



Insight

SHARING THE DETAIL AND THE BIGGER PICTURE WITH OUR COMMUNITY



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Sir Frederic Osborn

Headteacher's Message

We had our annual Open Evening last week. We had wonderful weather on the evening and we had excellent attendance of prospective students with their parents and carers.

Parents were invited to take a tour of the school where they saw the exciting array of activities and demonstrations from all our departments. Parents and students were very active in asking questions about our curriculum and what this means for their child. They also took great interest in our new Key Stage 3 assessment process.

One area which was a hot topic of interest was the developing partnership we have with Sandringham School in St Albans. We were delighted that the Headteacher from Sandringham, Mr Alan Gray joined us for the evening to help explain all the collaborations which are taking place between our two schools.

Our students and staff were fantastic and the feedback we received was most complimentary, please see below:

"Very impressive – lovely staff and the children are a credit to the school."

"Staff and teachers were very interactive and my daughter enjoyed being able to get involved in demonstrations and activities. Overall, very impressed."

"Totally impressed with students showing us around the school and giving demonstrations. They love their school."

"Very structured and our guide was very knowledgeable and helpful. Loved the Headteacher's presentation and the two student speeches. It blew us away and changed our opinion of the school."

Though everyone made a tremendous effort. I would like to particularly thank our two Year 7 students, Mia Thompson and Matthew Hill.

They each gave accomplished and entertaining speeches to the packed hall of parents and students. Their maturity and confidence in doing this made a lasting impression on everyone.

If you know of anyone who was not able to make the Open Evening or Mornings, please just ask them to contact the school to arrange a convenient time to visit.

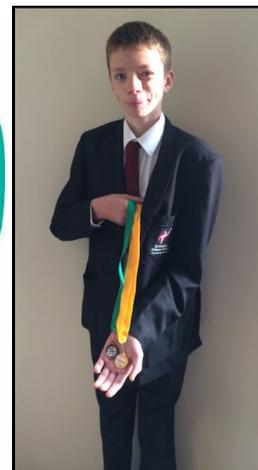
Please do enjoy reading this edition of Insight.

Mr J Whelan
Headteacher

Success for David Payne

Congratulations go to David Payne 10S who competed in the St John Ambulance Cadet Swimming Gala at The Enfield Swimming Centre last week. He achieved a Bronze Medal in the individual 50m freestyle, and a Silver Medal in the freestyle relay. He will now compete in the National Finals in November.

Mr J Whelan
Headteacher



Parent Reminder

**INSET Day Friday
7th October
School Closed**

Attendance & Attainment

We want your child's life to be a success! We do not want your child to fail! We are sure that as a parent you want exactly the same things for your child. How can we work together and make it happen?

- Children should come to school every day. Our school's attendance target is 96% but children should always aim for 100%
- We WANT children to learn so that they have the opportunity to go to college or university, take up an apprenticeship/training and find a good job.
- If your child is not in school, missing odd days he/she is falling behind and it's harder to catch up with school work.
- If your child is genuinely ill please provide the school with a note so that the absence can be authorised. Please ensure you ring the school in the morning to inform us of the absence.
- Please try wherever possible to book medical appointments outside of school hours. If the appointment has to be during the school day please send your child to school before and after the appointment where possible.
- If you are having problems getting your child to school please talk to us.
- If your child takes one day off every week, at the end of the school year it will give a total of nearly 8 weeks off school!

Alongside attendance is punctuality. It is imperative that your child is punctual to school. Registration in the morning is 8.30am therefore your child needs to be lined up outside their Form Room at 8.30am and not arriving to school at this time. The back gate will be locked at 8.30am every morning; if your child uses this entrance please ensure that they leave for school in plenty of time so they arrive before the gates are locked.

Mr J Baranowski
Assistant Headteacher

Art News

Year 8 have been exploring perspective in art focusing on the manipulation of scale within photography. The students have produced some great images through a home based learning task, especially Ethan Adams and Jack Hornsley from 8F. Who have been awarded Headteacher Awards for their efforts, well done!



Mrs H Brown
Art Subject Leader

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

During this term we will be launching the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme is the world's leading youth achievement award and can give students a real edge when applying for College, University or for a job. To gain the award students will complete a volunteering, physical, skills and expedition challenge.

The scheme will, initially, be open to our Year 10 students. We have already had a great response from students who are keen to start their Bronze Award. If any student would like to be involved please see Mrs C Neilson, Mr W Sarjeant or Mr R Sutton.

We are looking forward to giving you updates on how the students are doing!

Mr R Sutton, Mr W Sarjeant &
Mr R Sutton

Duke of Edinburgh Lead Teachers



Herts Digital Award

After the fantastic school Open Evening I attended the University of Herts for the prestigious Herts Digital Awards for the second year running.

The Sports Centre was again up for the Best Sports and Entertainment website category, up against some excellent companies and websites from Herts.

We won Gold in this in 2015 and were shocked to have won, and again shocked to be nominated and attend this year.

Unfortunately we did not place in the category on this occasion but it was still a great networking event.

I am hopeful for more success at the upcoming Herts Business Awards and the Service to Sports Awards in the coming months. You can nominate the Sports Centre for several categories if you have a spare 10 minutes also!

Mr S Harte
**Sports Centre
Manager**



Leadership Academy Update

Extra-Curricular Club Launch

Some fantastic photos from our club launch here at Sir Frederic Osborn School. Over 100 different students from across the year groups attending clubs like football, table tennis, basketball, karate, badminton and many more! We want to see MORE of you!!

Please see below a full list of PE lunchtime and afterschool clubs that is open to our students for free. Please note clubs with the initials 'RTC' are Leadership Academy run and will be led by Regan Carolan and Gold Ambassadors. We encourage every student to try at least one club, even if it is just once. Try a new sport, or make new friends, there are so many brilliant reasons to attend clubs.

Many of these clubs will lead to opportunities to represent Sir Frederic Osborn in competitions against other schools in the specific sport. Please ask the PE Department for more information.



Year 7 Football vs Mount Grace

On Monday 19th September our new Year 7 Football Team played their first game against Mount Grace School. The Year 7 team is one I manage myself and despite a 5-1 loss they were the best team in the game and worked well together they never gave up during the game and kept each other going throughout the match. The boys have shown teamwork in training and have performed in many drills in order to become better players and an all-round better team. A special mention to captain Charles Alves who led the team brilliantly, kept the team going until the final whistle not to mention an excellent performance in the centre of the field. Well done boys! Please note letters will not be handed out to parents with details of upcoming fixtures. Students are expected to view the notice board displayed in the Sports Centre.



This Girl Can Week Welwyn Hatfield

Sir Frederic Osborn School Sports Centre Staff Regan and Tasha are running a whole programme of events for This Girl Can.

Activities will be running throughout the programme at Sir Frederic Osborn Sports Centre. Please see www.welhat.gov.uk/thisgirlcan for full details. Sir Frederic Osborn girls can participate in Dance sessions from Monday 3rd October and Monday 10th October 6:45pm -7:30pm for free! Bring your friends and get involved in sport.



Regan Carolan
Head of the Leadership Academy

Isabel Hospice Bridges of London Walk

Sir Frederic Osborn hosted the first ever Bridges of London event on Sunday 25th September. Below is a letter we received from the Event Organiser Beth Hardy.

"The sun definitely shined on us and we had a fantastic day with over 400 walkers taking part which is incredible so thank you so much for letting us use the school as our base.

We have raised over £15,000 and we hope to raise over £20,000 when we have received all of the sponsorship funds in so thank you for helping us reach this fantastic amount, it wouldn't have been possible without your support. These funds will help us continue to provide specialist end of life care to patients and local families in Welwyn Garden City so it's all for a brilliant cause.

We hope to make the event an annual walk in the local community so we would be absolutely delighted if we could host the walk at the school in the future. Thank you once for your continued support"

Beth Hardy
Events Manager



Sports Centre News

October Half Term

We will again be running our pay and play throughout October half term. 5-11 and 11-18 will both run all week from 9am-4pm. The usual costs of £3 apply for our 5-11 and £1 for Sir Frederic Osborn students £2 for 11-18 for other students). On Friday 28th October we will be running a Halloween party! From 1-4pm at a cost of just £10 we will be running lots of fun Halloween themed games and activities. Please contact to book.

Charity Football Tournament

Sunday 18th September saw DiPPs run their first football charity tournament and we were honoured to have it held here at SFO SC. DiPPs campaigns and fundraises to place defibrillators in Public Places and as a school we are fortunate to have two. The tournament was a fantastic success with over £1000 being raised on the day, there was also a barbeque and food and drink being sold with everyone getting involved and fully enjoying a great day!

The winners on the day were British Premium Meats. All sides were fantastic competitors and played the day as it should be, in great spirit! Plans are already in place for the event to happen again here next year!

Thank you to all the players, supporters, volunteers and a special mention to students Frankie O'Shea and Adam Cherry who volunteered for all of the games between them. A credit to the school!

Mr S Harte
Sports Centre Manager



Match Report

Year 10 vs Bow School
ESFA National Cup Round 2

We travelled to the famous Hackney Marshes for this second round game, having been fortunate enough to secure a tri from the first round. The students were a little concerned as to the potential physical prowess of their opponents, however the students had trained hard and trained well so were also cautiously optimistic.

The boys took an audible intake of breath when they saw the sheer scale of Hackney Marshes itself, but were pleased with the condition of the pitches – very much suited to a short-passing style game. They were also pleased when they saw that the opposition were not quite as they imagined – funnily enough looking not too dissimilar to ourselves!

We had a very strong squad with us for this match, with some new additions added over the summer transfer window. These have helped take us to the next level.

We wanted to start strong, putting the opposition under pressure as early as possible but I couldn't have imagined just how much they would take that to heart. Right from kick-off, every opposition player found themselves being hunted down by two or three of our boys, forcing them into mistakes and allowing us to win the ball high up the pitch. After a few missed chances, this all paid off, with Tobi grabbing a quick two goals and Charlie adding a third. The opposition were pretty downbeat at this point, and had Harry added what would have been the best team goal I have ever seen at school level it would have been game over at this point.

However, a three goal lead at half time is never a certain victory, so instructions were to carry on the high tempo. This the boys did well and as a result, two more goals from Tobi with him looking as surprised as anyone. The game was finished as a competition but we continued to play a sharp, incisive passing game, with real pace and power across the pitch and it was no surprise when Charlie added another. Fyn then scored a cracker from the edge of the box and two from centre-back Sam saw us finish with a resounding 9-0 win. An awesome performance from start to finish setting us up nicely for the season.

Man of the match - **Tobi Sowemimo 10S**

Mr L Walker
PE Teacher

Diary Dates 2016

Autumn Term 2016

Tues 4th Oct	Year 7 Meet The Tutor 4pm - 7pm Osborn Hall
Fri 7th Oct	INSET DAY - School Closed
Tues 18th Oct	Year 7 Condover Hall Information Meeting - 6pm Osborn Hall
Mon 23rd - Fri 28th Oct	Half Term
Thurs 3rd Nov	Year 7 Condover Hall Trip leaves
Sat 5th Nov	Year 7 Trip returns
Fri 25th Nov	Occasional Day - School closed
Mon 28th - 9th Dec	Year 11 Mock Examinations in Osborn Hall
Tues 6th Dec	Early Closure at 1.05pm Staff Meeting
Thurs 15th Dec	Upper School Presentation Evening
Wed 21st Dec	End of Term (Finish 12.05pm)

Spring Term 2016

Thurs 5th Jan 2017	Term Begins
Mon 9th - 13th Jan	Year 13 Mock Exams
Tues 31st Jan	Year 10 DTP Injections
Mon 6th - 8th Feb	Year 9 Options Interviews
Thurs 9th Feb	Year 9 Parents Evening 4.30pm - 7.30pm
Fri 10th Feb	Half Term
Mon 20th Feb	INSET DAY - School Closed
Fri 24th Feb	Year 9 Options Form Deadline
Thurs 30th Mar	Year 7 Parents Evening 4.30pm - 7.30pm
Fri 31st Mar	End of Term (Finish 12.05pm)
Mon 17th Apr	Bank Holiday
Tues 18th Apr	INSET DAY - School Closed
Wed 19th Apr	Term Begins
Thurs 20th Apr	Year 10 Examinations in Osborn Hall
Mon 1st May	Bank Holiday
Mon 8th - Fri 12th May	Year 10 Work Experience Week
Wed 10th May	Year 8/9 HPV Injections
Fri 26th May	Half Term