

21st October 2016

Upper School 'End of Half Term' Newsletter

Thank you to each of our families for supporting the transition process over this half term. The teaching and learning within each class is highly personalised, and this is through your roles in shaping the priorities which inform planning. A number of informal observations take place throughout every week, to inform teaching approaches and collaborative activities. Over the last three weeks, formal observations and learning walks have also taken place with each class across the school. We are so pleased to share that the Leadership, Governors, and External Professionals have observed consistently exceptional approaches to teaching and learning across every class in the school, with learners enjoying their engagement and perseverance with the learning.

We hope you have a safe and enjoyable half term together, and look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday, 31st October 2016.

Sincerely,
Vijita on behalf of the School Community

Dear Parents, Carers, and Families,

It is pleasing to note how well our learners have settled into their new classes. The learning priorities promote holistic development, and the planning has led to meaningful learning. There have been many opportunities for classes to access the local community in a meaningful way. For some classes this has included swimming at the leisure centre, shopping at the market, as well as work experience for some of the 16-19 students. The lunch clubs offered for learners in upper school have been well attended, and it is pleasing to note that this has included learners from Mary Seacole, Bill Gates and Gandhi class.

All students experience a residential experience at least once during their time at Swiss Cottage School. There have been two residential trips this half term. A boys group sailed on the tall ship Pegasus. They used a range of skills, and demonstrated determination, team work, kindness and courage. Four of our 16-19 students spent a week in Doncaster working with peers from the Northridge Community School and a school from Sweden. The young people became involved in activities planned at Northridge which included working with an archaeologist, drumming and enterprise. They also showed great independence and confidence in the accommodation and during activities such as bowling. It is hoped that these links made with Northridge will continue after the pupils return to school. I am sure that this is an experience that they will remember for the rest of their lives.

Thanks to all parents and carers for their ongoing support, this is always key for our learners' progress. Have a good half term break.

Sincerely,
Eileen Kernick
Head of Upper School

Red Nose Day



Our half term has ended with learners experiencing Red Nose Day activities, leading to the creation of a music video for the new Red Nose Day song, 'Put A Nose On It'.

Today, students have enjoyed working with a film crew who have shown great sensitivity and patience to ensure our children and



young people gained from their involvement.

We will share the final video once it is released!

After School Club Update

Thank you for your patience as we negotiated with various organisations. We are pleased to share the draft timetable for After School Clubs:

Monday - Independent Instructor running yoga

Monday - Greenhouse Charity running sports activities

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Wednesday - MCCC Cricket Club at Swiss Cottage Sports Centre for 14-16 yr olds

Thursday - The@Trical running drama activities for 6-11 yr olds

There are two other organisations running dance and sports, and we are awaiting confirmation of the day of the week. Each of these organisations is providing a sign up letter after half term, which will state the age range, cost, transport expectations, and booking process. We have requested each club to begin as soon as possible, and will be working with them over half term to finalise details. If you have any questions, please contact Maisie Sammon, Vice Principal.

The Glam Party

The school charity is hosting 'The Glam Party'. Friends of Swiss Cottage School Charity donate a range of gently used designer and high street clothing and accessories. We will be selling these items at The Glam Party on Wednesday, 16th November from 5:30-8:00pm. Our Sixth Form students are organising the event, please join us if you are interested and feel free to bring friends too! All proceeds go to the school charity!



Have a wonderful half term with your families!

