



I have asked Ms Patrick to report back on the meetings through the newsletter and I will try to address any concerns or ideas that you have to make the academy better.

The winter evenings are starting to draw in as we head towards Autumn and it is starting to feel cold in the mornings. I know that it is tempting to put on a light coat in the form of a hoodie either over the top or under your blazer but can I please remind you of how important it is for all students to look smart in your uniform and that hoodies are not allowed in or on the way to school.

Dear all

Congratulations to all our students elected to the academy council. The idea of this body is that students have an opportunity to have their say.



Grab your florescent gear and join us on Wednesday 12th November for a race / fun run in Battersea Park

**You can run 5 or 10K
Age 14+**

All abilities welcome - you don't have to run the whole way!

**The race is raising money for a cure for paralysis
Ask the PE Dept. for more info**



THE WORLD THIS WEEK

Yom Kippur, also known as Day of Atonement, is the holiest day of the year for Jewish People. See page 8 for Mr Artman's piece about Yom Kippur

Eid-ul-Adha ('festival of Sacrifice'), also known as the Greater Eid, is the second most important festival in the Muslim calendar.

The festival remembers the prophet Ibrahim's willingness to sacrifice his son when God ordered him to.

World Teachers' Day, held annually on October 5th, is a worldwide celebration of the role teachers play in providing quality education at all levels.



A special well done to all the students elected for the student council.

- Cameron Goodchild
- Sacha Ormiston
- Emielia Washington
- Victoria Rebok
- Dirie Hirsi
- Shakira Brown
- Cameron Goodchild
- Sacha Ormiston
- Emielia Washington
- Victoria Rebok
- Dirie Hirsi
- Shakira Brown

Deujon Baker kindly collected the bell for me during break time with a smile on his face. Thank you!_ Ms Treadaway

Jamie Hill for cycling all the way back to school to return a lost phone. Well done!_ Miss Lake

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Open Space

The support and wellbeing team, Cate, Esther and Ms Collins are pleased to be able to offer all students an 'Open Space' at specific times during the school day. These will be drop in sessions (called Open Space) for students across the school to use if you are feeling low, worried, stressed, anxious or have complicated stuff going on.

If you wanted to use Open Space, all you have to do is ask your teacher for permission, and go to the Wellbeing and Support Office on the ground floor of B Block. We know this might not be easy for you to do, for so many reasons, but please know all staff here at school want to support you wherever possible.

Open Space Times:

Mondays Period 3

Tuesdays Period 1

Thursdays Period 5

If you have any questions about Open Space, feel free to drop in and ask Ms Collins.

Well done to the following pupils who were chosen to represent their year in the student council:

WELL DONE!!!

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| Cameron Goodchild | Alan Kawa |
| Sacha Ormiston | Meriem Aouragh |
| Emielia Washington | Tomas Edgley |
| Victoria Rebok | Amy Pierce |
| Dirie Hirsi | Maia Drummond |
| Shakira Brown | Erica Nuamah |

Our first meeting is on **Thursday the 21st of October** during AM registration.

Miss Patrick.



Local politicians visit APA:

After visits from an academic and PR specialist at the start of term, on Monday this week the Sixth Formers were extremely fortunate to have a visit from three of our local politicians. Peter Carpenter and Jeremy Ambache are both local councillors serving the Roehampton community and Sheila Boswell is the Labour party candidate for Wandsworth borough. All three spoke about their careers and what they do in the local community. They also spoke passionately about what our pupils can do to get involved in their local communities as well, leading to many intriguing questions - well done to all involved!

Mr Davison

Football Match

Year 7 v St Richard Reynolds School
English Schools FA Cup Match
Dover House Road

4pm

Thursday 8th October

Please come and support!!!

Mr Evans

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD BOY AND GIRL

Head Boy: Maan Al-Yasiri



Head Girl: Rachel Dyer



We would like to introduce ourselves to you. We are Maan and Rachel (Head Boy and Head Girl) and we would like to share with you our vision for the Sixth Form and school community here at APA.

We believe that all students should be heard and it is our job to be that link between students and staff. We also believe that the key to success is having high expectations and leading by example. As Head Boy and Head Girl, we have a responsibility to the school and to you, to be great role models and to help APA and in particular the Sixth Form to thrive and achieve the best success it has ever seen.

To help us in our quest, we have six Sixth Form committees that will focus on different areas of the school.

These are listed below with the Chair and Vice Chairs named:

Prom committee

Chair: Hayley Belgrave
V. Chair: Kamal Elghailani

6th form fundraising committee

Chair: Sophia Dinnall
V. Chair: Baker SSebandeke

Community liason/outreach committee

Chair: Jodie Clark
V. Chair: Tyra Waul

6th form society committee

Chair: Hussein Ali
V. Chair: Katarina Thurston

Extra-curricular events/competitions committee

Chair: Rowland Mensah
V. Chair: Leanne Clark

Whole school council committee

Chair: Hanna Touhami
V. Chair: Mouna Ellebbane

6th Form Rep: Mohamed Hersi

Please come and speak to us if you need anything or have any great ideas about the school. We look forward to hearing from you!

Maan & Rachel



Hello Dickens House!!

What an exciting week it has been with the following pupils achieving and upholding our pillars:

Keano Doyle for good effort in Chemistry

Tiarna Robinson for good effort in Art

Leah Thompson for good effort Art

Richa Jirel for good effort and Independence in English

Nickalous Denny- Lynch for enthusiasm in Science

Jaydon Thompson-Gough for good effort in English

Isaac Onyeka for enthusiasm in Geography

Alan Kawa for independence in Drama

Congratulations also go to the following pupils for achieving 100% attendance so far this year:

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| RIAZ, Mariam | ELGHAILANI, Kamal |
| REID, Melissa | EDGLEY, Daniel |
| POSTIGO, Stella | DYER, Rachel |
| POPE, Brandon | DJE, Jewell |
| PIEADADE, Troy | COYLE, Shania |
| PIEADADE, Teon | CHOOMSAENG, Athit |
| NKOSI, Armstrong | AWAIS, Mohammad |
| MUBASHER, Hazeem | AMIRATASHANI, Amir Sina |
| MIAH, Iqbal | AL-YASIRI, Maan |
| MCCARTHY, Thomas | AHMAD, Sheharyaar |
| LOVEREZ, Lenie Marie | ABEBERESE, Ashia |
| LAGDEN, Zakariya | ZLOTEK, Jakub |
| LAGDEN, Joseph | VALDEZ, Jenny |
| KHAN, Sharo | SOTHIKUMAR, Shayithiriya |
| JIREL, Richa | |
| HARDING, Jasmine | |
| FRANCIS, Adam | |

It was great to see you all in assembly on Friday and I am elated that Athit Choomsaeng is now the Dickens House Captain.

Our charity, this year, is MIND and if you have any ideas about house events then please see your house captain!

Have a great weekend but please remember to do your homework!



Next week will be assessment week for Year 9 and it is particularly important that all students use the weekend and next week for revision, which should have been set as homework this week. Students should ask staff for any information or notes if they have been absent for any of the lessons and please remember to bring your book back if you are taking it home.

Well done to 9ACA who had the top attendance this week, in the school not just the year group of 98% and received their prize in assembly this week. 9 KEM were second with 97%,. Which is also excellent. I would also like to offer my congratulations to Meriem Aouragh 9KEM and Alan Kawa who were appointed Year Reps on the School Council after our election ballot was held last week in assembly.

Our first Brunel House competition will take place after half-term and is a Inter House Chess Competition. You need 6 students in a chess team. Please remember age is not a guide to strength of a chess player. If you have more than 6, you could change the team for each match. Anyone who is interested in chess please let me know ASAP and you could get some practice in after half-term. Who knows we could have a potential champion in our first year!

Have a good weekend and don't forget to start on your revision.

D. Glyn-Year 9/Brunel



I hope you have had a lovely week Turner House; it was great to see you on Thursday this week.

I am pleased to see so many of you continuing to uphold the six pillars, and a few that I have noted are:

Mark Ddembe for enthusiasm in Geography

Trinese Clarke for independence and effort in Music

Dirie Hirsi, Daniaal Akram and Tylar-Morgan Rogers for good effort in a number of subjects.

Boris Chachov and Renni James for independence in Drama

Muniba Rehman and Georgia Windsor for good e

ffort in a number of subjects

Andzelika Belajeva, Dhruvi Patel and

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| HUGHES, Chloe | YENDALL, Emily |
| HIRSI, Dirie | WING, Gervaise |
| HASSAN, Jamal | TRIVEDI, Pooja |
| GOURDON, Hedya | SMART, Robyn |
| GNABROUX, Blehony | SANKOH, Hagi |
| COUGHLAN, Shannon | REHMAN, Muniba |
| CORBYN, Andrew | QUAZI, Nabeel |
| CHACHOV, Borislav | PATEL, Dhruvi |
| CASH-ABBEY, Samantha | PARSONS-MARTINEZ, Ryan |
| BRIDGER, Bradley | PANTELEJEVS, Rolands |
| BRENNAN, Reuben | NEZIRI, Gent |
| BELAJEVA, Andzelika | NEUPANE, Pradeep |
| BARHAM, Alea | NABAKA, Sophia |
| AUGUSTINAS, Lukas | MARSHALL, Ricardo |
| AKRAM, Daniaal | MARSHALL, Lianna |
| AKRAM, Aisha | LOTHIAN, Lia |
| AHMED, Ibrahim | KILABIRA, Shaffiq |

As we learned on Thursday, I am very pleased that Hagi Sankoh is now Turner House Captain.

Please think carefully about the charities and charity events and let Hagi know your thoughts.

Have a great weekend, but make sure you focus on revision and preparation for your assessments as well!



Dear Turing House,

It was wonderful joining together for our first House assembly this week. Thank you for coming in quietly and promptly. As I explained, I am on the lookout for a new House Captain- if you think you have what it takes, come and see me or Miss Chaudhry for an application form.

It was great to launch the new House charity, Thinking of Theo. Please remember to 'like' Theo's page! www.facebook.com/thinkingoftheouk I am going to find out how much his bike will cost and I think it would be a great idea to have that as our target. Please come and see me if you have any other money raising ideas.

Next week is the start of the first round of assessments. KS3 (year 7-9) please ensure you are revising and seeing your subject teachers for that extra help. KS4 (10-11) these exams are vital, as I said in assembly, the Summer term will be back before you know it and that means sitting your GCSEs. Try your very best and ask your teachers for guidance on how to get the grades you are aiming for.

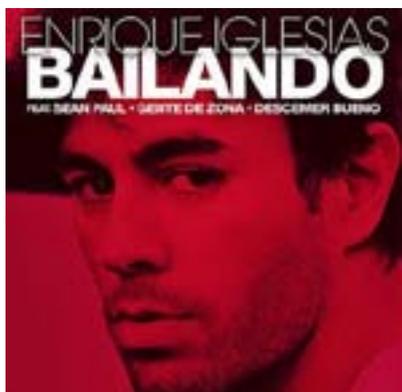
Have a great weekend,

Ms Harvey

THE CULTURE CORNER

La canción de la semana - The song of the week

Enrique Iglesias - Bailando

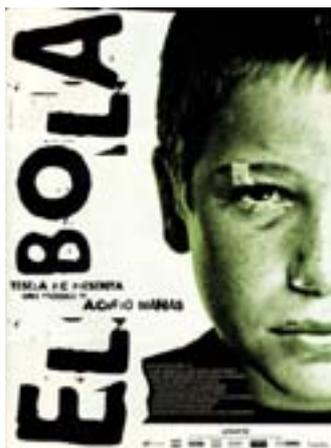


Scan the QR code to watch the clip!

La película de la semana - The film of the week

El Bola

12 year old boy a.k.a. "Pellet" is a 12 year old boy raised in a violent and sordid environment. Embarrassed by his family life, he avoids becoming close to classmates. The arrival of a new boy at school changes his attitude towards his classmates, and friendship. The heart of the story is the change in El Bola's life, at almost all levels, after befriending this new classmate.



La palabra de la semana - Word of the week



Squirrel noun.

ardilla



écureuil

σκίουρος



Word of the Week:

Debacle

noun

A sudden and ignominious failure; a fiasco

Film of the Week: chosen by Miss Hollis

'Pride' An amazingly brilliant film about a very important moment in our history - out in the cinema now!

Staff Read of the Week:

chosen by Miss Hollis

'Unbroken' A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption is a 2010 non-fiction book by Laura Hillenbrand. In fitting nicely with the conflict poetry theme!

We hope you enjoyed writing some excellent poetry this week to celebrate National Poetry Day!

Author of the week:

Susan Hill

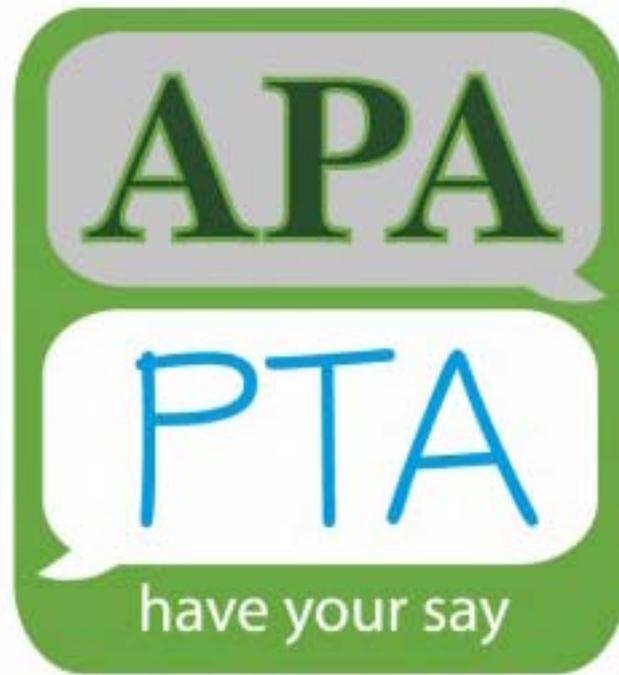
Susan Hill was born on 5th February 1942 in Scarborough, Yorkshire.

She wrote her first novel, The Encounter, while still at school and studying for her 'A' Levels.

Susan has been a full time writer since 1963 and is the author of over forty four books.

Her most famous work is the chilling ghost story, The Woman in Black, published in 1983.

It was adapted for the stage in 1987 and filmed in 2012.



Here at the APA parent teachers association (PTA) we are trying to make a difference. That includes making a difference to **YOU!**

We are here to do things like listen to your point of view, express that point of view and act on your point of view.

We are here to help raise much needed funds to improve life at the academy and we guarantee that it will be the students that benefit from our fund raising most of all.

So what are we up to right now?

We are currently working in conjunction with Ms Downey on the promotion of safeguarding students against cyber crime and bullying and we hope to introduce an e-safety policy throughout the academy soon.

Two members of our committee are helping with after school football club by giving up there time voluntarily.

Is your APA school uniform a bit on the small side? Is there still some life left in it ? Not sure what to do with it?

The PTA are accepting donations of APA school uniform for the purpose of reselling it at heavily discounted prices. All funds raised will go to the PTA and will be spent on essential equipment for the school. We are open to any suggestions and currently we are raising funds for a new p.a system for the for the 1music department and new APA sports kit.

Please note that we will only accept clean uniform in good condition. Any donations can be handed in at reception for the attention of the PTA.

What's coming up?

We aim to hold a table top sale in the coming months where we would invite parents, students, teachers and local residents to turn any old junk lying around in the attic into cash ! Details to follow, but please, no old dog eared geography books!!

Get in touch?

If you are interested in keeping up with news and events, take a look at our twitter feed.

You can tweet and follow us **@apapta**

You can also email us at **pta@arkputneyacademy.org**

We look forward to hearing from you soon!

Mr A Smart

PTA chair

THIS WEEK MARKS THE HOLIEST DAY IN THE JEWISH CALENDAR: YOM KIPPUR.

MR ARTMAN, THE NEWEST ADDITION TO APA'S MATHS DEPARTMENT, EXPLAINS WHAT THE HOLIDAY MEANS TO JEWISH PEOPLE



Yom Kippur is known as the Day of Atonement which is the holiest day in the Jewish calendar. As the name suggests, the day has a central theme of self-reflection and repentance for any misdeeds committed over the last year. It is a period of 25 hours where Jews fast throughout (no food or drink of any kind is consumed). The reason for this is that eating detracts from what a Jew is trying to achieve throughout the day. Yom Kippur is a time spent praying to G-D for forgiveness for sins committed against fellow man as well as G-D himself. Concerning sins committed against fellow man, repentance only works if forgiveness is sought from the victim aswell! With life proving to be quite fast paced as times, it is nice to take a step back and evaluate where one has gone wrong but also where one has gone right and can improve further. By refraining from food, a Jew is "afflicting" his soul as the bible states in order to feel the pain of any wrongdoings committed and so that total focus can be made on reforming ones character and correcting any wrongs. It is also deemed important to refrain from the physical pleasures of the world (such as delicious food) for one day to really immerse yourself in the holiness and spirituality of the day. Most of the fast is spent in synagogue reciting prayers not just of repentance but praise to G-D for giving Jews this

special day not just to repent but to take the opportune moment to gain a closeness to Him. A lot of the prayers are extremely powerful and there is a wonderful sense of communal connection as often hundreds of Jews gather together with a common purpose - to become better and stronger people. There is a central prayer known as "Viduy" in Hebrew which means confession. It is recited five times during the fast, whereby each Jew confesses no less than 22 different types of category of sin (Each sin beginning with each letter of the Hebrew alphabet)! It is written in the book of Psalms, that "G-D is close to all that call out to Him in sincerity" and the goal of the day is not mere lip service but to feel a strong sense of regret for any wrong doing, to make a sincere effort not to repeat the offence and to seek G-Ds help in being able to treat every human being with respect, care and warmth even under challenging circumstances.

May I take this opportunity to apologise to anyone I may have offended or upset since joining APA and would welcome anyone who wants to learn more about Judaism to ask me any other questions with pleasure!

Regards,

Mr Artman



APA LIBRARY FRIDAY CHALLENGE

Can you match these artists to their paintings?

Millais
Da Vinci
Sargent
Picasso
Gainsborough
Rembrandt
Jackson Pollock



Find the answers in the library.

First correct answer to Miss Sparrowhawk will win a prize.

Closing date Wednesday
8th October 2014

SCHOOL MASCOT



Our school mascot this week is Kaiser, who thinks APA rocks!

Kaiser belongs to Victoria Re-bok in year 7. Thanks for the pic Victoria, you win 5 house points.

If you would like to see your school mascot in the newsletter and receive 5 house points tweet us a picture to [@ARKPutney!](https://twitter.com/ARKPutney)

@ARKPUTNEY

Keep your eyes peeled for more games and competitions this week on the school's twitter account [@ARKPutney](https://twitter.com/ARKPutney) - can you find the words hidden around the school?

Last week's Answers

Who am I:

1. John Lennon - Singer and Songwriter in seminal band The Beatles.
2. Rosa Parks - African American civil rights activist hailed as "the mother of the freedom movement."
3. John Logie Baird - inventor of the television.

Film quotes:

1. Frozen
2. Mean Girls
3. Up
4. Mary Poppins
5. Despicable Me

