motivational programmes, mock exams, interventions and new classes should all provide additional support for our young people and help them achieve all they are capable of. This will continue in the new year with new form groups, interventions and more mock exams to measure the impact of their hard work.

	Before School	Lunch time	After school (Until 4pm)
Monday	Targeted PE	Revision All Room 20	Maths Priority
Tuesday	Targeted Science		English Priorities
Wednesday	Targeted French		Science Priorities
Thursday	Targeted Maths		Humanities Priorities
Friday			Bucket 3 Priorities

We know there is a long way to go - so Year 11, enjoy your break and come back fighting fit and ready to tackle the next chapter. Not long now - January will mark 73 days until the first GCSE exam.

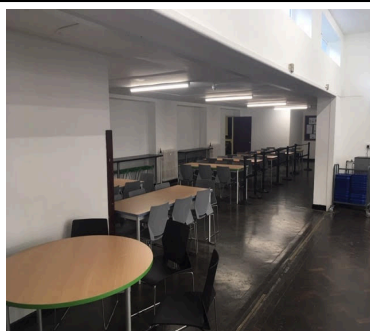
Site Access - Can I remind parents/carers that the school site is not accessible between the hours of 8:20am-8:50am and 2:50pm-3:20pm as the gate by Suttons Lane will be shut.

We welcome and encourage parents/carers to Sanders and thank you for your support. Sadly, currently some parents/carers are currently dropping children off in the space outside of Suttons School and also using this space to turn around. This is not acceptable, is unsafe and it risks the need of a future ban for all vehicles in having access to the driveway. Parents/carers please ensure that children are dropped off/collected from either Sanders or on Suttons Lane.

School Bus - Please remind your child of the importance of always use their Oyster card to tap in when using the buses before/after school. Transport For London monitor the amount

<p>Governors</p>	<p>of students using this service. We are keen for them to increase the number of buses being provided. Thank you for your support with this.</p> <p>If your child has lost their Oyster card, it is crucial that you ensure that this is replaced over the Christmas break. Bus drivers can refuse to allow students to travel without a card.</p> <p><u>Governance-</u> I am pleased to announce the appointments of 5 new governors to our Local Governing Body who work closely with myself and Sanders for the benefit of the students:</p> <p>Mr Barley (Parent Governor) Ms Essid (Parent Governor) Mr Halls (Parent Governor) Miss Morris (Parent Governor) Mrs Shayle (Parent Governor)</p> <p><u>Mr Barley</u> is a Certified Information Systems Security Professional with over 26 years in the IT industry, with 17 of those within the financial sector managing Information Security, Cyber Security, IT Risk, Audit and Compliance. Outside of work, he qualified as a scuba diving instructor to share his passion of diving (where he met his wife) and also spent several years volunteering in the Metropolitan Police as a Special Constable to help make a difference to the community, as well as learn new skills. Nowadays he spends most of his free time with his children and their hobbies! Being a resident of Hornchurch and a parent of two children, he has joined the LGB to support Sanders in improving the reputation and potential of the school and ultimately the future prospects of all the children.</p> <p><u>Ms Essid</u> brings 15 years of IT infrastructure experience in various industries including banking, cinema, newspaper and e-commerce. Holder of a MBA from the University of Aix-en-Provence, France, she began working in IT, thanks to her passion of the subject and self-learning. This gave her a rich and broad experience, which allowed her to take part in the tremendous journey from old technologies to virtualisation and to the current Cloud technologies. Currently working as a Platform Operations Engineer at Trainline, a website serving 80 million visits per month, she is primarily helping developers with monitoring, securing, standardising and building web micro services in AWS. Outside the office she volunteers with Future Frontiers to help Y10 and Y11 to find their professional vocation.</p> <p><u>Mr Halls</u> has been the Business and Wealth Manager for a private family for the last 15 years. Prior to that he worked for several global investment companies with roles ranging from Mutual Fund Dealer to Internet Marketing Manager.</p> <p><u>Miss Morris</u> has worked in the West End or city since leaving school at 16. Her first working experience was for a solicitors working as a court clerk. The biggest part of her working life was for BNP Paribas Real Estate where she trained in their accounts department. Miss Morris has had various roles covering purchase/ sales ledger and credit control. She is now working for a small business which sells and makes bespoke jewellery boxes for the high end jewellery trade. Miss Morris still works in accounts, covering all above areas. She is also assisting the MD in any areas that need help.</p> <p><u>Mrs Shayle</u> has been a Registered Mental Health Nurse for the past 16 years, with 14 years previous experience working in NHS inpatient and community mental health services. She is currently working as a Mental Health Advisor at a higher education institution in central London. Mrs Shayle's skills include mental health assessment, wellbeing and health promotion, delivering stress management, solution focused and compassion focused</p>
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	<p>interventions and clinical risk management. She is passionate about the wellbeing of young people and it's importance in enabling them to reach their full potential.</p> <p>These parent governors join our current members below:</p> <p>Mr Yeomans - Chair of Governors, Mrs Hamilton - Vice Chair of Governors (Parent Governor), Mr Cunningham (Parent Governor), Mr Pike (Parent Governor), Mr Boodhun (Staff Governor) and Ms Robertson (Staff Governor)</p>
PTA	<p>PTA - A newly formed Parent Teacher Association committee came into effect as of October this year. The "<i>Friends of Sanders School</i>" consists of a number of parents who are planning activities throughout the year that will bring the parents and staff of Sanders School closer as a community and raise funds for worthy school projects.</p> <p>The PTA can be seen selling refreshments at all Sanders events and we will be hosting our first quiz night on Saturday 29th February, hosted at Sanders School. Please keep an eye on ParentMail and social media for information on how to order tickets. We are also hoping to expand our numbers so if you are keen to join, there will be a Parentmail sent out in the New Year.</p>
Conduct	<p>Conduct - In January 2020, we will be relaunching our conduct approach at Sanders. Further details in relation to this have been shared via ParentMail on the 19th December. We will continue our drive to raise standards in all aspects across the school.</p>
Food and drink	<p>Food/Drink - Can I remind you that students are not allowed the following items in school: any nuts or nut-based products, sweets, cake products including doughnuts, family sized bags of crisps, fizzy drinks or energy drinks. If a student brings these products into school from January, they will be taken and disposed of.</p> <p>None of the products above contribute to a healthy body nor mind and we are keen to ensure that students are able to remain focused at all times. Diet plays an important part in helping the students to be successful in their studies.</p> <p>We strongly encourage students to come to school with a water bottle - this can be filled up at break/lunch time. They will not however, be allowed out of class to fill up their bottle.</p> <div data-bbox="678 1451 1197 1756" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>I can confirm that the external food hub will be installed at the end of January/February. This will allow students to purchase a range of food outside. This follows on from the new and revamped canteen area.</p>



Key Dates

Key Dates - Whilst every effort is made to ensure accuracy, dates are subject to change.

Friday 20th December 2019 End of term (Students finish at 12noon)

---- Christmas Holiday 23rd December 2019 – 3rd January 2019 ----

SPRING TERM

Monday 6th January 2020

Tuesday 7th January 2020

Thursday 9th January 2020

Friday 10th January 2020

Thursday 16th January 2020

Friday 17th January 2020

Thursday 30th January 2020

Friday 31st January 2020

Monday 3rd February 2020

Monday 10th February 2020

Thursday 13th February 2020

Friday 14th February 2020

Tuesday 18th February 2020

(18-21February)

Staff Training Day

Students Return to School

HPV 1 Vaccinations

HPV 1 Vaccinations

Year 8 Parents Evening

Year 11 Geography Fieldwork Trip

Fashion Taster Day (B&D College)

Year 11 Geography Fieldwork Trip

Year 11 Mock Exam Week

Year 11 Mock Exam Week

Year 9 Parents Evening

End of Half Term (3.10pm end)

Residential to Disneyland Paris

---- Spring Half Term 17th February 2019– 21st February 2019----

Monday 24th February 2020

Tuesday 25th February 2020

Thursday 27th February 2020

Saturday 29th February

Wednesday 4th March 2020

Thursday 5th March 2020

Monday 23rd March 2020

Thursday 26th March 2020

Monday 30th March 2020

Thursday 2nd April 2020

Friday 3rd April 2020

Students Return to School

Year 10 Macbeth Trip (Queens Theatre)

Year 11 Macbeth Trip (Queens Theatre)

Sanders PTA Quiz Night

DTP Vaccinations

DTP Vaccinations

Year 11 Practical Exams Week

Year 11 Intervention Parents Evening

Year 11 Practical Exams Week

Autism Awareness Day

End of Term

---- Easter Holiday 6th April 2019 – 17th April 2019 ----

SUMMER TERM

Monday 20th April 2020

Thursday 23rd April 2020

Monday 27th April 2020

Tuesday 5th May 2020

BANK HOLIDAY FRIDAY 8th MAY 2019 (VE DAY 75th ANNIVERSARY)

Monday 11th May 2020

Friday 22nd May 2020

Students Return to School

Year 10 Mock Exams Week

Year 7 Parents Evening

Year 10 Mock Exams Week

Year 11 External Exams Week

Year 11 External Exams Week

End of Half Term

---- Summer Half Term 25th May 2019 – 29th May 2019 ----

Monday 1st June 2020

Thursday 4th June 2020

Monday 8th June 2020

Students return to school

Year 11 External Exams Week

Year 10 Parents Evening

Year 11 External Exams Week

Monday 15 th June 2020	Year 11 External Exams Week
Monday 22 nd June 2020	Year 7-9 Exams
Tuesday 23 rd June 2020	Year 11 External Exams Week
Wednesday 1 st July 2020	Year 7-9 Exams
Thursday 2 nd July 2020	Year 6 Induction Day
Friday 3 rd July 2020	Mini Olympics
Thursday 9 th July 2020	Sports Day
Thursday 9 th July	Year 11 Prom
Friday 10 th 2020	Sports Awards
Thursday 16 th July 2020	HPV Vaccinations 2
Friday 17 th July 2020	HPV Vaccinations 2
	Summer Music / School Production
	End of Term
Monday 20 July Summer Holiday starts	