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Eltham Hill School Official Opening Ceremony

Tuesday 22 October



On Tuesday 22nd October, Eltham Hill School celebrated and held the official opening of the new and refurbished school buildings. This was attended by many special guests, including Baroness Lawrence of Clarendon OBE, who officially opened the school on the day.

The whole school, including all of our special guests, were invited to an assembly where Baroness Lawrence OBE addressed attendees. Head Girl, Flora Hurault and Head Girl team member Nikita Seepaul spoke of the future, citing Baroness Lawrence OBE, as an inspiration. At the conclusion of the assembly, Baroness Lawrence OBE officially unveiled the new plaque bearing her name, before partaking in a question and answer session with our Year 12 students. Ladi Dariya, from the charity 'A thousand schools, for a thousand girls' which the school supports, spoke to Year 12 students during the assembly.



For the remainder of the day, students took part in POD Day which was an international cross-curricular day. Students took part in a variety of events, ranging from taking part in a 'Dragon's Den' activity in which they pitched their own ideas to judges,

exploring the science of birds' beaks and how animals adapt over time, to learning how to build a time capsule.

During break time, students released blue balloons into the sky, to celebrate the official school opening. Sheila Wood and Pat Allen, former students who attended Eltham Hill School in the 1940's, were present to release their own balloons to mark the historical event. Pat Allen said *"Walking through the original school buildings, I remember my time at school all those years ago. It is such a great opportunity to be part of this special day."*

The Mayor of Royal Greenwich, Councillor Angela Cornforth attended in the afternoon of the opening and spoke to our Year 11 students about how she became Mayor. Caprice Anno-Barnieh, member of the Head Girl team then presented the Mayor of Royal Greenwich with a bouquet of flowers.



EHS Steel Band.



Circo Rum Ba Ba performed to students to celebrate POD Day on the day of the official school opening.



Baroness Lawrence of Clarendon OBE unveiled the commemorative plaque at the official school opening.



Past students meet current Eltham Hill students.



Baroness Lawrence of Clarendon OBE is presented with a bouquet of flowers.



Pat Allen and Sheila Wood.

Futureversity at the National Maritime Museum

Victoria Morris 10E and Florence Banjo 10A, attended a summer school organised by Futureversity at the National Maritime Museum during August. They both achieved the bronze arts award. Well done!



"Victoria and Florence attended for the whole programme and their work was outstanding."

Shauna-Aine O'Brien Youth Participation Officer, Royal Museum Greenwich

Whitbread and Believe in Young People visit

On Friday 11th October, there was an assembly with representatives from **Whitbread** and **Believe in Young People** (BIYP) who spoke to our Year 10 and 12 students. They visited the school to promote work experience and opportunities for careers in the hospitality sector.



Patrick Dempsey, Managing Director of Whitbread said of the day:

"What a great school, I was totally bowled

over by the quality of the school and the dedication of the teaching staff I met with. One of the most important issues is to give children in school the opportunity to have structured work placements in the type of business they want to pursue and this was a great opportunity to share with some of the students at Eltham Hill School the opportunities in hospitality and Premier Inn."



The morning started off with an inspirational talk from **Patrick Dempsey**, Managing Director of Whitbread and **Amanda Brady**, Director of Human Resources of Whitbread. This was followed by a presentation from Kim Emenike (Year 11) on the positive experiences of work experience and the skills she has developed through the opportunity of having work experience.

Tolu Odozi's daughters, who go to, Eltham Hill School added: *"I was really impressed by the apprenticeship/work experience programme organised by Believe In Young People. The visit and presentation, by the MD of Whitbread Patrick Dempsey, was an eye opener for me as a parent. Amanda Brady's presentation showed that Whitbread offer a wide range of job opportunities. Whitbread is making a positive impact in the community by supporting BIYP. There is a future for young people with this type of programme. The young people participating in this programme have built up work ethics and career opportunities by the time they leave school. I am glad my children are participating in the programme."*

"Patrick explained that there are ten new jobs being created every day in the hospitality sector so by me studying hospitality seems like a very good choice... plenty of jobs in the future..." Zane, 12H

"Before they came to talk to us, I did not realise how many opportunities there are in the hospitality sector - I will now consider careers in this area." Tulia, 10A

Dame Marjorie Scardino visits the school to meet our Year 12 students



Dame Marjorie Scardino visited the school on Wednesday 16th October, and spoke to our Year 12 students about how she became so successful.

Drawing on her own experience in business, journalism and law, Dame Marjorie recommended that

our Year 12 students abide by her five golden rules – "Keep it simple, be yourself, don't take yourself too seriously, be generous and think big."

The talk was organised by Speakers for Schools, an initiative set up by the BBC's business editor, Robert Peston, to provide young

people in UK secondary schools with access to inspirational speakers. The talk stimulated a lively discussion among our students.

Dame Marjorie became the first female chief executive of a FTSE 100 company when she was appointed for Pearson in 1997.



"Try to work on something that has a purpose."
Dame Marjorie Scardino



Dates for your diary



November

Thursday 14	Drama Awards Evening
Monday 18	Years 11 & 12 Drama Performance
Monday 18 - Friday 22	Anti-Bullying Week
Wednesday 20	Tutor Evening Years 8 & 9
Friday 22	Inset Day
Monday 25	Inset Day
Thursday 28	Celebration of Achievement Evening

December

Monday 2 - Friday 6	Science Week for Years 7, 8 & 9
Wednesday 4	Years 9 & 12 Careers Advice Speed Networking
Thursday 12	Winter Music Concert

Term dates:	From:	To:
Autumn term	Monday 4th November	Friday 20th December
Spring term 1	Monday 6th January	Friday 14th February
Spring term 2	Monday 24th February	Friday 4th April
Summer term 1	Tuesday 22nd April	Friday 23rd May
Summer term 2	Monday 2nd June	Wednesday 23rd July

Letter from Liz Pichon , author of 'Tom Gates'

Dear Amanda, Aimee, Megan, & Zara,

Thank you 'so' much for sending me your fantastic illustrated story. It was AMAZING!! Really well done to you all (and Mrs Osborne too.)

You put such a lot of work into every page. I know how long it takes! I'm sorry it takes a while to make back. That's because I've been really busy writing book 6 - called TOM GATES - EXTRA SPECIAL TREATS (not). Worth it at 17th October. And now I'm already working on the next book. So you can see I don't have so much time to do other things. I hope you don't mind me saying this, but really enjoying your stories. One again a HUGE Thank you to all of you.

All the very Best
Liz Pichon xx

We recently received a lovely handwritten letter from the author of 'Tom Gates' Liz Pichon with some signed bookmarks, stickers and postcards for Zara, Megan, Aimee and Amanda who are all in Year 8. They received this for producing a mini-book that they wrote on the last Pod Day in July. Well done!

IB students share course experiences

On Friday 18th October, the IB students went out for a meal to discuss the IB course and shared experiences about what it is like to come to an International School.

We also discussed ideas for lessons and students gave feedback to teachers about how they like to learn and what they have enjoyed about the course so far. The five students who are currently studying the IB are Lucas, Amy, Greta, Femi and Sarah. They all feel that this course offers

huge opportunities for studying all over the world. It also offers them the chance to study a wide range of courses alongside learning about theories of knowledge and having the opportunity to write an Extended Essay on their chosen topic.

We are all extremely proud of our IB students and how they have settled in at Eltham Hill. They will be coming round to visit Year 11 students who want to take up the course in September.



"Studying the IB is very academic and it suits people who enjoy all the subjects and want to succeed in a wide range of courses." Femi

Afternoon tea

On Thursday 16th October, our GCSE Catering students and Mr Reeves hosted Afternoon Tea in the Dining Hall. A very big well done to those involved, who helped raise a massive £50 for 'Bake it Better' (Great Ormond Street Hospital).

The following was served on the day:

- Tea
- Scones with homemade jam and cream
- Lace biscuits with lime cream
- Assorted flapjacks
- Assorted cupcakes
- Carrot cake
- Tomato and onion tart
- Plum tarts
- Assorted sandwiches

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