



## KEY DATES

### MARCH

14th - 17th

#### Form VI

Bikeability

18th

#### Sport Relief

(children to wear sports clothes)

#### House Netball & Football

(pre-notified teams)

21st

#### Forms III - VI

#### House Cross-Country

(pre-notified runners)

22nd

#### Forms II, III & IV

Queen's Theatre visiting school for the morning

#### Form II

Trip to St Michael's Church in the afternoon

23rd

#### House General Knowledge

(pre-notified teams)

24th

12 Noon

#### End of Term

NO AFTERSCHOOL CARE

25th—15th April

#### Easter Holidays

### APRIL

18th

Inset Day

19th

School resumes

22nd

#### St George's Day

Children to wear red, white and blue

#### Forms V & VI

Swimming

Dear Parents,

Time is racing away with us it seems, we are nearly halfway through March and the end of term is looming. Staff are busy writing reports and setting targets for the summer with the children's input.

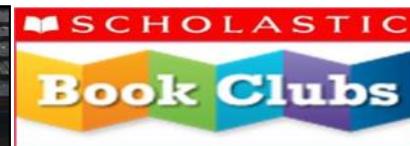
I am very pleased to be able to tell you that all of our Form VI's have a place at the school of their choice, but as with the recent press reports many of this class have opted to stay within the Independent system with Brentwood and Bancroft the schools of choice. Five children were offered Grammar school places and three of them will take them up. All the children are very excited about the new challenges ahead of them.

As you will see, York won the House Chess competition, so many congratulations to the team and to them as a House. We will also be having the Cross-Country competition on 21st March at Raphael's Park. We will start at 2:15pm so please join us if you wish; the second rounds of the House Netball and Football competitions are this Friday 18th at 2pm, which you are also welcome to join us for. House General Knowledge is at 2pm on Wednesday 23rd - unfortunately with all the children in the hall we don't have room for parent spectators, but I'm sure you will join me in wishing the teams the best of luck. We will also be taking part in Sport Relief on Friday 18th and will need cake donations please. Form VI will be running some games and raffles. Children may wear sports kits, including football kits for this occasion.

Mrs S-J Gooding  
Headmistress

### Musical Achievement

A big well done to Eleni Caira in Form III who took part in the Stratford and East London Music Festival. Under the tutorage of one of our peripatetic teachers, Ms Akerman, Eleni won the Walter Watson Memorial Cup in the Novice Piano Solo Class. A fantastic achievement.



A reminder that the Book Club order will close tonight (Friday 11th) and any orders need to be placed online at:

<http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/gidea-park>

They should arrive at school next week for me to distribute in time for Easter. Happy reading!

### Mother's Day Stall - PFA

A huge thank you once again to Mandy Rice and her team of PFA helpers (Mrs Wallace-Routledge and Mrs Agarwal) for their help in organising this years Mother's Day Stall. The children enjoyed choosing from the lovely gifts on offer and we hope all our mums liked them and had a lovely restful Mother's Day.



## Singing Lessons - Infants

During their Singing Lesson on a Tuesday afternoon, Mrs Jenkin has given a few children who have piano lessons a go at playing in front of their peers. This has given the children the invaluable experience of what it's like to be on stage and perform in front of others. The other children have also enjoyed acting as a captive audience to those performing.



## Museum of London Trip - Form VI

In February, Form VI went to the Museum of London. They had a tour of some of the historical London buildings including St Paul's Cathedral and part of the old Roman Wall. The lady told the children how London has changed since the war. In the museum, the children were showed artifacts from World War II including items used during air raids. They went around the museum and saw an example of a historical prison and some of the clothes people wore when they used to work in the courts.

They had an opportunity to go outside and read some of the speeches that Winston Churchill gave during the war.



## House Chess Competition

Our first House competition this year was the hotly contested Chess matches. They took place over a few days at lunchtime under the watchful eye of Sir and our Chess Prefect, James Webb-Wood. The whole contest was incredibly close and York won by a whisker and took the trophy by only one point. The York team consisted of George Tan, Ibrahim Sharif, Arnav Gupta, Laolu Agunbiade, Sara Masood, Aryan Chandel, Chinedum Okey-Nzewuihe, James Kuzsel



(reserve) and Aathana Niranjan. Special mention to George and Aryan who won both of their games against the Canterbury and Winchester players. Well done to all who played and represented their House.

## Form I News

Form One have had a busy few weeks. They have been making Mother's Day cards, doing PE with Mr Sturton and celebrating World Book Day. For World Book Day, the children took a trip to the school Library and completed a quiz to find their way around. They also acted out scenes from Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs and did some freeze-frames.

