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Message from the Principal

Welcome to the first William Morris newsletter! This is the place where you'll be hearing the latest stories about events and learning, and it will be a showcase of all the achievements of students and staff on a fortnightly basis.

After the summer lockdown, it has been wonderful to welcome the young people back to Sixth Form this year. It has been healthy for us all to have a routine, to learn and socialise. Everyone has adapted to new ways of learning in the classroom, and the efforts of both students and teachers to have all the resources and work on google classroom has been amazing. The arrival of our chromebooks next term will take it to the next level!

I've had a hugely enjoyable first term at William Morris myself, and it has been a pleasure getting to know everyone within our Sixth Form Community. It has been so exciting visiting classrooms and seeing the students make progress, and I'm immensely proud of the work of the students and staff this term.

I look forward to a new year where, at some point, we can open our doors to parents, families and visitors to further enrich our experience.

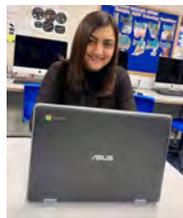
I wish you a safe and restful holiday.
Best wishes

Designers of our
WMSF 2020
Christmas Cards;
Art students **Sara
Khalaf** and **Sam
Capewell** with
Mary.



ChromeBooks are Coming

Exciting times here at WMSF - we have gone google - teachers have been using Google Classroom from the start of this term but to make learning even more accessible for our students. In the new year, we will be giving each student their own ChromeBook. In preparation for that a few teachers have been trying out the new machines. Media/Film Teacher Jerome Cargill had this to say about his trial ChromeBook: "It makes me feel truly equipped for the new flexible way of working. They are light and robust, and make it much easier to facilitate blended learning."



SENCO **Parita Khimasia**
with hers

Binsy Parakkal from English
getting to grips with hers.



Celebrating Black Culture Month

October nationally was Black History Month - however at WMSF we wanted to look forwards rather than backwards in these difficult times and celebrate the achievements of prominent Black Britons - including some ex-WMSF students making waves in wider society. So we decided to reframe Black History Month into **Celebration of Black Culture Month**. We celebrated by having displays in the foyer, of successful Black ex-WMSF students, prominent Black Britons and we had week of Afro-Caribbean food in the canteen. We invited in Black businesses to talk to our Business students including Fit For Life, winners of the 2019 Best Business Start up Award in Kensington and Chelsea.



Former William Morris Student, professional dancer, choreographer, actor
Former William Morris Student, Crime MC, DJ, TV Personality, Chef

Events at WMSF this term in a snapshot!

In September
we welcomed our new Principal, Mary Berrisford.



October



In November we marked Remembrance Day by laying a wreath at the memorial in Margravine Cemetery with Friends.



December



Celebrating Black Culture Month in Pictures



Fit For Life's **Christopher Herbert**, winner of Best Business Start-up Kensington and Chelsea, in 2019, talking to Business students about starting their own businesses.



Displays in the foyer showcasing Black Artists and Designers by the Visual Arts Department. Display showcasing prominent Black Britons by Student Services, and promotion of texts produced by Black artists or featuring Black stories.



Celebrating Afro-Caribbean food in the canteen renamed "Bob's Place"! Dishes on offer included Brown Stew Chicken with plantain and Jollof Rice.

PGCE Students Successfully Complete Placements at WMSF

WMSF hosted 5 student teachers this term from the Institute of Education (IOE). They were placed in English, Science, Humanities, IT and Art. They've all successfully completed their placements with us - and faced the challenge of teaching in 'Covid times' with aplomb! We wish them successful careers in teaching. *"To outline the best part of my SE1 without a doubt the warmth and generosity of the staff, I received such a warm welcome and everybody was eager to help... And pupils were equally as welcoming... they showed openness, curiosity and respect from the beginning."* - Tina Leborg



From Left to Right: **Hiu Ma, Marianne Bond-Webster, Tina Leborg, Hannah King, and Emily Ramsay**

Jack Petchey Award Winners

The Jack Petchey Foundation was set up by Sir Jack Petchey to inspire and motivate young people across London and Essex to do their best and reach their full potential. The Jack Petchey Achievers receive a certificate and £250 each to contribute to school projects. Our Jack Petchey Award winners received their certificates from Mary this week. Winners have been chosen for their hard work and positive impact on the sixth form community.



Winners (left to right): Basma Younis, Omar Mahgoub, Ray Ross, and Nick Lines.
Not pictured **Haitham Abdalla and Sonia Nelson**

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