

The Judd School

Headteacher's | Newsletter



WELCOME...

To a brand new school year, my first as Headteacher of The Judd School. More importantly, welcome to 189 new students joining us in Year 7, our greatest ever number of students (77) joining the school at Year 12, and 16 new staff, including Ms Karen Eamens, our Deputy Headteacher.

Ms Karen Eamens - Deputy Headteacher



For the last nine years Ms Eamens has worked in East London, firstly at Mulberry School for Girls as Head of History and Humanities and most recently at

Central Foundation Girls' School as both Assistant and Deputy Headteacher. She read History and Law at the Australian National University before teaching History and Classics in selective and independent schools in Australia.



Results Highlights



A Level:

- 28% of all A level results were graded A*
- 32 students gained places at Oxbridge
- 87.7% of all A level entries were graded A*, A or B.
- 47.5% of students gained AAA or better

At GCSE:

- more than half of all entries being graded A*, 8 or 9 for the fourth successive year.
- 90% of all students achieved 5 A grades or better.



Other Staff joining the school

NAME	TEACHER'S ROLE
Melissa Sullivan	Teacher of Mathematics
Laurie Figureau	Teacher of French
Richard Cliff	Teacher of German
Ryan Hui	Teacher of Mathematics
Kirsten Herpe	Teacher of DT
Josh De Cerff	Teacher of Physics
Robert Palmer	PE Trainee KMT
Coretta Vogelberg	KMT Trainee

NAME	SUPPORT STAFF ROLE
James Duggan	LSA
Lindsey MacAdam	Examinations Officer
Bryn Owen-Conway	PE & Games Assistant
Rebecca Ash	Cover Supervisor
Piers Newman	Network Technician
Nick Saunders	Premises Manager
Diane O'Grady	PA to Headteacher
Hana Winter	Admin Assistant

Induction Trips

The Year 7s are off to Kingswood on Monday for two days of exciting activities, personal challenges, team building and most importantly to strengthen or make new friendships.

Year 12 go to Bewl Water on Wednesday 27th September for a similar mix of fun, personal challenge and to spend time together as a year group.

With almost as many students new to the school as those



returning from Year 11 at Judd; a great chance to get to know one another in a fresh context. I wish them all a great time.



House Launch Day

While Year 12 are away having fun, it also gives the rest of the school a chance to get to know one another in our new Houses.

With the growth to five forms of entry now reaching Year 11, and a sixth form of entry in Year 7, it was time to review the House structure. With the potential for future growth, we decided to start anew with our six Houses: Bryant, Evans, Morgan, Rendall, Starling and Taylor.

Years 7 – 11, ably led and assisted by Year 13 and the entire staff, will be taking part in a range of activities back in school. There will be a 'House Shout', where each House group will prepare a performance of a song to compete against one

another in the following week's assembly; an alternative Sports' Day, with a mixture of silly and old fashioned races; a chance to immortalise the first cohort of each House in history, through a group photo and an Arts competition; a mystery House activity special to each Head of House; and rounded off with a bit of unadulterated fun on a range of inflatable equipment! Students (and staff) are asked to come in their own clothes, in their House colour. Please bear in mind that students' best clothes may not be suitable for the range of activities on offer.

The **cost of the day is £5, payable through Joinos**, or on the day at the school gate if not yet paid. This will cover all the expenses of the day and the balance will be split between the 6 House Charities.



Congratulations to our Senior Rugby Players

42 of whom recently toured South Africa with great success. Our students left this notoriously tough playing rugby nation, with an unbeaten 1st XV and 7 wins from their 8 tour games in total, only losing by a single score in their solitary defeat, against some of the most prestigious boarding schools in the world. This was a feat that surprised all those that travelled, not least our very accommodating hosts!



The memories made on the field were fantastic and far too many to mention, but it was the impression the boys made off the pitch and the way that they immersed themselves in South African culture that was most pleasing. Coupled with once-in-a-lifetime holiday excursions such as visiting Table Mountain, zip lining through the mountains and going on Safari; our students also visited Robben Island, local Townships and The High Performance centre of Pretoria's University amongst many more activities. The sound of Jerusalem struggling to compete with the South African national anthem will stay long in the memory. Now it is our turn to do the hosting duties as we welcome Ignatius Park College, Queensland,

Australia to The Judd next week for senior fixtures and some English hospitality. Many thanks in advance to all parents and students who are willing and able to do this. Billeting is a wonderful rugby tradition that allows those involved to make connections that they would otherwise never dream of forming. Fingers crossed it is another positive experience.



Judd School to compete on the International Stage

The Judd School is the first UK state school to enter the prestigious international competition in synthetic biology, iGEM, and to present at the Jamboree in Boston, USA. In doing so, they aim to pave the way for further UK schools to follow.

Synthetic biology is underpinned by the iGEM competition and the components (BioBricks) that the teams make each year. These are held in a BioBrick 'Registry of Standard Parts' and a full set are sent out to the competing teams each year. The goal of new teams is to assemble existing BioBricks in novel ways, as well as create their own BioBricks which help build the Registry. iGEM started in MIT in 2003 and came down to high school level six years ago.

By entering the competition this year, Judd aims to inform more UK schools about this field and make the way easier for future UK schools to follow. Part of the competition is to raise awareness of synthetic biology and iGEM. The team are doing this in a number of ways, including running a club for students in the lower part of the school and by liaising with other schools.



I will be running a quiz night to raise awareness and funds for the team, so look out for a date in the diary soon! We wish them all the best for the Jamboree in November.

Ashton Dining As you will doubtless already be aware, the Ashton Building is now open and serving Independent Catering's amazing meals and snacks three times a day. As with every September, queues are long, which will naturally improve as we progress in to term. We will benefit from an exciting new addition to aid the process which will be opening soon, a Pod serving Pizza and Pasta pots.



With so many of our students attending clubs at lunchtime, the 'priority pass' has proven in recent months to be unsustainable, with large volumes of people all trying to get an instant meal. As such, we have decided that the majority of lunch time activities will be placed towards the beginning of lunch giving plenty of time for students to eat in the dining room or Annexe afterwards.

Important Dates for the Diary

Y7 Induction trip - 18th & 19th Sept
Rugby vs Tonbridge - 23rd Sept - 2:30pm
Y7 Social - 26th Sept - 7:30pm - Evans Morgan Rendall
Y7 Social - 28th Sept - 7:30pm - Bryant Starling Taylor

Sportsmen's Dinner - 30th Sept - 7pm
Y12 Parent Information Evening - 4th Oct - 7pm
Y11 Parents' Evening - 5th Oct - 5-8pm
Rugby vs Skinners - 8th Oct
House Music Competition - 10th Oct - 7pm
iGEM Quiz - TO BE CONFIRMED!