

Autumn 2019

What has been happening in the Aspirations West London region this term?

This term, our Aspirations family of schools have been focusing on developing a sense of self worth in our students so that all of our Aspirations pupils know that they can be the best version of themselves.

We wish everyone a very peaceful festive season and a healthy, safe 2020.



Annual Christmas Card Competition

Park Academy West London introduced their first Key Stage 3 Christmas card competition this year. The students were tasked with designing a card to be given out in the local community. Mr Delgado and Mrs Fragoso chose the winning designs for Year 7, 8 and 9. Andreea Galatanu (Year 7), Ellie Scott (Year 8) and Sharquarne Anderson (Year 9) were awarded certificates and Amazon vouchers for their winning designs. The chosen designs have been printed and will be delivered to local shops, schools, bus drivers and the general local community before the end of term.



We have had a great end of term, with the celebration of student achievements, our Christmas Concert Extravaganza and Christmas dinner, served to all students on Christmas jumper day!

Year 5 & 6 pupils from **Oak Hill and Oriel Academies** were invited to attend the Royal Institution Maths Masterclasses at Space Studio West London. The focus of the classes was Space and Maths. It was a great experience for our primary pupils to work alongside students who attend Space Studio, a school for students aged 14-18 and part of our Academy Trust. It gave the pupils a great sense of Belonging. They enjoyed science and maths quizzes, word search puzzles and some tricky maths calculations. One Oak Hill pupil commented "it is fun being taught by the older students". They also learned about the planets and moons in the solar system and this week they made a rocket out of a plastic bottle and cardboard which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. This linked directly with the science learning back at their own academy. A big thank you to Space Studio West London for putting on such a great Masterclass.





Diwali Assembly

Some of the pupils at Oriel Academy celebrate Diwali. With the help of Mrs Ashwini, they presented an assembly, to share what they do to celebrate Diwali with their family and friends. They decorate their home and light up their houses with bright lights.

The children at Oriel especially enjoyed hearing about the sweet-eating competition!



As part of their Religious Education on Christianity, the children in Year 1 created Christingles – an object that helps to remind Christians about the importance of Jesus and the hope he brings especially at this time of year.



Rivers Academy West London launched the Aspirations No Limits Curriculum (designed to ease the transition from primary education and give a broader exposure to a wide range of subjects) with year 7 this year. With a dedicated team of 8 teachers, who co-planned lessons, year 7 students have enjoyed their learning which has resulted in high quality work from pupils.

Starting with the assignment 'Demos Kratos', pupils worked actively in small groups to improve an aspect of the academy and pitched their persuasive vlog to Ms Singlehurst and Mrs Lancy. Pupils drew upon real world problems such as pollution to find solutions to the problem of plastic at the Academy. Following a secret democratic ballot, pupils were able to vote for their most

persuasive pitch. Ms Lancy commented, "It was great to see how much they had learned and also the confidence that they are developing in speaking publicly."

At the end of the second assignment, 'Love, Life and Loss' students showcased their fantastic work at the ATL exhibition attended by parents and staff. All who came were thoroughly amazed at the excellent anthologies the pupils have created. Ms Scott, Vice Principal, was so impressed with the learning, stating that it was the best work she had seen at the Academy.

Pupils are learning so much from the trans-discipline approach, developing and becoming more proficient in collaboration, communication and creativity. We are very proud of their engagement and enthusiasm and look forward to taking the whole year group to Shakespeare's Globe theatre to launch the next assignment.



Royal Institution Maths and Science Outreach Master classes

This year Space Studio West London has had the opportunity to host and run the Royal Institution Maths and Science Outreach Master classes.

Students from the school have worked alongside Members of the Royal institution to organise a series of fun and exciting master classes covering areas such as distance, scale, orbits and Keepers laws; Rockets, velocity and acceleration calculations; Mass, Weight and the relationship to gravity.

The Primary students from Oak Hill and Oriel excelled and showed their curiosity and creativity and confidence to take action. They impressed the Space Studio Sixth form students who said

'They surprised us with their knowledge of algebra' and 'some were able to do A level standard calculations including SUVAT'.

