

## Message From the Principal

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Dear students,

As you know formal examinations are now underway for years 11-13 so I would ask that all other students behave considerately and move quietly around the school between lessons. To those students taking exams, you need to arrive at least 15 minutes before each exam. It is also important to attend as many extra revisions sessions as possible and remember that you are still expected to attend lessons up until the date of your exam.

On a lighter note I would like to say congratulations to the students who competed in the ARK UI3 Rugby 7s tournament on Tuesday. They did exceptionally well, coming third - with Daniel Edgley named Man of the Tournament.

Similar congratulations go to those students who have represented APA at Wandsworth Schools Athletics Championships over the last two weeks. Everyone performed to their best with Leo Grant, Yasmin Chelli, Rowen Mensah and Yasmin Mahmood selected to represent Wandsworth in the London Schools' Athletics Championship.

It is this type of success that reflects well on us all at APA and you are a credit to the school.

Have a great weekend,  
Ms Downey



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## Children's Book Week

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Children's Book Week 30th June – 4th July 2014  
**7 WEEKS TO GO!**

  
**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
READ A  
BOOK**

# Message From the Heads of House

## BRUNEL: Mr Glyn



Well done to everyone who took part in the Rugby tournament – ‘After a sluggish start to the tournament, APA ended the tournament in 3rd place after beating Isaac Newton Academy 25 v 0 in the 3rd/4th place play-off’. Very

well done to everyone who took part in it and gave such tremendous effort.

Well done to everyone who took part in the Wandsworth Schools Athletics Championship and a special mention to Yasmin in Brunel:

Yasmin Chelli (yr7) was 4th in the yr8 high jump (Her height cleared would have won the Yr7 competition). Yasmin has been selected by Wandsworth for the London schools’ Athletics Championship.

Thursday night was Ms Chaudhry’s Drama evening performance of ‘Bouncers and Shakers’ and it really was like an evening out at the theatre. Every student was fantastic and a particular mention to Elizabeth Turner in our House.

## DICKENS: Ms Chaudhry



Congratulations to the following pupils who have achieved 100% attendance so far this year:

Brandon Pope, Richa Jirel, Jewell Dje, and Shania Coyle.

Congratulations to the following pupils for representing the school at Wandsworth Schools Athletics:

Leo Grant – 2nd in the yr8 javelin  
Daniel Edgley – 3rd in the yr8 long jump  
Jewell Dje – 4th in the yr7 girls 100m finals  
Rueben Brown – 4th in the yr7 boys 100m finals

Both Leo Grant and Yasmin Mahmood have been selected by Wandsworth for the London schools’ Athletics Championship which is an amazing achievement, well done!

The performance of Bouncers by Abbie Furlong,

The theme for this week is Wonder. ‘Wonder most commonly refers to: Wonder (emotion), an emotion comparable to surprise that people feel when perceiving something rare or unexpected’. We are surrounded by the wonders of nature and the world we live in. This week we were looking at adaptations in geography and it was incredible to see how the Saguaro cactus, which lives in the deserts of Arizona and Mexico, absorbs and stores huge amounts of water every year when it rains. It stores the rainwater for months to enable it to flower and produce seeds. These are covered in a sweet flesh that animals and insects want as a meal. Once they have eaten, these animals will go to areas of shade where they will drop the seeds and there they will lie and wait for the rains. A single cactus can produce 40 million seeds in its lifetime. But from all of these only ONE will survive and grow to a full sized cactus, taking 100 years to grow to maturity.

On Monday Mr. Richards is taking the school assembly on Mount St Helens, another example of one of the wonders of nature. Take some time to think about the word ‘Wonder’ and the world we live in over the weekend.

Elizabeth Turner, Hayfa Awshan and Shay Wotton and the performance of Shakers by Bradley Hogan, Bethany Lennox, Evangeline Bediako and Tom Ryan were truly outstanding! Well done!

A massive thank you to all staff and students who attended the performance; I am very grateful that you gave up your time to support the Drama department.

The theme for the week was Wonder so I thought I would share some quotes with you:

Wisdom begins in wonder. *Socrates*

Wonder rather than doubt is the root of all knowledge. *Abraham Joshua Heschel*

There are no great limits to growth because there are no limits of human intelligence, imagination, and wonder. *Ronald Reagan*

As knowledge increases, wonder deepens. *Charles Morgan*

# Message From the Heads of House

## TURING: Ms Harvey



Dear Turing House,

I will be coming around next week with treats for those with 100% attendance and for the tutor group with the best attendance this term; make it on time every day and it might just be your tutor!

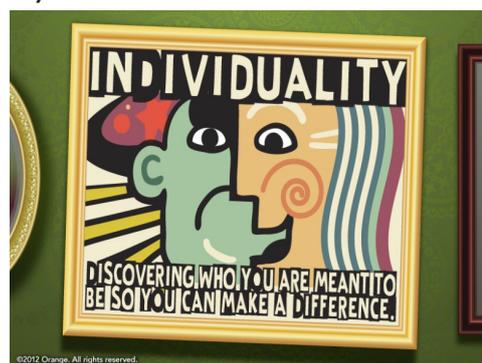
Please can you tell Batool and Kauthar (House Captains) your ideas for House charity events; we must ensure that we beat the target set and be proud to contribute to such a great charity.

The theme of the week was individuality and this made me think about the recent Art exams; each student had the same theme but all addressed it very differently and applied their own creative ideas-

well done!

Year 11: the exam time is almost finished and you have all worked incredibly hard. I actually think that GCSEs are probably the most difficult exams to sit since you are required to remember lots of information for lots of subjects! Good luck!

Have a great weekend,  
Ms Harvey



## TURNER: Mr Richards



A continued thank you and congratulations to the students with 100% attendance still: Dhruvi Patel; Pradeep Neupane; Lia Lothian; Bradley Bridger. Keep going with this guys! Well done also, to those with 99%: Alea

Barham; Tyler-Morgan Rogers; Omar Hassouna. Well done to you all. There were some odd absences last week with some of you being ill, so I hope this last week and half-term serve you well and you make sure you're all looking after yourselves, getting the rest you need, as well as using your time efficiently to get your work done, while finding the time to do the things you enjoy.

I'd like to also remind you of the basics you must remember for every day, and week:

Every single day you must have in your bag: reading book; diary (with timetable in it); pens, pencil, ruler, rubber, calculator (& other maths/scientific equipment).

Every week remember: you need to get your planner signed by your parent/guardian; you need to ensure your homework is written clearly and ticked when you've completed it; a note explaining why

you might not be able to stay behind after school for a detention.

If you get these basics right every day and each week, along with the correct uniform then, as always, you will receive 2 achievement points from your tutor for the week – remember that points win prizes!

Also, to those of you that feel they are not getting points from their teachers, start showing more special and consistent effort, enthusiasm, independence, teamwork, commitment or community spirit, in order to so!

Now Year 11s have gone, you should be less nervous in tutor and more open to the discussions for the theme of the week, current affairs and recommendations for reading material. I would like you all to keep an eye on the news and bring in your own ideas for discussions during tutor time, using it as a good chance to share your opinions, let your voice be heard more, and of course listen and evaluate those of others, whether you agree or disagree.

Hope you have a lovely weekend.

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## Wandsworth Schools Year 7-8 Athletics: Results

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Over the past two days we have participated in the ARK under 13s Rugby tournament and the Wandsworth schools' year 7 and 8 athletics championships. Well done to all that competed, their attitude and behaviour has been excellent.

Rugby tournament – After a sluggish start to the tournament, APA ended the tournament in 3rd place after beating Isaac Newton Academy 25 v 0 in the 3rd/4th place play-off. Inspirational throughout all our matches with his bursting runs and fearless tackling, Daniel Edgley was awarded 'Man of the tournament'.

Wandsworth Schools athletics – Special mention to the following students:

Leo Grant – 2nd in the yr8 Javelin  
Daniel Edgley – 3rd in the yr8 Long Jump  
Andrew Corbin – 3rd in the yr7 high jump  
Jewell Dje – 4th in the yr7 girls 100m finals  
Rueben Brown – 4th in the yr7 boys 100m finals  
Yasmin Chelli (yr7) – 4th in the yr8 high jump (Her height cleared would have won the yr7 competition)  
Robyn Smart – 4th in the yr7 javelin

Both Leo and Yasmin have been selected by Wandsworth for the London schools' Athletics Championship.

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## National Trainer Day

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Trainer Day next Friday (23rd May). Pay £1 to wear your trainers for the day (rest of your uniform must be normal).



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## Word of the Week

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### Incredulous

**Incredulous** (frɪˈnetɪk) *adj.* 1. Skeptical; disbelieving. "Most people are incredulous of stories about flying saucers." 2. Expressive of disbelief. "An incredulous stare."

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## 5,4,3,2,1: Mr Marshall

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### 5 people you'd love to have round for dinner:

It would have to be 5 people who have done something amazing in their lives.

- 1) Mozart - Probably the greatest musician who ever lived.
- 2) Nelson Mandela – I would have loved to have met him.
- 3) Ian Botham – cricketer who has raised a lot of money for charity. I watched the 1981 test match when he saved the day for England against Australia.
- 4) Janet Baker – famous soprano singer.
- 5) Alfred Brendal – probably the greatest living pianist. He could play the music for Janet Baker to sing and they could both talk to Mozart.

### 4 books and films you'll never forget:

#### Books:

- 1) Lord of the Rings and the Hobbit – music is really well written for the film.
- 2) Charles Dickens "A Tale of Two Cities" A difficult book to read at first, but with a brilliant ending. When I first read it, it made me cry. I am very interested in history and read history books about real life mysteries. Probably my two favourites are:
- 3) "The Princes in the Tower" about the disappearance of the 2 royal princes in the Tower of London in 1485.
- 4) "The murder of Tutankhamun" the boy Pharaoh of Egypt who some people think was murdered.

### 3 foods you'd have for your last meal:

- 1) Starter – Whitbait
  - 2) Main course - Smoked Salmon
  - 3) Dessert – Cheesecake.
- Preferably in a restaurant where you can eat as much as you want so the meal would never end

### 2 places you'd love to visit:

The lost city of Macchu Pichu in South America.  
The Grand Canyon.

### 1 day you'll never forget:

My wedding day 34 years ago!

# This Week in History

**12th May 1655**

English troops take Jamaica from the Spanish, making it a hub for rum production and slave trading.



**13th May 1787**

The 'First Fleet' carrying convicts sets sail for Australia, where it will set up the first penal colony.



**14th May 1796**

English doctor Edward Jenner administers the first vaccination against smallpox, using pus from cowpox.



**15th May 1886**

Emily Dickinson dies in Amherst, Mass., where she had lived in seclusion for the previous 24 years.



**16th May 1152**

Eleanor of Aquitaine marries Henry Anjou, handing the future king of England most of France.

