



Kelmscott School

# NEWSLETTER

Summer 2015

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## Kelmscott Manor

A group of our students visited the Cotswold retreat of Walthamstow's William Morris to find out more about how our school got its name.

## Geography

A busy time of year for fieldwork and visits with our Geography Department

## Textiles

We showcase some of our students' fashion and design work to the community.

## Sports Week

Wimbledon, women's football and sports community awards are on display to celebrate National Schools Sports Week.

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# Latest News

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## National Schools Sports Week

**At Kelmscott we like to promote sport in school, outside of school and also tournaments that take place in our world.**



This year is a special year for women's football. The 2015 women's football world cup is taking place in Canada. This year with a maximum amount of teams 24, this is a new record since the women's world cup started in 1991 with just 12 teams. The growth in women's football has been phenomenal, and this is proving the point! This is a fantastic improvement for women in sporting, and also football. Good luck to all the football teams who are taking part.

Wimbledon is another sporting event which always takes place yearly and is one of the oldest tennis sporting events within the country and the world.

Kelmscott were fortunate enough for some of our Year 9 students to take part in the disabled tennis championship as ball boys and girls. To say thank you to the students for all their hard work we have displayed some facts about this memorable event. As a thank you from the tennis association the ball boys and girls will be visiting Wimbledon to see some world class tennis being played!



*To find out more please visit*

<http://www.youthsporttrust.org/>

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## English Department

Pupils in Year 7 have been studying *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley and Ms Charalambous' 7K class have been writing interesting stories linked to *Frankenstein* about being an outsider.

*Here is an extract from Ida Saidy's fantastic story. Luckily, in the end, our protagonist finds a good friend and together they stop the bullies by telling a teacher and standing up to bullying.*



### *The Outsider*

*The pink blossom tree swayed to the rhythm of the wind. Sighing, I picked up my blue, Adidas backpack and ripped it open, fishing out my journal, "Maths..." I mumbled quietly, dragging the dreaded word. I spoke to nobody in particular, as I had no one to talk to...*

*"Look who it is!" Qasim said, rising from his seat. I rolled my eyes and glued my eyes to my Kickers.*

*"Mrs Smarty-pants!" he mimicked, disgust clear in his tone. I tucked a tuft of hair behind my ear.*

*"Nobody likes you!" he continued, "Have you got my Maths homework?"*

*"y-YES," I stammered, looking up for the first time since I had entered the room. All 28 pupils in 7A1 Maths stared at me, cackling, their laughter repeating in my head, like a broken record player. Each laugh stung to my heart like a knife to my heart...*

*I grappled for my backpack, in embarrassment and ensconced myself in my usual spot...*

**The School Shop, which sells essential school stationary to pupils and staff at competitive prices, is run by pupils under the guidance of Mr Lines.**

We open every Tuesday lunchtime and sell items such as pens, pencils, highlighters, Maths kits, memory sticks and tennis balls! All profits go into buying new stock and donations to charity.

*We have recently donated £50 to The Macmillan Foundation. The charity was chosen by Adam Amriche Year 10, Tia Brade, Daniella Seztak and Fatjon Aliaj Year12 who run the shop.*

We would like to thank the afore mentioned pupils for their work and effort, especially to the Sixth Formers who are about to leave Kelmscott.



## **Farewell Year 11s!**

**Year 11s saw out their school career in glamorous style with a party at Mooros in Chigwell on June 12th.**

Pupils were unaware of the venue until arriving in coaches on the night. The rain held off for them as they made their entrance on the red carpet and were greeted with photos from their school career on screens as well as a chocolate fountain and photo booth with props.

Pupils danced the night away as they celebrated the end of their GCSEs. I would like to say a big thank you to all staff who came along, especially to Ms Mehmet - Assistant Head of Year 11 who organised the event and made each pupil a personalised cupcake to take home.





# Geography

## National History Museum Trip

**On Tuesday 16th June, 27 Year 9 prospective GCSE Geography pupils visited the Natural History Museum in South Kensington, west London, to investigate the causes and effects of earthquakes and volcanoes across the Earth.**

Using the superb resources of the Earth Science galleries the pupils learnt about the cause, classification of different volcanoes and the threat of super volcanoes. They also examined the impact of earthquakes in Japan and other parts of Asia. Two Year 10 students were at hand to help field any questions from the Year 9 students as well. On a beautiful sunny day, we then walked up to Hyde Park for lunch, admiring Imperial College, The Royal Geographical Society and The Albert Hall as we walked along Exhibition Road. We admired the splendour of Hyde Park in the afternoon sun, which was a lovely end to a fabulous day learning about the structure of the Earth.



## Brick Lane Trip

**On Wednesday 24th June 29 Year 7 pupils visited Brick Lane and Spitalfield's Market.**

We took the train down to Bethnal Green and drew the view of London from the Weavers Field Park, the Shard and the Gherkin rising above the London Skyline. Then a ten minute walk to Brick Lane, hanging with the Hipsters and the students, walking past the bakeries, galleries and vintage shops to examine how the area has changed. Spitalfield's market for lunch with the smart office workers and avoiding the old time dancing going on!

Then a visit to Spitalfield's church to learn about the history, use and restoration of this 300 year old building which once towered above the local skyline. As we walked around the area we looked at evidence about how the different ethnic groups of migrants, and companies and workers have changed the area over the years.

*This is just twenty minutes from our school from St James Street, go look for yourselves in the summer holiday!*





## Visit to Kelmscott Manor

On Thursday 25th June 2015, pupils from the Executive Council went on a 3-hour journey to an area in Oxfordshire, in order to find out how Kelmscott School got its name. The pupils, ranging from year 7 to the year 11 head boy and head girl, went to the small village of Kelmscott where they spent the day at a beautiful 16th century farm house, known today as Kelmscott Manor.



Pupils were able to find out the school's name is linked to the famous designer, poet and socialist William Morris who was born in Walthamstow. Although he was born locally he did not live in Walthamstow all his life. Kelmscott Manor was a house that he discovered in 1871 when he was looking for somewhere that his family could live during the summer months. He knew of the area around Kelmscott village as he had gone to university in Oxford which was not too far away, and his wife had family who knew the local area.

Our guide told us that as soon as William Morris saw Kelmscott Manor he fell in love with the architecture and the craftsmanship that had been used to build the house. William Morris lived at Kelmscott Manor until his death in 1896. After that time his wife Jane continued to live there. Interestingly William Morris never owned Kelmscott Manor; it was only after his death, that his wife decided to buy it. Sadly after only a year of her buying the manor she also died, leaving the house to her daughter May. May lived in the manor for many happy years before eventually giving it to Oxford University, who later passed it on to the Society for Antiquities.

One of the interesting things the pupils learnt was that the famous painter Rossiter, who was a friend of Morris's and shared the lease of the house for a while, painted some of his most famous paintings in the house including 3 which recently sold for over £3,000,000 each. Pupils also saw the outhouse toilet, where rumour has it that William Morris was sitting when he noticed some birds stealing fruit from the strawberry patch, which was the inspiration for his very famous 'Strawberry Thief' pattern, which can be seen in our main school hall today.





Last year Kelmscott School celebrated its 30th anniversary and the trip had originally been planned to coincide with that. However, the manor is only open at specific times, so it took a full year to get the visit in place; the visit was all part of the school's plan to find out about its history.

Pupils were easily able to see why William Morris loved the Kelmscott Manor so much, as it was such a quiet and peaceful place. The pupils were even able to walk down a dusty lane just behind the manor which led to the river Thames. The pupils were able to see how much smaller the river was at that point in comparison to its size in London.

Kelmscott School was named after the village and manor house that William Morris loved so much, in order to honour one of Walthamstow's most famous residents.

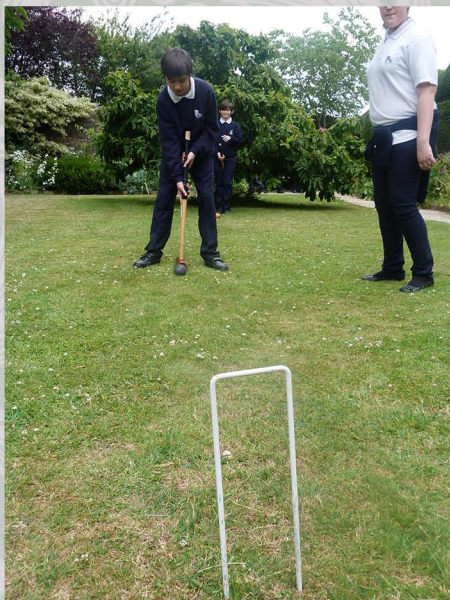
Another highlight of the trip included finding the grave of William Morris and his wife, in a tiny graveyard which surrounds a Norman church in the village. The pupils were amazed at how small William Morris's grave was considering he was such a famous man. They realised however, that a lot of this was part of his own philosophy and he would never have wanted a big ostentatious grave stone.



*To find out more, visit*



<https://www.sal.org.uk/kelmscott-manor>

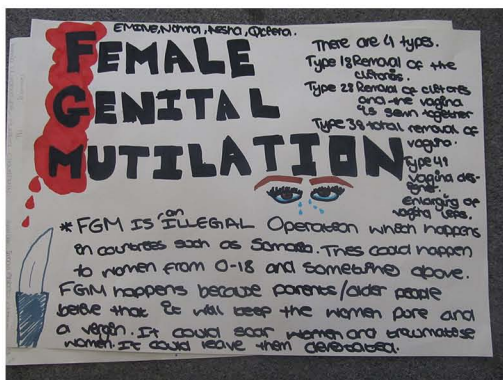




# Learning About FGM

In June we were fortunate to host a number of visits to the school by Hibo Wardere. Hibo has been campaigning against FGM (Female Genital Mutilation) for a number of years and has recently been appointed as the first ever FGM Coordinator for Waltham Forest.

On her initial visit to the school, she spoke to the staff. An extraordinary public speaker, Hibo shared her story as an FGM survivor, which provided essential training, informing colleagues about the brutal practice and also giving guidance and information about how the school can safeguard our young people and where to source help and support for any girl who may have undergone FGM.



"The Education Secretary will be very delighted to see the work of these incredible kids #EndFGM"

@ProjectACE1

This was followed up with a series of workshops with the Year 9 students, who demonstrated a real maturity through their thoughtful and insightful questions and then by creating moving and powerful campaign materials to raise awareness and educate people about the different types of FGM.

Hibo has a rare talent for being able to speak to young people and hold their attention completely, the feedback from the students involved was overwhelmingly positive.

We look forward to welcoming Hibo back in the new school term to work with other year groups.

*For more information about FGM please visit the following websites or contact the school and speak to Lucy Dalton or Gill Pringle.*

Daughters of Eve - [www.dofeve.org](http://www.dofeve.org)  
Forward UK - [www.forwarduk.org.uk](http://www.forwarduk.org.uk)  
Follow Hibo on twitter @HiboWardere





# Annual Year 9 Belgium Trip



**In February the History Department, in conjunction with the Foreign Languages and English Departments, ran a highly successful trip to the battlefields of World War One in Flanders (Belgium & France).**

The trip was both very enjoyable and benefitted the pupils learning in a range of subjects. It was a particularly poignant time to visit the Somme and Flanders as it was the Centenary of the outbreak of World War One and many unique events and exhibitions were running. The trip raised student awareness of World War One, its literature and context during these centenary years.

We are hoping to run a similar trip next February 2016 for next year's Year 9s and we would like to gauge the level of interest for such a trip to the Battlefields. The trip lasts for three days and cost up to around £220.

*Below is a poem the Year 9s wrote in response to their experience. Written by Kira Copland 9S  
Contributions by Sasha, Saran, Sara A, Nazima, Domenic, Georgia and Montell.*

Miss Stentiford, Head of History.

## **Soldier**

I couldn't help it  
What have I done?  
Desertion, cowardice  
All summed up in one  
I left my comrades alone to die  
and hid in a ditch whilst I heard their cries

## **Comrades**

He was gone mid-battle  
Lost without a trace.  
He left us to die  
What a disgrace  
Men fell when they could have been saved  
Lives that cannot be replaced  
And all their efforts put to waste

## **Child**

Where did Daddy go? Is he ever coming home?  
A brave man lost. A family alone  
I miss him so much, no-one could possibly know  
"Oh Daddy, why did you go?"



# Literacy News

## Summer Reading

**Independent studies say that to improve literacy standards students should read at least 50 books per year.**

Three leading children's authors and two newspaper book reviewers suggest book titles that students could read for pleasure over the summer holidays.

*All books mentioned are available in your local library.*

We have a reading blog! please visit

<https://kelmscottreadingblog.wordpress.com>

### **Refugee Boy by Benjamin Zephaniah.**

Story about a young Ethiopian boy, whose parents abandon him in London to save his life.

### **I Capture the Castle by Dodie Smith.**

Written for a teenage audience but fun for all ages.

### **The Hobbit and Lord of the Rings by JRR Tolkien.**

Be warned, these tales of hobbits, elves and Middle Earth are very addictive.

### **Moving Picture by Terry Pratchett.**

Elaborate mythological imagery and a background based in real science. If you like this the Discworld series offers plenty more.

### **Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz.**

First of the action-packed adventures with 14 year old Alex Rider.

### **The Silver Sword by Ian Serrailler.**

Inspiring wartime story of the Balicki family in Warsaw.

### **People Might Hear You by Robin Klein.**

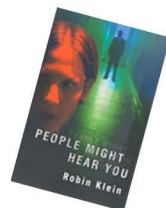
A profound, suspenseful story about sects, freedom and the rights of all young people – especially girls.

### **After the First Death by Robert Cormier.**

Cormier is never afraid of handling how the personal meets the political all within the framework of a thriller.

### **The Star of Kazan by Eva Ibbotson.**

An adventurous journey.





# The National Art and Design Saturday Club Summer Show Somerset House London

From December 2014 pupils in Year 10 attended Central St Martins University to work with the university tutors and visiting artists.

During this time they were able to develop their skills in art and design in many diverse ways including drawing, illustration, sculpture, fashion and printing.

All this hard work culminated in a unique and exciting exhibition at Somerset House for the pupils and family to attend. I would like to congratulate the pupils below for all their commitment and hard work throughout this project. The pupils have been able to keep their portfolio of work from the university and this will now form an important part of their GCSE coursework.

Mrs Stone

*Oladapo Oyelade - Adhuresa Podvorica*  
*Roylan Mugas - Haseeb Qadeer - Kayanna Whyte*



## GCSE Textiles Fashion Show By Rafiyah and Aneka – Year 11

**Our GCSE coursework project was to design and make a garment inspired by a cultural theme.**

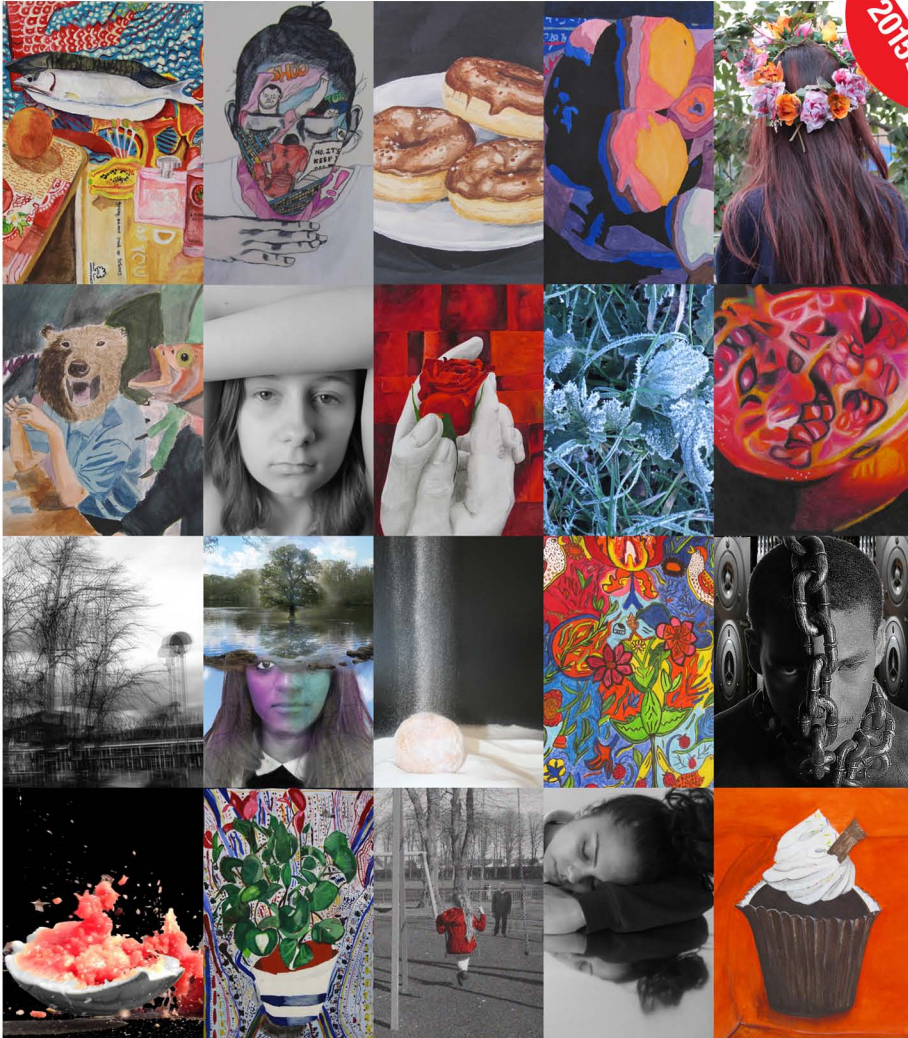
Popular choices were Japan and India. Dubai and China were also included. Each candidate chose a person to model and show off their garment for the fashion show. This was held on the school site on a sunny lunchtime.

Many new skills were learnt to achieve this and it was a fun experience.

**TEXTILES**  
*Art & Design Technology*



"There was a lot of team work to make the fashion show such a great success"



**For the 11th year running Kelmscott School's Art Department have contributed to the E17 Art Trail.**

This is an opportunity for local artists to exhibit their work in and around the Borough. Kelmscott's contribution this year included Year 11 pupil GCSE coursework and examples of their exam projects. All work was on display in St Mary's Church, Church End

*"It was great to see such a wide range of materials and ideas being shown from secondary school pupils".*

Members of St Mary's congregation and visitors to the church praised the diversity of work produced.

We would like to thank St Mary's for their continued support with this project.





## **Year 5 Sports Day - Feeder Primary Schools**

**The annual Year 5 sports day is now in its 13th year.**

The 4 schools taking part were South Grove, Sybourn, Coppermill and Edinburgh. A closely contested competition with 80 pupils taking part was won by South Grove on 65 points with Sybourn a close second on 62 points. Edinburgh finished third and Coppermill came in 4th. All pupils had a great day and left with a certificate as a reminder of the day.

*Thanks to the Year 9 helpers who made the event run smoothly and were good role models.*



## **Borough Cricket - Kelmscott Runners Up For Year 10!**

**Year 10 made it to the borough final after losing only one game in the group stage.**

The final, at Walthamstow cricket club, was contested by Kelmscott and Norlington. Norlington reached a total of 122 for 8 off 25 overs. The pick of the bowlers was Haseeb who took 3 wickets for 26 runs off 5 overs. A spirited 51 partnership between Qasim and Naveel looked like it might be a good foundation to take the trophy but wickets soon fell with Kelmscott being bowled out for 93 runs.

*Well done everyone for their excellent sportsmanship and endeavour in what was an entertaining and well fought final.*

Mr Wood (Year 10 coach)

## Eco Schools

**The Recycling Reps, Eco Committee and pupils from the Engineering Club who have taken part in an Energy Project were treated to Pizza and a DVD on Monday 15th June.**

Students had a variety of pizza choices, garlic bread, and a selection of fizzy drinks before settling down to watch "Into the Woods" whilst eating popcorn! Some pupils were out on another trip and they will be included in another activity in the Autumn term. This was a thank you for all their hard work over the past year.



Recycling Reps have been collecting the recycling boxes from rooms each week and have done a fantastic job. The Eco Committee have taken part in several initiatives, campaigns and activities to support the ECO work around the school. Members of the Engineering Club have been working on an Energy Project designed to help us reduce the amount of energy we use around school.

Mr McCormack and Mr Wood attended the treat to help support Ms Ereira.

*Thank you to everyone involved and well done to the pupils for all their hard work!*

### RECYCLING REPS

<b>ALIYA MUHIDIN</b>	<b>8C</b>
<b>NIMRAH SHEIKH</b>	<b>8E</b>
<b>VALENTIN MADZHAROV</b>	<b>8C</b>
<b>IMAN MOHAMMED</b>	<b>8M</b>
<b>ASEN IVANOV</b>	<b>8S</b>



### ECO COMMITTEE

<b>ALAA BOUGHANMI</b>	<b>8C</b>
<b>MALAIKA AHMED</b>	<b>8M</b>
<b>ILSA FARID</b>	<b>8M</b>
<b>ALEXANDRA IACOB</b>	<b>8M</b>

## Oxford University Trip

**At the end of March 10 of our most able students were given the opportunity to visit Oxford University and experience firsthand what life would be like as an undergraduate there.**

On arrival they were hosted by some current undergraduates from Hertford College and after a tour had lunch with the students in the historic dining rooms. After lunch they were taken to the famous Pitts River Museum where they enjoyed a social anthropology session. The day finished with a Q&A session with some undergraduates at St Peters College. Our students were fascinated by the historic buildings and the number of bicycles. It was an inspiring and informative trip for all.

I am sure that some of them will soon be playing host to our next generation of Kelmscott students when they become undergraduates at Oxford!

Ms Thorp - HOY 10





# The Big Clean up!



**As part of our ongoing eco work, on Saturday 6th June staff and pupil volunteers came into the school to undertake a Big Clean Up of litter and fallen leaves around the school site. It was a gloriously sunny day and everyone arrived full of enthusiasm and energy.**

The volunteer pupils are also members of the Eco Committee and our Year 8 Recycling Reps.

Armed with gloves, litter pickers, brooms and refuse sacks, the “green army” went to work collecting litter around the school and tidying up wherever they were needed. Everyone worked very hard and their enthusiasm did not wane throughout the day. At the end of an enjoyable but tiring day we managed to collect in excess of 15 bags of litter and leaves and the school site was pristine and clear of rubbish. Mrs Parvez, together with 2 volunteers, Iman and Malaika, planted some lovely new plants in the planters just outside the canteen area and we cannot wait to see the flowers bloom.

At 1pm everyone stopped to enjoy a lovely BBQ of beef, chicken or quorn burgers, expertly cooked by Mr McCormack. Delicious!

Thank you to Sir George Monoux College for the loan of the BBQ.

A big thank you and well done to everyone involved. It was hard work, but it was worth all the effort.

Thanks also to the Site Services Officer, Mr Gleeson, for all his help in providing equipment, and helping to set everything up.

Ms Ereira – Eco Committee Lead



# Visit to See Charlie & The Chocolate Factory

**On a warm Summer night in June, 14 pupils from Year 7 were rewarded for making good progress in Maths and English this year.**

The reward was an all expenses trip to watch the West End show "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory", and a trip to McDonalds! The surprise was revealed on the night when pupils opened an envelope to reveal a golden ticket.

*Pupils had an amazing night, a trip they all thoroughly deserved.*



## Reading Mentor Awards

**Kelmscott School held their annual awards evening for the reading mentor program between Kelmscott and the three primary schools of Barncroft, South Grove and Mission Grove.**

Pupils from Kelmscott visited the 3 primary schools for 9 weeks reading with pupils from Year 4 who needed to improve their reading skills. All the teachers from the primary schools were really impressed with the dedication, maturity and commitment of all pupils who helped.

All pupils received a medal and certificate as a thank you for all their efforts from Malcolm Doolin (Cenlig Co-ordinator) in front of parents and carers who were extremely proud of their children.

*Well done everyone.*

Mr Wood (Head of Year 7/ Transition co-ordinator)





## In May, Salaam Peace hosted their Annual awards ceremony.

Highlights from the evening included Kelmscott School receiving the Waltham Forest 2014 Sports Award for Outstanding Contribution as a way to inspire the students, and also to validate our official partnership with Salaam Peace as a Community Partner. Please see details of all the winners below: *Article By Sab Bham, Director of Salaam Peace.*



- **Lynnette Parvez** - Support to Salaam Peace and the partnership/joint work in the Markhouse Ward and always being a wonderful person to work with. Lynnette will always, despite her very busy diary make time to support all we do. I have worked with over 500 Head Teachers in 8 London Boroughs, including 50+ in Camden when leading Extended Schools and we are very, lucky to have Lynnette to work so closely with.
- **David Adehin** - Received the Paul Piper award for Outstanding Contribution by a Young Volunteer from Hackney & LBWF. David has been a positive product of the Real East end Legacy programme through the Hackney CVS led Brighter Futures project.
- **Agne Daunoraviciute** - Young volunteer award for consistent contribution to Salaam Peace and local children for 2 years and ongoing.
- **Halime Kamber** - New member of the team and also NU volunteer.
- **Azi Bham** - SP Utd 16+/Adults team Player's Player Of The Year 2014-15. Youngest member of the team, the top scorer for last 2 years and received the most assists this year. Voted by his team mates.
- **Alex Hosken** - U14s Player Of The Year for great attitude, behaviour as well as being a very good GK.
- **Maria Mandozzi** - Always supporting Salaam Peace. Clearing use of facilities, supporting events, use of equipment and being an all round star.
- **Pam Ereira** - Goes beyond what is expected in day to day role but for Salaam Peace is a vital component, always accommodates our needs and requirements, support with meeting rooms, assembly halls and admin.

*Well done to all!*

## Higher Attainers

**This term we had 2 events taking place. One of these is the Academic Challenge day at Forest school on the 1st July.**

Year 10 pupils took part in a prepared debate on world issues, along with pupils from around 15 other schools. Those chosen to represent Kelmscott are Talia Eringrin, Hamza Sultan, Hussain Alam and Adam Dhansey.

30th June was the Cenlig Challenge Day. Pupils from Years 7, 8 and 9 took part in special activities around the Borough. These included Design and Technology at Willowfield, Philosophy at Walthamstow Girls, and Photography at George Monoux College. This year Kelmscott offered Judo and Horse-riding, organised by our PE Department, and new for 2015 Computing, ran by our IT Department. This involved working in teams on programming and games design.

We also wish our best of luck to the pupils who are taking part in Summer schools at St. George's Medical School, University of London, and at the London School of Economics. These were very competitive places in London, and Kelmscott are proud to secure them for our pupils.

*Do seek my advice if you want your child to benefit from extra opportunities available in several London Universities, it will give them a step up when applying for college and jobs in the future.*

Yvette Marsh-Feiley  
Lead Teacher, Higher Attainers



"A great day with a lot of activities and lots of fun" **Maryum Ahmed**

"Riding was the best because I had control over the horse!" **Sohrab Esteki**

"We got to plait the horses mane. It was really fun" **Tasneem Bhayat (Eden School)**



All pupils benefitted from working collaboratively with pupils from other schools on an in-depth project throughout the day.



Kelmscott Performing Arts Department  
Present...



# TEACHERS

A comedy by John Godber

Wednesday 15th July

School Hall. 7pm

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Children: £1.00



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The Athan 31 SP project has seen a team of Young People (Azi, Yas, Hanni, Mehdi, Agne and Ausrine) get together to address an issue in their community. Positive, affordable and accessible sports programmes for 4-11 year olds to support healthy lifestyles in light of the rising problems of Childhood obesity.

## CAREERS

**The Careers Section in the School's Learning Resource Centre was relocated and reorganised at the beginning of the year.**

The Careers Section has a selection of books and magazines covering topics from "Which GCSEs or A Levels to take?", "How To Write A CV" and "How To Fill In An Application Form". There are also examples of Job descriptions and Apprenticeships. College application forms have now been put into clear categories.

I am sure that our Year 11s have appreciated how simple it is to access a College Prospectus and Application Form. Any pupil who is thinking ahead can browse through information on nationwide Universities.

*The area is open to all pupils during normal LRC opening times. Thanks go to Mrs Dowsett and Ms Mcleod for redesigning the area and keeping it in good order.*

Mr Lines



**Summer Arrangements**  
Please

Please see our website  
for more information

School finishes at 1pm on  
Friday 17th July 2015.

Autum term begins on  
Wednesday 2nd September 2015.  
*I wish you and*

*I wish you and your families a  
happy and restful break.*

Lynnette Parvez  
Headteacher



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