

The Saint



Although the Spring terms are short, we have packed a lot in to the last 6 weeks, with many more exciting events and activities to look forward to after the Half Term break.

Thank you for your responses to the parent surveys held at Parents Evenings so far. We really value hearing your comments and ideas. One of the things we've already implemented based on your feedback is that all letters are now on our website at www.arkallsaintsacademy.org/letters.



Year 9 Art scholars have been studying the works of Henry Moore, and on Friday 15th January, they visited Tate Britain to do some primary source research on the Henry Moore sculptures. This research will be really valuable for their project work as they are creating semi-abstract sculptures of the human form. This was also a great opportunity to learn some of the skills they will need for GCSE Art.



Downing Street performance

Out of the 12,000 schools taking part in the 2015 Shakespeare School's Festival only one secondary school was chosen to perform at the 11 Downing Street event. 6 Ark All Saints Academy scholars were chosen to perform 2 separate extracts from their production of Macbeth at the prestigious event.

First on stage were Amelia, Shannen and Davia as the Witches, who hissed and scowled their way through the audience and onto the stage.

They were followed by George as Macbeth and Patrick as Banquo who are told their futures by the Witches.

Later in the event Fanta took to the stage to perform a monologue as Lady Macbeth.

As the only scholar asked to perform a monologue some may have been daunted but Fanta showed what a true star in the making she was by portraying a character racked with guilt by interacting with the audience throughout her speech. As the evening drew to a close the 6 scholars mingled with the patrons and supporters and spoke to them in a way most adults would have been proud of. It was an exceptional day for all involved and one that both the scholars and academy won't forget in a hurry.

The winners (Ramabai/Cavell combined team) of the inaugural Year 7 Interhouse Athletics Competition, held on Thursday 21st January.



Corridor Voices is the buzzword around the academy at the moment in the campaign for calm corridors. After being asked by scholars to keep their own voices down, the pastoral team have taken to using signs.

Year 7 and Year 9 Parents Evenings have been taking place in the new setting of the Dining Hall. The Year 8 Parents Evening will be after the Easter break, as it will be a combined Progress and Options evening.



The Year 8 & 9 Girls Football Team has been going from strength to strength, with a fantastic win against Evelyn Grace Academy.

Some of the latest sports scores :

Year 8/9	Football		VS	
		2		0
Year 8	Netball		VS	
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Bishop to A10

On Wednesday 27th January 2016 we were honoured to host a small delegation from Zimbabwe. Bishop Eric Ruwona of Manicaland and his aide visited Ark All Saints Academy to take part in Holy Communion (every Wednesday morning in room A10) and learn about what makes us unique. He was joined by Bishop Michael Iprgrave of Woolwich for Communion.

Bishop Eric has returned to Zimbabwe full of ideas and inspiration.



Still to come

Year 8 Boys Football tour to Wales (look out for the trip report in the Easter newsletter)

Trip to see Twelfth Night at the Globe Theatre

Year 7/8 Residential

Girls Football Festival