



Welcome from the Principal

It has been another very long but productive term here at CIC. We have achieved a great deal. On the teaching and administrative side, we have integrated excellent new members of staff across faculties and reception, built up the Art and Business departments, expanded the international foundation year, and appointed new teaching and learning, assistant special educational needs, and student council, co-ordinators. All of this builds on our long-term plan to build up Chelsea's welfare and academic provision across the course of a three-year period, and the progress that we are making is very welcome. At the same time, we are saying good-bye this holiday to Tim Maher, and Hannah Leadbeater, who will be missed.

Ian Griffiths, our fantastic new Estates Manager, and his team working with John and Glenn in the IT department have delivered us new floors, waiting rooms, offices, and infrastructure, not the least of which is the superb Graphics and Textiles room. Students have also been on two fascinating trips to the Harwell Diamond Light Source Synchrotron in Oxfordshire, lecture visits, field trips, and gallery viewings. Drs Miller and Kellett have been to our partner college in Shanghai, and we will as a consequence be welcoming exchange students from there soon. What is most pleasing is that these are only headline points – within the classrooms, scores have been rising, students have become more and more focussed and, in general, we are on course for a very good exams season next year. I would like to thank students and staff for their hard work, and to wish everyone the very best of the season. As usual, I counsel a short rest and relaxation before we return to the hard work of the new term!

- Martin Meenagh (Principal)

Houses of Parliament Trip

On 4th October students of History and Government and Politics went on a trip to the Houses of Parliament, also known as the Palace of Westminster, the meeting point of the House of Commons and the House of Lords. It is a magnificent piece of English Architecture; despite being rebuilt and restored it has preserved its eminence. Our first encounter was The Great Hall, the oldest part of the Palace, which is immense, then the tour guide took us to see the Lords chamber and the Commons chamber. The Lords chamber is the most lavishly decorated room in the Palace of Westminster. It has the grandest interior because it is where the three elements of Parliament (the Sovereign, the Lords and the Commons) come together. The seats in the Chamber are red which gives the room a curious atmosphere of a heated debate. The Commons Chamber by contrast looks very different; it is definitely less lavishly decorated but still maintains the canons of a debate chamber. The seats are green. In both rooms there are televisions, cameras and microphones that look rather out of place in the historical surrounding, however they signify the contemporaneity of the Houses of Parliament. We also saw the Members Lobby where statues of Winston Churchill and Margaret Thatcher are located.



(Anastasiia Ruleva, Year 13)

Women in Science

On 24th November a group of students, accompanied by Tom Gray and Shaun Boreham of the science department, visited Diamond Light Source (an area of scientific study using a particle accelerator to generate x-rays) in Oxfordshire. There they were given a tour of the facility, had a talk about the unsung female heroes of science, and discussed how women are underrepresented in science. The afternoon was spent editing Wikipedia for female scientists who did not yet have Wikipedia pages or who had poor Wikipedia pages. The students all learnt a lot; one female student described the trip as "empowering".

- Shaun Boreham (Teacher of Biology)



Maths Olympiad

It was another strong year for CIC in the United Kingdom Maths Trust Senior Maths Challenge. Although congratulations should go out to everyone who took part, our medal winners should get a special mention. We had bronze medals from Keisi Mancellari and Yifan Chang, and silver from Haoyuan Zhang, Sang-In You, Nhung Pham and Xinru Yang. It was two AS students though who came out top with fantastic performances from Haesung Kweon and Seoyeon Cho. They both achieved gold medals and qualified for the follow-up round, The Senior Kangaroo, where we await the results. GCSE students take note: it's the Intermediate Maths Challenge on 1st February next year, good luck to all of you taking part.

- Matt Sharpe (Head of Maths)

Debate Club

Debate club is an interesting and challenging club to participate in, and we sometimes find that despite having a clear, strong opinion about a certain issue at the start, by the end of the debate our views have changed. With the help of our moderator, Luis Martins, we always discuss contemporary issues, for example our last topic about whether the criminal justice system should focus more on rehabilitation or on retribution produced a great debate, with very strong points from both sides. It made all of us, regardless of our political views, understand the benefits and disadvantages of both sides. We had a brief but interesting introduction about the world of prison from our teacher Eamonn Moran who has experience of working there. He showed us how some prisons teach people without literacy skills to read and write, explained and how this benefits their lives afterwards. Moreover, compelling subtopics and statistics, such as the recidivism rate and what factors cause it to be so high, arose throughout the debate.



- Enxhi Sharxhi (Year 13)

Art and Photography Trips



The art and photography departments have been on a number of exciting trips this year already. In September, photography students visited The Photographers' Gallery for the exhibition 'Gregory Crewdson: Cathedral of the Pines', and art students visited Tate Britain to look at their permanent collection. This had been the first time most of the students had been to the gallery, with many enthusiastically engaging with the twentieth century work paintings and sculptures. In October, visits included the exhibition 'The Encounter: Drawings from Leonardo to Rembrandt' at The national Portrait Gallery, and a trip to nearby Brompton Cemetery, where the Victorian backdrop provided an extensive platform for the A2 photography students to explore a range of ideas. And in November students visited the exhibition 'Illuminating India 1857-2017' and enjoyed the free collection displays at the Tate Modern, where their particular favourites were the works on display by Richard Deacon and El Anatsui.

Marina De Stacpoole (Head of Art)



Ready for Work?

I'm happy to announce a new venture between Work Ready Graduates Ltd and CIC. Work Ready will provide us with a new, specially tailored website which will provide specialised career and university advice on an individual basis to our students. Students will have the opportunity to benefit from accredited employability courses, and to gain invaluable degree and apprenticeship information. This new, value-adding site will complement the fantastic work our UCAS expert, David Bright, already does, and help lift Chelsea student preparation for university and life even further. Onward and Upward!

Martin Meenagh (Principal)

For your diary...



- Start of Spring Term – 8th Jan 2018
- Half Term – 12th-16th Feb 2018
- Mock Week – 19th-23rd Feb 2018
- Parents' Evening – 8th Mar 2018
- End of Spring Term – 23rd Mar 2018
- Easter – 26th-6th April 2018
- Start of Summer Term – 9th Apr 2018
- End of Summer Term – 29th June 2018

Chelsea's Got Talent!

The student council put together a fantastic end of term talent competition, showcasing 5 outstanding acts: a piano performance by Magdalena Drozdova (year 12), a dance by Viktoriia Kondratenko (year 11), karate moves by Ekaan Shaikh (year 12), DJ-ing by Ato Taylor (year 13) and a very fast, long and well-remembered song by William Chen (year 12). After some tough judging, Magdalena was declared the winner of the £50 prize, which she selflessly decided to donate back to the student council, who organised this event to raise funds for an end of year prom. Well done to all of those who took part!