**Elections for Parent Governor**

We are delighted by the response to the call for nominations to fill the vacant position of parent governor. We have had 5 nominations so an election will need to take place. Voting opens on Monday 8 October and closes on Thursday 11 October. The result will be announced in School News on Friday 12 October.

You vote in reception during office hours and at the Year 11 Parents Evening.

We hope as many of you as are able will vote in this important election.

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<th>Kate Ashton</th>
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| **As a parent of children in years 7 and 9, I am really keen to get more involved in Elmgreen. Both my kids really enjoy the school, and we really appreciate how supportive it is.**  
  
  I am passionate about making a difference, whether it’s through my work in environmental communications, to the voluntary work that I have been involved with as a governor or locally.  
  
  Recently I was really worried that there was no safe place for students from Elmgreen to cross Norwood Road so I helped persuade the council to put in place a zebra crossing. I also helped organise the Elmgreen Fun Run last year to raise money for the school.  
  
  Being a Governor at Elmgreen will allow me to contribute more to the school and bring my experience of being a governor and a trustee to help Elmgreen and its students to be successful.  

| **As a mother of three children, two of whom are educated to degree level, and my youngest studying at Elmgreen, I believe that the first years of a child’s education are crucial to their later academic achievements and development of social and life skills.**  
  
  Having worked in various positions within local government specialising in child welfare, budget management and scrutiny, I would complement the school by giving a strategic overview in decision making and hold the school leadership team to account on decision making, ensuring that each and every child receives an outstanding education.  
  
  I have a real passion for education complimented with energy, enthusiasm and professionalism to help Elmgreen maintain its high standards and meet future challenges. Each child has a right to a decent education. I am a strong believer that ‘Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself’. |
| Name          | Statement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
Visit by Laura Bates

It was wonderful welcoming Laura Bates back to school on Wednesday. Laura first spoke at The Elmgreen School two years ago. She made such a positive impact on our Year 12 and 13 girls we were delighted that she was able to visit again. Students also attended from Saint Martins-in-the-Fields and Dunraven schools.

Laura is a leading British Feminist writer, the founder of the Everyday Sexism Project and the author of Everyday sexism and Girl up. She writes frequently for the Guardian on gender equality and speaks regularly about the barriers facing women of all ages and at every level of society.

Laura’s testimony is powerful because she has made the personal political. It was her experiences as a student and then as an actor that drove her to challenge unwanted but ‘normalised’ behaviour and led to her setting up the Everyday Sexism Project. By inviting other women to share their experiences of sexism in education, in the workplace and in day to day life she sought to understand the nature of the problem and work out ways to solve it. One of the first things she discovered is that you can’t look at sexism in isolation. It affects all of us, whatever gender we identify with, in many different ways. She spoke about ‘intersectionality’ where experiences of sexism overlap with many other prejudices such as racism, Islamaphobia, transphobia and homophobia.

Of course great strides have been made in terms of gender equality. And yet there is much work to be done. Statistics show very real inequality in politics, law and business. It’s the same in the arts; and in STEM areas, where women are significantly underrepresented. Laura asked us to question who has the power in the media? Who dominates the words and images that we consume every single day? Of newspaper front pages, one fifth are written by women. 84% of front page stories are about men. Only 5% of films every year are directed by women. When women are featured, it’s often not about how they feel and think. But about how they look.

At the end of the session, there was a lively Q&A session, followed by further chat and book signings in the library. ‘The students’ responses were so thoughtful and insightful,’ Laura said afterwards ‘they were some of the best questions I’ve had at any event. It’s testament to the school that they were such a receptive audience.’

This was a joint initiative between the library team and the sixth form. We have both Laura’s books available to borrow in the library. There are also a limited amount of books to buy on Parentpay.
Last week on a beautiful sunny day all Y11 took part in a Science Ecology Day. During the morning all students visited Belair Park to do field work as part of their Science GCSE core practical. We were using a belt transect to investigate how abiotic factors affected the distribution of different plant species. We then went back to the labs to analyse soil samples and analyse trends in our data. Students worked hard and got an experience of outdoor practical work.

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On Friday 28 September 100 students lead by Ms Banerjee, Mr Welsh, Ms Hartley and Mr Fassin-Junior travelled to the Emirates Stadium for the annual UK University and Apprenticeship Fair.

UK University and Apprenticeship Fair—by Kitty O’Hara Year 12

The day consisted of exploring the numerous opportunities that universities all over the country have to offer. There were several talks aimed at students, like myself, hoping to continue to higher education at either Oxford or Cambridge Universities. The talks were presented by former students of Oxford University and gave me an insight into what it would be like to study at Oxbridge. It was no surprise that the entry demands are high. I learnt that there are hundreds of libraries, extra-curricular activities and opportunities that come alongside all the hard work. This knowledge has increased my determination to work harder to achieve my goal of attending such a prestigious university.

The fair was useful to all of the sixth formers in broadening our perspectives on the idea of attending a university or undertaking an apprenticeship. Some students who were not certain of their future plans, were helped to understand the many different pathways.

A really helpful aspect of the day was the friendliness of all of the representatives of the universities. My conversations with them helped me to understand exactly how I can prepare for a history degree and of how to get into a Russell Group University.

I now have a much clearer idea of the different types of degree available in the subject I wish to study. I also found universities that I had not known of before this visit and were better suited to my preferred area of learning. This now means that I’m able to research further into them with the information given in prospectus booklets and attending future open days.
Students staff and families, are warmly invited to the The Elmgreen School Fun Run on Saturday 6 October 2018 in Brockwell Park. Just turn up!

You can run, walk the route, or do a combination of both! Registration is on the day but don’t forget if you are under 18 you must collect a permission form from your tutor, complete it and bring with you on the day. Mr Bergin will be there to award prizes.

As well as having a lot of fun, the School and the PPF are hoping to raise funds. We are thrilled to have sponsorship from a number of local businesses.

If you would like to raise additional funds or directly sponsor the event click on the MyDonate link https://mydonate.bt.com/events/elmgreenfunrun2018/475445

Money raised last year was used to purchase an all-weather outdoor table-tennis table for The Elmgreen School. Come along and help us raise even more this year!

All parents and carers! - Come to the Parents Council on Thursday 22 November 7.00 pm—8.30 pm. No experience needed. Share your ideas with us.
A parent promoted school for students aged 11 - 19

THE ELMGREEN SIXTH FORM

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Visit our Open Sessions

Thursday 18 October 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Tuesday 13 November 9.00am - 10.15am

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LIBRARY NEWS
5 ways to celebrate Black History Month
OCTOBER 2018

1. **Discover new voices.** We have some great titles by BAME authors in the library: come and browse our BHM display.

2. **It’s all about the hair**
   Pop into West Norwood Library to celebrate the history, style and beauty of black hair. See historic styles from the Black Cultural Archives and talk to experts and bloggers for tips and advice.
   *Wednesday 24 October 2pm—6pm*

3. **See The Hate U Give**
   You’ve read the book now see the film. When Starr’s friend Khalil is shot by a cop, she has to find her place in the world and stand up for what she believes in. Out on 22 October, Certificate 12 A

4. **Breakdance!**
   Take part in a breaking workshop with Rain Crew.
   *Thursday 26 October, Clapham Library 2:30pm-4.00pm*
   *Friday 26 October, Brixton Library 2:30pm-4.00pm*
   7-12 years

5. **Take part in a Samba Reggae Drumming workshop**
   Learn Afro-Brazilian rhythms with Trevor Kentish, multi-percussionist and band leader of Sonido Bossa Nova.
   *Wednesday 24 October, Brixton Library 2:30pm-3:30pm*
   *Friday 26 October, Tate South Lambeth Library 2:30-pm-3:30pm*
Do you ever shop/buy flights/pay bills online?

Then please join up to support The Elmgreen School at Easyfundraising using this link https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/3E25WL/. Here’s how…

We have been raising money for the school with very little effort using Easyfundraising and we wondered whether you wanted to register too?

With only 100 people signed up, we have raised £1,543.05. We could do even better with your support.

The best thing is it’ll cost you nothing. Essentially, it’s an online gateway. You sign up and if you buy something online - and as long as the retailer is registered with Easyfundraising - and many of them are - then a fraction of what you’ve spent is sent to Elmgreen – or any other charity you’ve nominated.

For many online purchases it doesn’t add up to much, but if you’re doing a monthly supermarket shop, buying flights or insurance or shopping with more generous retailers the sums can add up very quickly (e.g. Selfridges donate 4.5% of what you spend and Sky will donate £52.50 and Virgin Media £62.50, if you buy one of their packages via Easyfundraising). And it’ll cost you nothing. The retailers guarantee not to charge anything extra to the customer – they’ve just agreed to share a fraction of their profits with the nominated charity.

As you can see from the screen shot above, with just a few people signed up, we have raised over £1,500.00 for the school. We’d have to bake a lot of cup-cakes to raise that in a bake sale!

A huge thank you to “Ruth L” who has raised £313.17 for the school on her own!

More information about how it works is set out on the Easyfundraising website but if you decide to sign up, please use this link so Elmgreen can qualify for a £5 bonus payment (this is paid as soon as you’ve raised £5 through Easyfundraising).

Please, sign up and give it a go. Thanks very much.

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/3E25WL/