What have our West London Academies been up to this half term? Festive Wishes to you all!







It has been another successful and busy half term at Space Studio West London. Year 11 and 13 worked incredibly hard in preparation for their mocks and responded very positively to the demands of formal examinations and we look forward to using feedback from these to formulate the targeted support and challenge for them so they have **confidence to take action**.

Year 10 have been working on their core project 'the theory of flight' and they were able to add to the **fun and excitement** of the in-school learning with a visit to the science museum.

Year 12 are nearing completion of the first Aspirations Employability Diploma projects on redevelopment within Feltham and are looking forward to presenting their proposals to a team of Architects and feeling a real **sense of accomplishment**.



After a gap of almost 2 years without any trips to the theatre, we were delighted to add some extra **fun and excitemen**t into our curriculum by taking our year 10 and 11 BTEC Performing Arts students to see A Christmas Carol at the Old Vic in London. Zonairah Yaqub from our year 10 class said "It was so exciting to be on a school trip again!"

At the theatre we were welcomed with complimentary mince pies and tangerines to get us in the festive spirit. The show featured Christmas carols, bell ringing, snow and even parachuting sprouts to add a touch of Christmas magic to our evening. It was the first time many of our students had been to the theatre and it brought to life the skills and techniques we had been learning about through our exploration of *A Christmas Carol* this term. We cannot wait for our next trip in the new year!

Following our trip, we are very much looking forward to practitioners from the Old Vic visiting the Academy to deliver a lighting workshop based on the show. Our BTEC students will be putting their **curiosity and creativity** into action by exploring how the lighting for A Christmas Carol was designed and the technical side of putting on a professional production. We are fortunate enough to have these exciting opportunities through our participation in the Old Vic Schools Club, where our KS4 Performing Arts students get to see four productions and take part in four professionally run workshops.







The second half term at Park Academy has been busy with lots of events to encourage students to have **fun and excitement** whilst also building on their **sense of belonging** and their **leadership** skills. One of the highlights of the half term was the Showcase where students had the opportunity to perform to their peers, staff and their parents. It was great to see such a wide variety of music, dance, drama and poetry performances from the students and they performed with real confidence and pride. All of the parents and staff who attended the event were beaming as they left at the end of the evening and were keen to know when the next performance evening would be.



All students at Park Academy have been working really hard in lessons and are showing real determination to succeed. It was great to see our Year 11 students receive their mock results in a mock results day. Students were involved in discussions with each other and staff on the measures that they needed to move forward and this really gave them the **confidence** to start making those positive changes.

The students have shown a real sense of **belonging** to the local community with the annual charity events of the Christmas shoebox and collection for the local foodbank. Once again we raised nearly 2000 items for the local foodbank with the Sixth Form winning this year. They are all **heroes** in our community.







Leadership and Responsibility at OHA

This term, our Aspirations Parliament have been working extremely hard! The different departments have organised a range of exciting events for the whole school to provide **fun and excitement** and promote **student leadership** and enrichment across the curriculum. Two of the highlights have been their Christmas decoration competition and football tournament. Children created their very own Christmas tree decorations in order to enter the competition and the winner and runner up from each year group was chosen by the Prime Minister and her parliament.

The ambassadors ran a series of year group football tournaments during lunch times with an emphasis on fun for all and keeping fit – all children could join in and they loved it!



Last week at Oriel, our Year 4 children all enjoyed taking part in a **fun and exciting** workshop based on their Electricity topic for this half term. They investigated how electricity travels, various insulators and conductors and also experimented with how to create static electricity.

'I think Toxic Tim was brilliant and I was so excited about what he had to show and tell us. I learnt a lot and really enjoyed all of the experiments we got to do with him' Adam, Laurel Class 'I loved the whole workshop. It was so much fun, educational and enjoyable. My favourite part was when I touched the Van de Graaf generator and I could feel my hair raising up into the air' Naila, Larch Class

Curiosity and Creativity were firmly on the agenda as learning was brought to life in some fairly *hair-raising* ways! A great day was had by all- what a fantastic way to mark what has been an *electrifying* learning journey!

