

THE HAMLET HERALD



'Outstanding learning, within a glittering curriculum, where everyone matters'

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NOTE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Challenge Partners is a practitioner-led charity focused on supporting effective collaboration in the education sector. We have been part of their Quality Assurance Reviews for the past four years with staff visiting other schools to form visiting reviewer teams and this week we hosted our fourth external team to Dulwich Hamlet.

The experience is a real privilege: two teams of professionals combine to run a review of school practice which is both supportive and challenging, inspiring reflection and growth.

We were very pleased with our review team who were all highly-skilled and knowledgeable leaders in education and they were, likewise, impressed by our community. They commented on a wide range of positives and the full review will be shared in due course. Some of the highlights were the polite and welcoming nature of the children, the calm and ordered behaviour in classes, the ambition and challenge of our curriculum and leaders and the quality of our staff team across the board.

It is Challenge Partner's mission to leave us in a better place than when they arrived and so we are left with several 'Even Better Ifs' which will form part of our School Development Priorities as we look forward. Some of the EBIs were items which we had already identified but the really valuable ones are those which our visiting reviewers spotted with fresh perspectives allowing analysis from an external viewpoint.

For their part, all the reviewers spoke of the practices and ideas they will bring back to their own schools. Though, naturally, we refused them permission to take any of our wonderful staff with them.

KEY DATES

Monday 24th February

Return to school 8:45am

Tuesday 25th February

Y4 Football Tournament at Alleyn's

Wednesday 26th February

Music Mentors' Assembly to Lower School

Y4 RE Pupil Book Study

Thursday 27th February

Y3 Visit to St Barnabas Church

Y4 Swimming sessions begin

Friday 28th February

Y3 Dance Begins

Y6 Football Tournament at Alleyn's

SCHOOL DINNER FEEDBACK SHEET

We are collating views on School Meals to feedback to our partners, Olive Dining. Please [use this form](#) in collaboration with your child to share their views if they wish to comment in any regard: we welcome both positives and areas for improvement.

WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

| Ruby Fire | Sapphire Air | Topaz Water | Garnet Earth |
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| 191 | 270 | 310 | 330 |

WORLD BOOK DAY: CALLING PARENTS

As we prepare to celebrate World Book Day on **Thursday 6th March**, we are looking for book-loving parents and carers to come in and share some stories - whether you want to share a story you love, or if you work as an author or illustrator, we'd love for you to share your enthusiasm and inspire our young readers and creatives

Whether it's a book reading, short talk, a Q&A session with a class, or a demonstration of your work, your insight would be incredibly valuable. If you're not sure what you'd like to do but would like to be involved, get in touch with our English Lead, Ms Gorbutt Rice, or your child's class teacher.

If you're interested in getting involved in any capacity, please email by Friday 28th February.

Thank you for your support in making World Book Day a truly inspiring event for our children!

Hannah Gorbutt Rice (English Lead)

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Y5 MATHS CHALLENGE

Four talented year 5 mathematicians enjoyed a day out at Christ's Hospital this week as they took part in a challenging but fun maths competition. A huge thanks to Miss Ambrose for taking the children out and well done to our terrific Hamleteers: Dete, Jordan, Hritika and Tomas.



Dete said, "The building was amazing and the challenge itself was really hard! When they said 'challenge', they underestimated it"



Jordan said, "It was competitive, we all tried our best and the place was very big. You can't win every time."

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TIME TO DISCO

28.02.25

19:30 - late

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February ½ term Workshops

Monday 17th – Friday 21st February 2025

9.00am – 3.00pm Daily

This half term we'll be heading into the woods! Creeping through the undergrowth, collecting mushrooms and berries, watching birds and badgers, and searching for gnomes and fairies! Join us as we make...

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WHERE TO FIND US...

Wimbledon: The Lecture Hall, Lingfield Road, SW19 4QD – 17th – 21st Feb
Balham: Endlesham Hall, 48 Endlesham Road, SW12 8JL – 17th – 21st Feb
Wandsworth: Romany Scout Hut, 22a Lyford Road, SW18 3LG – 17th – 21st Feb
Clapham: St Paul's Church Hall, Rectory Grove, SW4 0DX – 17th – 21st Feb
Blackheath: St Michael's Church Hall, 1 Pond Rd, SE3 9JL – 17th – 21st Feb
Dulwich: Dulwich Hamlet school, Dulwich Village, SE21 7AL – 17th – 21st Feb



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Dulwich Youth Orchestra

Easter course at
Alleyn's School
SE22 8SU



Sat 5th - Wed 9th April 2025

9am-1pm with concert at 7pm on final day

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- String Ensemble
- Wind Band
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- Symphony Orchestra

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A collage of images related to Chinese calligraphy and art. It includes framed calligraphy pieces, a table with calligraphy brushes and ink, a woman holding a calligraphy scroll, a tiger-shaped lantern, and various calligraphy tools.

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TAP – IN SESSIONS

Free and stand alone information sessions for parents and carers on a range of topics.

Join us with Thinking About Parenting and TAP in to.....

Digital Safety

Thursday 13th March
1pm
Online via MS Team

Parenting and Autism

Wednesday 5th February
1 - 2.30pm

Friday 14th March
11 - 12.30

Both online via MS Teams

Parent Emotional Wellbeing

Friday 31st January
10.30am - 12

Parenting and ADHD

Monday 10th Feb
12 - 1.30

Monday 10th March
10am - 11.30
Both online via MS Teams

Ages and Stages

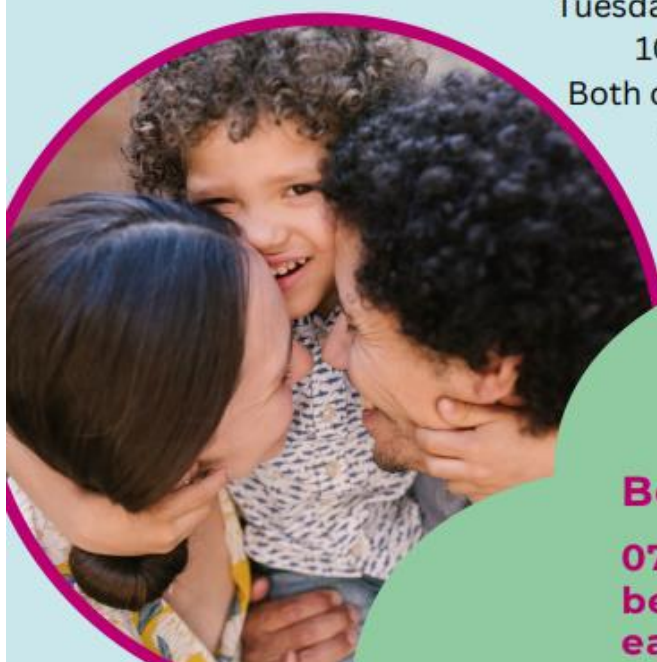
Thursday 23rd January
10am - 11.30

Thursday 20th March
10 - 11.30

Tuesday 18th March
10.30 - 12

Both online via MS teams

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**FOR MORE
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