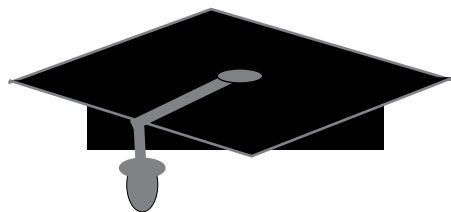


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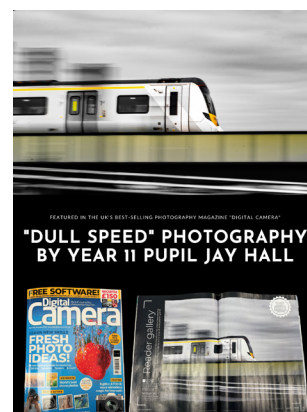
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## Photography at St Edmund's

We are extremely proud of our Year 11 pupil Jay Hall who has the skills of a Pro in photography. Jay was out with his camera one day and hearing a train approaching, he cranked his shutter speed to 1/5 sec and panned as the train blew past.

Jay submitted his perfectly timed photo to the UK's best-selling photography magazine Digital Camera who run a monthly 'Top Ten' Readers Gallery of creative photography which resulted, deservedly so, in the Number 1 position! Jay's shot is featured in the February 2022 edition of their magazine.

Jay, you have such a great skill and are a very talented photographer. We are thrilled with the results of your work, a massive WELL DONE!



## Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School plant legacy fruit orchard



Some of the Year 6 children from Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School took part in a tree planting project that saw them plant an orchard of 27 fruit trees in Durham Hill park, near Downham. This is part of a Treescapes project to plant 195 trees in five parks within Lewisham this year, and part of the Council's Climate Emergency Action Plan to achieve net zero by 2030.

The children also had a lesson from a local expert about orchards and all the climate benefits that come with them.

Cllr Patrick Codd, Cabinet Minister for the Environment, was present and commented, "It was wonderful to be at Durham Hill for the new orchard planting. As a Year 6 class, those pupils will soon be moving onto secondary school but they have planted a legacy which we hope they will return to, perhaps even with their own children in the future."

**Does your school have news to share? To feature in the Summer term edition of *The Crier*, email your articles and photos to [eceditor@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:eceditor@rcaos.org.uk) before 12pm on Friday 20th May 2022. Articles must be no longer than 300 words.**

# St Julie's Day

On the first Friday of each February the timetable is suspended in honour of the foundress of the Sisters of Notre Dame, St Julie Billiart. The celebrations will begin with a service of commitment in the Cathedral. We will remember our heritage as daughters of St Julie and our internationality. When we return to school the rest of the day will be spent raising money for our sister schools in Nigeria, Peru and Kenya.

These are the activities that will be on offer:

## Year 7

Year 7 will have a variety of stalls, a selection of DVDs to watch, the bouncy castle and gladiator duel to get energetic on, including milkshakes and popcorn available too and last but not least the Notre Dame Talent show!

## Year 8

Year 8 will be running beauty stalls, hosting games to play and selling yummy individual cakes. We will also have cross year group activities with Year 9 including 'ND Has Talent' where Years 8 and 9 will strut their stuff in the library and be judged by a panel of discerning pupils! We will also have a treasure hunt around the school and even a haunted room! The afternoon activities will comprise of films including the titles 'No Time to Die' and 'Grease' (the musical), plus others. There will be a relaxed board games room too. For the first time, the Key Stage 3 year groups will have an opportunity to work alongside Prefects and the Senior Student Leadership Team.



## Year 9

For St Julie's day 2022 Year 9 are busy planning for the many activities we have going on throughout the day. They were in Year 7 their last SJD so they are all very excited. The morning activities will include stalls where they have been very creative in their selling tactics as well as what they will sell. For example, one of our artists will be selling portraits (framed or unframed). They are also organising and running the St Julies Day Bash which will take place between 10.55 - 12pm. The students have active roles in planning of the day and taking part. Examples include: DJs, Bouncers, Guest list Staff, Promoters and many more. Year 9 will also be attending the PE bouncy castle and gladiator duel in the PE gym in the morning. In the afternoon we have a team organising and running the 'NDs Got Talent' show in the school library for Years 8 and 9. Auditions are taking place on Friday 28th January 2022 and will be run by students. There are also currently six hosts as well as promoters for the event. The other afternoon options are DVDs or quiet space in the cafe area.

## Year 10

Cupcakes and drinks, Biscuits, Glowsticks, Food, Spanish food, Fake tattoos and sport loving pupils will be helping in PE.

## Year 11

Year 11 offerings are vast and varied this year! They will include: waffles, cultural food and pastries to fulfil the hunger pangs; kpop and anime merchandise for the trend setters; slime and balloons to help relieve stress; and beauty shops for a time to chill.

## St Philomena's Sixth Form - Young Enterprise Experience at the London Stock Exchange Group (LSEG)

Year 13 Students Ayesha Gray, Elicia Thomas and Sharlene Afonso from St Philomena's Catholic High School for Girls were given the opportunity to complete work experience at the London Stock Exchange Group in October half term.

On the first day of work experience they were introduced to 33 people from 14 different schools across London and the South East. They were given the opportunity to interact with other students through the first activity. Students were split into groups and given an 'unfit for purpose' product to market and pitch to a panel of judges. This included a newspaper umbrella, cup with holes, skipping rope with no ropes and a car with no wheels. This activity gave them the opportunity to gain soft skills such as teamwork and problem solving as well as communicating with new people.

Throughout the week, they learnt about the history of the London Stock Exchange Group and the competitiveness of the stock market. The students shadowed many different employees in the Stock Exchange, from graduates to senior managers and discussed the different projects that LSEG are working on as a global business to recruit more female employees into management roles, specifically combatting cultural challenges in other countries. On the second and third day students participated in the codility challenge where they learnt the basics of coding in python.



The week culminated in a group task in which they delivered a presentation summarising their experience at LSEG. Working with a range of different students, in groups, they presented their experiences to a panel and received feedback on their presentation and public speaking skills.

This experience had surpassed expectations of the London Stock Exchange for them and was an insightful experience where they were able to network with experts in a multitude of industries and put the Gatsby Benchmarks into practice.

## CTK Learners Organise Social Action for Charity



Social Action including fundraising is important to all CTK learners. Students have been exploring new ways to raise money for charity. Recently students supported 'Power the Fight'; a youth-centred charity which aims to support local communities in the fight against youth violence. This was a charity chosen by the students themselves.

Students Jane Adegbesan and Tabitha Onafowokan feel passionately about the charity's mission and put a great deal of hard work into organising an event

which involved making a wide array of milkshakes. The highly successful event took place in the Chaplaincy and proved very popular with both students and staff.

The milkshakes included flavours such as Oreo, Hershey's and Kinder Bueno, which were delicious. The day was a great success and both Jane and Tabitha were extremely happy with the outcome.

"We've been planning this event for quite some time." States Jane, "We're extremely happy the event has been successful, and we can't wait to provide the charity with these funds. 'Power the Fight' means a lot to us, as we have friends who have personally benefited from their work, and we hope it goes a long way!"

The sale managed to raise a fantastic £132 which will now be donated to the 'Power the Fight' Charity to help them in their mission to end youth violence. A massive well done to the student fundraisers as well as the staff and students that contributed!

If you would like to learn more about the other charitable acts we have happening in the near future, please feel free to visit us at our upcoming open events on the 9th March, 4pm – 7pm. We'd love to see you there!