



Welcome

It has been a fantastically busy term; students have been working hard on finishing their coursework and preparing for their final exams. However, it has not all been work, as you will see in this newsletter, CIC students have been getting involved in a myriad of activities both at home and abroad. I hope you will enjoy reading this and finding out about what our students have been up to and some of their successes. We are very proud of all their achievements and wish them well in their upcoming exams.

- Martin Meenagh (Principal)

Business in Belgium



In February, CIC Business students visited Belgium, the home of international organisations such as the European Union and NATO, and a number of famous big name brands. On the first day, students visited the European Commission, and heard a presentation about how EU governments operate. The second day was filled with exciting factory visits. The first stop was the Stella Artois brewery where students had the chance to learn more about the entire process from manufacturing and brewing to the final worldwide distribution of their product, as well as the history of the brand. Interestingly, there were hardly any workers in the factory as it was all operated by modern technology and machinery producing large quantities of beer. Apart from the production process, our guide also explained how essential beer quality control is in order to maintain a strong brand image. It was a great example of a successful business and all the hard work behind this brand.



It would not be a trip to Belgium if there was not also a visit to a chocolate factory! The Concept Chocolate factory tour provided students with a great insight into another type of business and their production steps, where workers come more into play. More importantly, students also tried various delicious Belgian chocolates as well as trying their hands at making their own samples.

On the third day, the group visited the port of Antwerp, which is one of the most important and globalised ports in the world. The group learned about the distribution of food products by cargo ships as well as in factories. Not only did they have a presentation during which they got to know the history of the port, but they also had a guided tour around the site and saw how organised the transportation section was, as well as how the stock was stored. The city of Antwerp is also famous for having the largest diamond district in the world with a turnover of 41 billion pounds. CIC students had a great tour through the largest diamond showroom in Antwerp, saw diamond polishers and goldsmiths at work, and even got to handle some of the best diamonds.



Before students returned to London, they went to the National Bank of Belgium Museum where they were shown how and where the euro bank notes are made, learned about different currencies and the history behind them.

- Business students (Y12 and 13)

Cupid's little helpers

On Thursday 14th February, the Student Council held a very successful Valentine's Day sale which. Aside from selling delicious sweets, students also handled the sale of roses in combination with the delivery of secret (love) messages. Council members proved to have exceptional persuasive skills and managed to raise an impressive £80, whilst bringing a smile to everyone's face. The funds raised will be used to help finance the upcoming summer prom, which we are all very excited about. Overall, the eventful day brought students closer and generated a friendly, positive atmosphere within the school. The Student Council would like to thank all those who contributed towards raising the funds in any way, shape, or form. We appreciate your input and could not be more grateful.

- Paulina Cieplinska (Student Council)

Geography goes to the Dogs

On Friday 18th January, Geography students from CIC and KPS travelled to the Isle of Dogs in East London. The Y13 students individually devised three hypotheses to investigate for their non-examined assessment (coursework) and decided to collect primary data along a transect within the wards of Canary Wharf, Cubitt Town, Blackwall and Island Gardens. The Y12 students came along to gain experience of fieldwork and aid the Y13 students in their task who in turn demonstrated how to use stratified data collection methods. It was incredible to see how lessons learned in the classroom were being applied in the real world. Seeing the contrast in lifestyles along such a transect gave us some eye-opening glimpses into the world that we live in. Later on, we also visited Mudchute Farm where we saw a number of different animals including a friendly horse and adventured with a rather curious squirrel!

- Kush Pater (Geography student)

Nowruz Mubarak!

Every year millions celebrate Persian New Year (Nowruz) with celebrations involving fire festivities, delicious meals, family gatherings, street performances and deep cleanses. This year at CIC, with help from our Holroyd Howe caterers and students themselves, we had the traditional Haft-seen table followed by a special dinner at the boarding residence later on.

Since seven is considered a lucky number, the Haft-seen table, or table of seven Ss, consists of seven symbolic items beginning with the letter "S":



- *Sabzeh*: A sprout or grass that grows in the weeks leading up to the holiday, symbolising rebirth and renewal.
- *Senjed*: Dried fruit, ideally a sweet fruit from a lotus tree, symbolising love.
- *Sib*: Apples, for beauty and health.
- *Seer*: Garlic, for medicine and taking care of oneself.
- *Samanu*: A sweet pudding, for wealth and fertility.
- *Serkeh*: Vinegar, for the patience and wisdom that comes with aging.
- *Sumac*: A Persian spice made from crushed sour red berries, for the sunrise of a new day

* Some families add even more flair by including a book of poetry, a mirror and candles (reflecting into the future), a goldfish swimming in a bowl (representing life), painted eggs (representing fertility), and all kinds of sweets and fruits.

For your diary...

- Start of Summer Term** – 23rd Apr 2019
- Internal Exams Week** – 20th – 24th May 2019
- Half Term** – 27th – 31st May 2019
- End of Summer Term** – 28th June 2019 (half-day)
- AS & A-Level results day** – 15th Aug 2019
- GCSE results day** – 22nd Aug 2019
- Start of Autumn Term** – 29th Aug 2019

Please note that study leave for Y11 and One-Year GCSE students starts May 13th; for Y13 and One-Year A-level students study leave starts May 17th.



Lending Library

In addition to our departmental libraries, Broadway House reception is now home to a broad selection of books, classic DVDs, and texts, available to all students to borrow and return two weeks later. Titles already there cover topics as diverse as the rise and fall of the dinosaurs, the history of American comic books and the events of the Second World War. There is also a set of mysteries set in old Constantinople, texts on film criticism and philosophy with many more to follow. We look forward to future additions and the discussions and debates these will encourage.