

E-NEWS END OF AUTUMN TERM 2022



NEW DINING HALL OPENS!

We are delighted to announce that our new dining hall facility is open! We hope our pupils enjoy this newly renovated space during break time and study periods. Thank you to our bursary and estates teams for the amazing work they have put into this project. We can't wait for our pupils to eat Holroyd Howe's delicious food in here.

SALVATION ARMY HAMPER COLLECTION

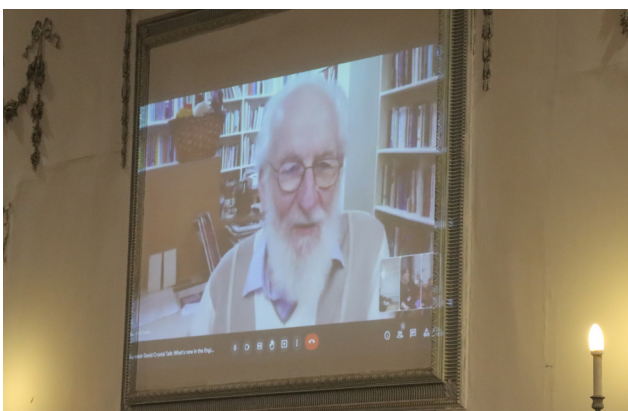
Once again, we welcomed the Addlestone based Salvation Army to Claremont Fan Court School on Friday 9 December. Our Senior School tutor groups have been busy collecting donations over the past weeks and they have done an amazing job.

Thank you to everyone who purchased any items for these hampers. We are sure it will make a big difference.



PROFESSOR LORD ROBERT WINSTON AND PROFESSOR DAVID CRYSTAL INSPIRE PUPILS WITH LECTURES

We were honoured to have Professor Lord Robert Winston speak to our students in November. A Professor of Science and Society and an Emeritus Professor of Fertility Studies at Imperial College, London and a member of the House of Lords, but as his talk revealed, he is so much more than that! He delivered inspirational talks on his career, education, science, ethics and politics and answered thoughtful questions from our students.



As part of the Joyce Grenfell inspire lecture series, we were delighted to have famed linguist, writer, editor, lecturer and broadcaster Professor David Crystal speak to our students and those from visiting schools and colleges about 'What's new in the English language.' This talk covered recent language changes; fresh insights into the growing cultural identities of 'new Englishes' around the world; developments in digital language with the emergence of new online varieties in social media, and discussed the future of English/Englishes. He provided some excellent advice for students sitting their English A level exams.

SIXTH FORM PANTOMIME

This year marks the third sixth form charity panto. We had Peter Pan, we had had Aladdin but this year, Snow White took us on a not-so-far trip to the prospering kingdom of Esher – a place of mystery and wonder, of magic and marvel!

The sixth form panto brings together the sixth form community; it is written, directed, acted and altogether run (with the assistance of teachers) by sixth form students and helps to teach students the benefits of teamwork and leadership. The sixth form contribute significantly towards the charity work within the school – especially during Claremont's 100 year anniversary – (look out for our talent show in April!). All money raised from this event will contribute to the fundraising targets for the charities that we are supporting this year through the Claremont 100 initiative. These are Momentum, Rentstart, Grace Dear Trust, East Elmbridge Food Bank and Shooting Star Children's Hospice.



SENIOR SCHOOL MUSIC SCHOLARS CONCERT

Our annual scholars concert took place on Wednesday 23 November in the historic Great Room in the mansion. Many congratulations to our talented music scholars. Each of them conveyed great technical skill, musicality and emotion in the pieces. The skill and dedication to their craft and their instrument, which comprised of harp, violin, voice, trumpet and piano on this occasion was enjoyed by parents, staff and members of our alumni. They performed works by composers ranging from Clara Schumann to Antônio Carlos Jobim, and a song from the musical Wicked were very much enjoyed.

A special congratulations to Rishi B for gaining a place in the Thames Youth Orchestra, Adeline I for gaining a place in the Stoneleigh Youth Orchestra and Maria E for completing her Grade 8 (Final) piano exam.



SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

GYMNASTICS UPDATE

Many congratulations to our gymnastics teams who competed at the Independent Schools Gymnastics Association national two piece in November. Our U13 team placed 2nd overall as a team, with Sophie W and Thea C placing joint 3rd individually. Meanwhile, our U15 gymnasts placed 3rd overall as a team. Well done to all involved!



FOOTBALL UPDATE

It has been a very successful term for football at school with 10 teams playing in a National ESFA, National ISFA and Surrey County Cup competitions. The U16 boys continue in the ESFA competition in round 4 after some excellent wins against Cobham Free School and St Edmund's School. Both the U13 and U14 Girls teams are waiting to play quarter final matches in the Surrey County Cup and it is so pleasing to see girls football at Claremont go from strength to strength. Some stand out performances that should be mentioned from the following pupils this term: Laurence R, Chloe A, Harry W, Summer L, Theo R, Minnie F, Hector F, Joshua W, Xandi L and Brodie T. We officially start football next term with 14 teams playing each week across the school and for the first time we will be fielding a 4th XI in the Senior School.



Congratulations to Matilda C for being very successful at the 44th National Scout Rifle Championships 2022 at Bisley last weekend. This was her first major competitive event and she has been training through the summer for it. She received a bronze in the Team Pistol and won silver in the Webley Scott Trophy (Team Rifle U14). There were over 500 competitors over the weekend spread across many categories. We're delighted with her results, particularly for an 11 year-old in U14 categories!

Our senior girls' tennis team had three national league matches that took place this term against St Catherine's and Sutton High School. All of the games were so exciting to watch as both teams played so well and our students kept fighting for every point. The students had amazing long rallies and beautiful quick volleys. Their hard work paid off and our girls managed to win all of the games! Well done girls – Isabella C, Isobel J, Tabi D and Ava P



Well done to all the teams who took part in the U15 Surrey schools' lacrosse championships hosted at Claremont Fan Court School in November. Congratulations to St Catherine's who came first in the cup competition, with Claremont taking second place after losing 4-3 in the final. Commendations also go to Caterham for coming first in the Plate and Putney B's coming 2nd. A thoroughly enjoyable day for all.

Further information and details regarding all sports achievements this term are available via the school website:

www.claremontfancourt.co.uk/whats-on/news-and-views/

CAROL SERVICE

Our annual carol service took place yesterday at Christ Church in Esher. Pupils gathered to sing carols, listen to readings and enjoy musical performances by our talented soloists and orchestra. The pupils enjoyed some delicious chocolate brownies when they returned to school which was the perfect end to a very festive morning.



REMEMBERANCE SERVICE

On Friday 11 November, Claremont Fan Court School marked Remembrance Day and 40 years since the Falklands War with a special Senior School service. Claremont was privileged to host Mayor Councillor Simon Waugh at the event, along with attendees including school governors, the headmaster and the entire Senior School.

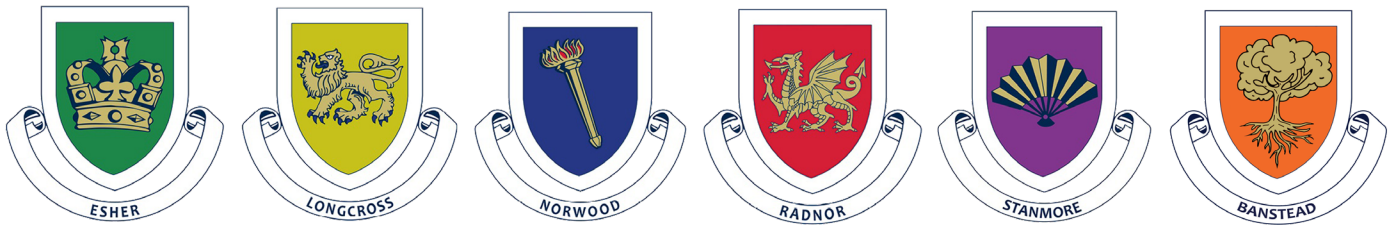
Headmaster, William Brierly said “We will always remember those who gave their lives to defend the freedoms we have today” and in relation to the Falklands War “We remember the late Queen herself had a son fighting in the war, it reminds us that every soldier, sailor, fighter-pilot had people elsewhere that loved them and feared for their safety – with some, ultimately, mourning their loss.”



CENTENARY CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thank you to everyone who attended our centenary Christmas fair! From cheerful carols, to cosy grottos, from mouth watering waffles to giant snow globes, we hope you enjoyed every second of our festive fair. Here are a few whole school highlights of this winter wonderland event...





HOUSE UPDATE

It has been a half term absolutely jam-packed of house competitions here at Claremont. We've decorated form room doors with Christmas decorations, carved crazy pumpkins, built the best paper bridge, photographed exploding fireworks and bounced with joy in the house table tennis competition.

All of these wacky competitions are part of the fierce battle to gain house points. Who will take away the house cup at the end of this year? With many more crazy competitions still to come...it's anyone's game!

Have a lovely break,

The deputy heads of houses





HOUSE AFTERNOON

All our efforts culminated with house afternoon on Wednesday 14 December, which saw Esher, Longcross, Norwood, Radnor, Stanmore and Banstead competing in a Christmas quiz, a scavenger hunt and an Apprentice challenge to earn as many points for their house as possible. The winners of the house afternoon were Norwood but we have two terms filled with competitions, so there is still all to play for!



Trips

This half term was filled with exciting trips for pupils across all years! We wanted to encourage learning outside of the classroom by taking our pupils to a blend of educational, inspiring and fun places. Here are the adventures that the Senior School went on this half term...



BERLIN



ICE SKATING



AMSTERDAM



PARIS



AN INSPECTOR CALLS



ESCAPE ROOM VISIT



IMMERSIVE GREAT GATSBY EXPERIENCE

Clubs

Jigsaw club nailed this Where's Wally puzzle! Ben and Tom started it at the beginning of term and 250 pieces (and a lot of patience) later they completed it a few weeks ago. They even managed to find where Wally was! We are very proud of them, onto the next one boys!



PTA UPDATE

On the first meeting for the PTA we decided to organize a whole school Christmas fair and largely our focus has been on this as a significant community and fundraising event. On Friday 9 November, the school sports hall was transformed into a wonderful winter wonderland for children, staff and parents from all three schools within the Claremont Fan Court family to come together and celebrate Christmas. The children enjoyed lots of activities run by the PTA such as the chocolate tombola, lucky dip, and tin can alley as well as festive glitter tattoos and face painting. The snow globe bouncy castle was a huge hit and lots of the younger children spent time at the grotto being looked after by the Senior School elves and chatting to our wonderful Santa Claus. Parents and staff enjoyed the amazing local businesses who brought an abundant array of goodies to help with any last-minute Christmas gift ideas. Throughout the afternoon we were entertained by the talented and cheerful Senior School orchestra and brilliant singers and a very special performance by the Prep School.

None of this would have been possible without the amazing vision and energy of Santa's chief elf Kelly Bradley. She has worked tirelessly since September to get this event off the ground. She has been supported by Lucy Smith from school and Phillipa Coakes as well as the wider PTA. Thank you as well to the facilities team for all the support and PE staff for giving up their space too.

Please look out for more exciting events in the new year.

TICKETS FOR ALL PTA EVENTS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH: www.claremontconnect.co.uk/events