



Dear Families,

It was good to see so many parents at the Year 9 Parents' Evening last week and to receive such positive feedback on the work of the school. Where there are issues raised, we will work with you to address these.

At our governors' Curriculum and Planning meeting this week, we spent some time discussing our Sixth Form partnership with City and Islington college and the way in which girls who do so well at EGA continue to excel in the sixth form. All year 11 students should now have made their sixth form applications and interviews will be taking place very soon.

Last weekend, governors met to start the planning as to how we can make best use of the new building as an excellent resource for the whole school community. If you have any thoughts about this, we would really welcome your views.

Finally, in this cold weather, it is really important that the girls dress appropriately. Boots are allowed but they must be plain black and trousers should not be tucked in. Jackets are allowed, but no sweatshirts nor cardigans.

Many thanks for your support.

Have a good half term break. School resumes on Monday 20th February 2012.

Yours sincerely,

GCSE DRAMA STUDENTS RAISE THEIR GAME



On Tuesday of last week, the year 11 Drama students visited City and Islington Sixth Form College in their Drama lesson to take part in a workshop delivered by Vicky Meager who is head of Drama at the college. The group were encouraged to work at an AS-Level standard, which they did very well. They created some fantastic work which they are using towards their upcoming performance exam in April. Well done girls!



Year 7 Remember Charles Dickens!

Year 7 students have been very busy in tutor time this week, as they create a costume for a class 'model' to wear at the special Charles Dickens assembly to be held on Thursday afternoon. Each tutor group is dressing a student as Miss Havisham, the famous character from Dickens' famous novel, 'Great Expectations'. We have seen some fabulous costumes being created from fabric, white crepe paper and bubble wrap and can't wait to see the final versions. Various events have been held to celebrate Dickens' bicentenary this month, including a visit to his birthplace and a dramatised reading at Islington Town Hall.



Well done!

EGA girls entered a borough wide competition to write a piece in the style of Charles Dickens. EGA winners were Dana Bell and Sadia Jahan – very well done to them. However, we were particularly delighted to hear that Ella Jay Osbourne of 9Z was the overall winner for the whole of Islington. We would like to congratulate all of those who took part.

Choir Performances at Clerkenwell Primay School



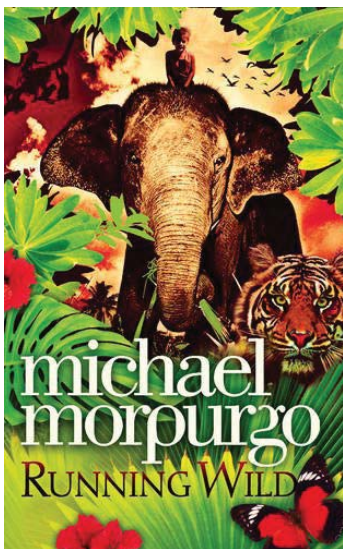
On Tuesday 17th January the junior choir performed at Clerkenwell primary school, this was a performance sharing experience. Ms Fitzgerald (head of music) had been working with Clerkenwell for a few months. It was arranged for both choirs to perform to each other as a performance sharing experience. This happened in

their afternoon assembly, Clerkenwell primary performed Believe, and the water is wide conducted by Ms Fitzgerald. Ella –Jay Osborne 9Z performed a piano solo piece 'Someone like you' by Adele and Junior Choir performed, 'To make you feel my love' by Adele and 'Shackles' by Mary Mary. The performance sharing was enjoyed by all including parents and other teachers. The Clerkenwell primary school children bid Ms Fitzgerald farewell and best wishes as this was their last time seeing her before she is away to have her baby. Well done EGA Junior choir and to Clerkenwell primary school choir for an outstanding performance.



Book Review of the Month

CONGRATULATIONS TO Saruka Jeyaseelan 7A whose book review for January was chosen as the prize winner this month



Book Review – Running Wild
Author: Micheal Morpurgo
Title: Running Wild
Name: Saruka Jeyaseelan 7A



Running Wild is an amazing book by Michael Morpurgo, who has written lots of enjoyable books. It is a sad story, at the same time it is incredibly funny.



I am sure that parents and students will remember last year's BBC School Report, when students from EGA made a report about our new building. This was broadcast nationwide as part of a day of fascinating news reports from schools all over the country.

Students from this school will again be making the news for real on 15 March 2012 as they make their updated BBC News School Report. We aim to publish the news by 1600 GMT on the News Day, and parents will be able to see our report on the BBC School Report website straight away! If you missed last year's report, it is still available to watch in the news section of the EGA website.