



Year 9 Cookery lesson this morning...



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January Year 10 and 11 Parents` and Carers` Evenings

I would like to thank all Year 10 and 11 families for attending the recent Parents` and Carers` Evening. We are delighted to report a 95% attendance rate at the Year 11 evening on 21 January and 95% for Year 10 on 14 January.

The school places great emphasis on feedback and so these face to face events allow parents and carers to receive high quality feedback on their son`s progress. Thank you again for supporting these important meetings.

Mr Wheatley, Headteacher

Staffing Update

As 2016 began, we said goodbye to two colleagues on 15 January:

Dr A Davies has left the Science Department as a Teacher of Physics and we wish her well in the next steps of her career.

Miss S West, DT Teacher, has started maternity leave and we wish her well as she prepares for her new arrival.

Mr Wheatley, Headteacher

How Are Your New Year Resolutions Holding Up?

Many writers tell us that this week, the third week of January, is the time when 9 out of 10 of us will have given up on our New Year resolutions. The least successful, we are told, are those where we resolved to give something up. With boxes of biscuits and chocolates still in our cupboards after the Christmas and New Year celebrations, it is difficult to ignore their existence on a dark, cold and wet January evening! The more successful resolutions tend to be those where we have resolved to do something, such as *"I will exercise more"*, although even the most determined among us might struggle to find our inner outdoorsy person in the current weather! So, what are our options? Do we simply give up on our New Year resolutions, or do we try to find a way to set ourselves up to succeed? At Glyn, we aim to give students the tools they need to set goals which are SMART: specific, measurable, attainable, realistic and timely. Students should be aware of their individual targets and review them regularly and, in this way, will be setting themselves up to fulfil the promises they made to themselves. A path to success is to enjoy our achievement of having made any resolutions last until the end of January, and then to reaffirm them for February.



On Monday we will begin the Prefect interviews. I am always delighted to see Year 12 students putting themselves forward for such a pivotal role and being prepared to take on the responsibilities that the role demands. Our Student Leadership Team and Prefects lead by example and are the backbone to the excellent behaviour of our students throughout the school. Congratulations to those students who have submitted an application to become a Prefect and I wish them well for this exciting, but challenging, selection process.

Following months of preparation and rehearsals, we are all looking forward to the forthcoming production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. What is particularly noteworthy is that every student who wanted to play a part in the production, whether as an actor or behind the scenes, was given the opportunity to do so; no student was turned away! I understand that tickets have already all but sold out for the last night, so I would urge you to buy tickets for one of the evening performances as soon as possible if you would like to see this whole school production.

Keith Batchelor, Deputy Headteacher

**Dates
for
Your
Diary**

Monday 25 January - Prefect Interviews all week
Tuesday 26 January - Years 7 to 11 House Debating in The Proctor Hall
Tuesday 26 January - Parents' and Carers' Information Evening for Year 10 Spanish trip - 6.00pm
Friday 29 January - Glyn PSA Disco for students in Years 7 and 8 - 7.00pm to 9.00pm
Monday 1 February - House Badminton all week

Red Carpet Event - BBC School Report and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Collaboration

With preparations for the BBC News School Report's official news day on 10 March fully underway, our reporters are readying to flex their broadcasting biceps at Glyn's very first red carpet event!

Teaming up with this year's fabulous cast of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, we will be hosting a live preview of the whole school play on **Thursday 28 January between 5.00pm to 6.00pm in The Proctor Hall**, complete with interviews with the stars and teasers for this year's outstanding production.

Elsewhere, we are looking forward to welcoming Senior BBC Reporter, David Waddell, into school at the beginning of February to offer our reporters advice on how they can develop their stories for this year's News Day.

Miss Jeyarajah and Miss Keoshgerian

**CHARLIE
AND THE
CHOCOLATE
FACTORY**
Glyn School

Glyn School, Proctor Hall, 9, 10 and 11 February 2016 at 7pm. Tickets are £5 and can be bought on Parent Pay

Messages from the Finance Office

Trip Payments

Please can we remind you to make the monthly instalments for the following trips:

Year 8 French Trip
Year 8 Spanish Trip
Year 9 Eurodisney Trip
Years 12 and 13 Iceland Trip
Year 11 Canada Rugby Trip
Years 11, 12 and 13 Ghana Trip



Please send a photocopy of your son's or daughter's passport and EHIC card to the Finance Office or email it to finance@glynschool.org if you haven't already done so.

Duke of Edinburgh

Please note that the final balance for Bronze Duke of Edinburgh is due by 31 January.

Year 10 Bay of Naples Trip

We have launched an exciting trip to The Bay of Naples for Year 10 Geography students and this is now on ParentPay. Deposits are due by 31 January, please.

Please contact us if you have any queries regarding payment for trips. Thank you.

Mrs Lowes and Mrs Smith, Finance Office

Eurodisney 2016

Please can I remind students who will be attending the Eurodisney trip on Tuesday 19 July to hand in a photocopy of your passport and EHIC card to the Finance Office, as advised above.

If your son has a non-EU passport and requires a visa, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can make arrangements. Thank you.

If you have any queries regarding the Eurodisney trip, please contact me via email to mckennam@glynschool.org
Thank you.

Miss McKenna, Acting Trip Organiser



Year 10 Spanish Trip - Information Evening - Tuesday 26 January 2016 at 6.00pm

There will be a meeting for families of Year 10 students who will be participating in the Spanish trip to Murcia in February. The meeting will take place on Tuesday 26 January at 6.00pm in The Proctor Hall. The meeting should finish at approximately 7.00pm. Students are not required to wear school uniform to the meeting. Thank you.

Mrs Morton, Assistant Headteacher

Glyn PSA Notices

Year 7 and 8 Disco - Friday 29 January from 7.00pm to 9.00pm

The Glyn PSA Disco for students in Years 7 and 8 will be held on Friday 29 January 2016 from 7.00pm - 9.00pm in The Proctor Hall at Glyn School. Please note the slightly earlier times. Students from Roseberry School will also be invited. Tickets cost £4.50 and are now available via ParentPay. Each student is only allowed to purchase one ticket and tickets are non-refundable. If you do not have details of your login or require any further assistance with this, please email finance@glynschool.org or call the Finance Office on 020 8716 4938. Your son's name will be added to the ticket list held at the door on the night of the Disco. Refreshments will be available to purchase during the evening. Tickets for this event are limited and traditionally sell out very quickly, so buy your tickets early.

Secondhand Uniform, Books and Revision Guides

We would like to thank everyone who has made donations of second hand uniform and GCSE A/AS Level revision books to the PSA. Our stock of secondhand blazers and PE kits is running low. If you would like to donate any items of uniform that your son or daughter no longer requires the PSA at Glyn School would be very grateful to receive them. Please hand your donations into Student Reception. If you are thinking of donating a number of items we will even collect, if that makes things easier for you. Any donated items will be made available for other families to buy and could make a real difference to other parents and carers. All monies raised through the sale of secondhand uniform will be used to provide funding for extra resources at Glyn School. Your support of the PSA is very much appreciated.

If you require any secondhand uniform or have donations to be collected, please either email us on GlynPSA@outlook.com or message/post on our Facebook page, which also lists the current stock of secondhand uniform: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/GlynSchoolPSA>

Small Electrical Donations - Mobile Phones and Video Games

Thank you for your donations so far this year; we have had laptops and DVD players donated. If you have unwanted jewellery, scrap gold or gadgets such as mobiles, cameras, video games, games consoles, laptops, DVDs or MP3 players lying around the house, we would love to have them. If you would like to donate any items to the PSA at Glyn School, please hand your donations into Student Reception. We are also happy to collect any large items. All monies raised through the sale of these donations will be used to provide funding for extra resources at Glyn School. Your support of the PSA is very much appreciated. GlynPSA@outlook.com

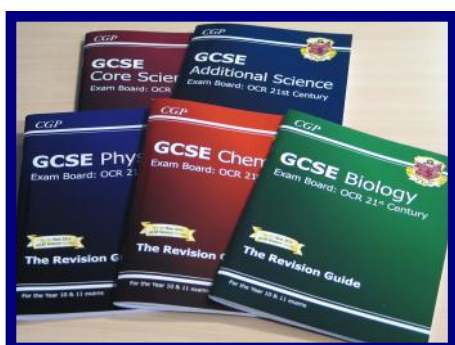
Foreign Coins and Notes

You can help without really having to put your hand in your pocket by simply sorting out any old foreign notes and coins left over from holidays and business trips. Many people have some old foreign currency, either notes or coins and perhaps some old UK or Irish decimal coins. It sits in pots and drawers and is unlikely to be used again, especially if it is from countries where the currency has become the Euro. The PSA would like all worldwide current currency in notes or coins and any of the older currency such as the German Marks, Spanish Pesetas, old UK Shillings, old UK decimal coins including Ireland, Channel Islands, Scotland, Isle of Man and £5 or £2 coins. Old half or full crowns and silver or brass coloured 3 pence pieces can also be exchanged. You can even donate old farthings and pennies 1d or 1/2d. The coins and small notes cannot be exchanged in the UK, and old Spanish Pesetas cannot be spent in Spain, so they are of little value to anyone. The PSA can turn your old money into a valuable donation. It is estimated that there is £100 million in old or foreign coins across the UK that could be used for good causes, so please dig out yours and get it to Glyn Student Reception today!

If your business would be willing to have a collection box on our behalf, please get in touch with the PSA at GlynPSA@outlook.com for collection leaflets and posters.

Please take a moment to donate these coins and bank notes and we can turn them into a useful donation for Glyn School. Please return your donations to Student Reception.

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MFL Aiming Higher Conference Review

Yesterday, a small group of students from Glyn, Rosebery and Tolworth Girls' schools were selected to take part in the MFL Aiming Higher Conference which targeted Spanish and French. Initially the groups were segregated by school, but we soon warmed up and mixed well. The main task of the day was to produce various videos on the problems associated with the use of alcohol. We completed many enjoyable tasks and games within our mixed groups. The afternoon culminated in students recording a voice-over for an alcohol safety advertisement in French or Spanish.

Throughout the day, the coalition of the schools led to a rewarding experience with much learnt. Future careers advice from the languages staff from each of

the schools, and from Glyn Sixth Form, really added to the rewards of the day. The fun learning environment created made the day one to remember!

Thank you, Mrs Duffield, and all the other staff involved, for organising such a rewarding event.

Oscar Skilton, 11D

Examinations Information

Resit Deadline

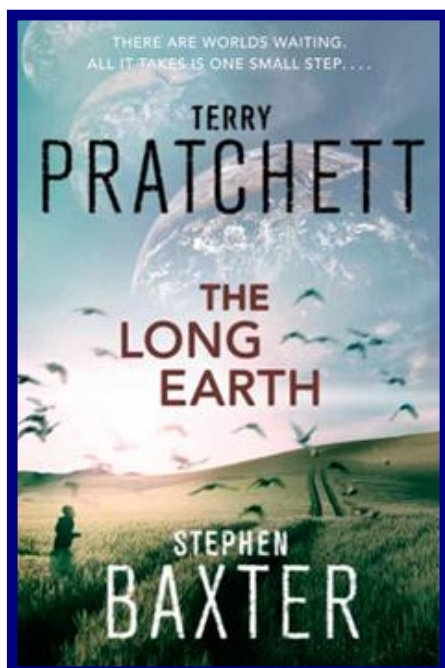
The deadline for Sixth Form students to submit their resit requests for Summer 2016 examinations has now passed. However, any students who have not yet submitted a request to resit an examination, but who still wish to do so, should come to the Examinations Office as a matter of urgency. Thank you.

Examination Timetables

Students will receive their individual examination timetables for Summer 2016 examinations during the week commencing 8 February 2016. Thank you.

Examinations Office

Tel: 020 8716 4971



The LRC Book of the Week - The Long Earth by Terry Pratchett and Stephen Baxter

In 1916 on the Western Front, Private Percy Blakeney wakes up. He is lying on fresh spring grass. He can hear birdsong and the wind in the trees. The mud and blood of No Man's Land has gone. In 2015 in Wisconsin, Officer Monica Jansson is investigating the burned-out home of a reclusive scientist when she finds a curious gadget. It is a box containing some wiring, a three-way switch and a potato. It is the prototype of an invention that will change the way Mankind views the world forever.

"This book is a science fiction masterpiece. It is hugely imaginative and unlike anything I have ever read before. I would thoroughly recommend it."
Patrick Humphris 8A

Available to borrow from the LRC

Year 7 Table Tennis Achievement

On Monday 18 January a team of Year 7 students attended a KS3 Table Tennis tournament hosted by St Andrews' Catholic School; this was the first fixture in which the Year 7 students have played.

Glyn's attitude and enthusiasm was exceptional and both teams came up against some tough opponents. In the Year 7 competition Isa Darr, Yash Patel and Thomas Lyon finished in second place after a very close final match against St Andrews. Oliver Gray, Tommy Barrell, Henry Broome and Henry Maric-Murray played against older students in the Year 8 competition and only lost one match throughout the competition; a fantastic achievement!



Attendance at the new table tennis academy has been excellent. It takes place on Thursdays between 3.10-4.30pm in the Sports Hall and is open to all Year 7 students.

Mr S Taylor, PE, ALP, Leadership Coordinator, Assistant Head of Merton House



Glyn vs Epsom College Basketball

Glyn's most recent Sixth Form Basketball fixture came against local rivals, the well-drilled Epsom College. It was our first home match of the season and, as a result, we were eager to perform well, especially with our new coach, Elvisi, being present at a game for the first time.

The encounter began evenly, with both defences remaining solid and energetic for the first quarter. As the quarters progressed and substituting became more regular, Glyn struggled to find a rhythm. Epsom slotted some opportunistic three pointers to gain a lead and, despite several fast breaks in the final minutes of the game, Epsom managed to hold on for a 39-33 victory.

A disappointing result for Glyn as the game was within our grasp, although we take some comfort in the fact that it was a friendly, so we can look to improve on the performance for our next competitive fixture.

MOTM went to Marcus Levett for taking his opportunity in the team extremely well and coming away as one of the top scorers.

A massive thank you to Ross Paterson, Marco Pizzingrilli and Josh Smart for running the scoreboard, which was kindly funded by the Glyn PSA. Thank you also to Mrs Mabbott for organising the game and Elvisi for coaching.

Team: Sam Brooker (Captain), Roshan Raymond, Jack Benford, Jamie Perriman, Ewan McTaggart, Marcus Levett, Luke Cadwallader, Alex Dale and Devashanthan Ketheeswaran.

Sam Brooker, 13T





U16 Badminton Match v Hampton - Surrey Schools' League

Monday 18 November 2016 at Hampton

Won 7 - 2

Pair 1: Marcus Roberts (Capt) + Adem Bellagh

Pair 2: George Saunders + Tom Davey

Pair 3: Ayaan Satkut + Brendan Thompson

Reserve: Taylor O'Farrell

The U16s last match of the season involved a trip to the league's newest school, Hampton; the plan being to build on the 8-1 defeat of Tiffin School back in early December.

With the news of Adam Shepherd having to pull out due to injury, Brendan Thompson, the U14 captain, was drafted in and this gave the chance for Adem and George to move up a pair, respectively.

Round 1 witnessed a mixture of outcomes: Marcus and Adem breezed past their opponents 21-8, 21-5; George and Tom had to work a little harder to secure a straight sets victory and the new pairing of Ayaan and Brendan battled manfully against Hampton's strongest pair, going down in a long 3-setter 17-21, 21-13, 12-21. A 2-1 lead was satisfactory at this stage, particularly with the Glyn pair 3s opening performance and our number 1 pair looking very formidable.

Following a speedy refreshment break, the Glyn team took to their courts for the 2nd round of rubbers; their thoughts and tactics geared to consolidation. The end result culminated in a carbon-copy of the previous round, the only difference being that it was George and Tom to taste defeat, whilst Ayaan and Brendan experienced a reversal in fortunes with a significantly shorter two set win.

A solid 4-2 lead was taken into the deciding round and all Glyn pairings shifted into over-drive and cruised to an eventual 7-2 match score-line. Marcus and Adem were seldom troubled, George and Tom secured their required number of rubbers as pair 2 and Ayaan and Brendan improved their margins of victory with successive games.

The sagacious decision to promote and re-deploy key personnel at the start had proved key and the U16s had now done all they could to put themselves in the best position to make the play-offs, having only narrowly lost one of their three fixtures 5-4 to a powerful Wilsons side. Glyn could now divert their focus to the matter of the County round of the National Schools' competition on 11 February as they search for a hat-trick of titles.

Thanks to Mr and Mrs Thompson for coming along to support.

Good luck at the Guildford Spectrum, gentlemen!

Mr Colombage



Sportsman of the Week - Noah Ogun 7C

Noah Ogun 7 Carew has made a fantastic start to his sporting career at Glyn. His participation in both PE and Games lessons has been exemplary and a credit to his character. Noah has impressed on the rugby field, taking his experience from playing for Sutton and Epsom Rugby Club into the school team. He is a natural leader and leads by example. Not only have his practical performances been of the highest standard, but his knowledge and understanding of the theoretical aspects of PE is robust, with his regular assessments reflecting this.



Well done, Noah. You are a true sportsman, both on and off the field.

Mr MacLeod, KS3 Coordinator PE

Wishing you a restful weekend.