TALLIS 2014 2015 Newsletter

Week 18 – 23 January 2015

CALENDAR:

26 January – 30 January

Week A

Monday 26 January

Tuesday 27 January

- AM Reg – Year 12 Assembly
- PM Reg – Year 13 Assembly
- Year 13 ITV Studio

Wednesday 28 January

- AM Reg – Year 9 Assembly
- PM Reg – Year 7 Assembly
- Year 8, 9, 10 London School Cross Country

Thursday 29 January

- AM Reg – Year 10 Assembly
- Year 9 Coursework Constellations Observations
- Year 8 History Imperial War Museum

Friday 30 January

- AM Reg – Year 11 Assembly
- PM Reg – Year 8 Assembly
- Year 8 History Imperial War Museum

It was good to see so many parents at Year 11 parents' evening. There was a turnout of 81%. These sessions, though necessarily a bit crowded and brisk, are crucially important in our being able to help you work with your son or daughter to reinforce what we do in school. If you ever feel that we are not doing enough, please be in touch.

We had the Year 11 Art Exhibition on the same night too. It is a wonderful sight and I hope that, if you are the parent of a Year 11 artist, you have had the chance to see it.

Our next **Parents' Forum** is on Tuesday 3 February, 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm in the Main Hall. We would love to talk with parents about our proposals for assessment now that the National Curriculum levels have nationally vanished.

Do please spread the news about this newsletter and encourage other subscribers!

Nadir Youth Academy will be coming in to the school every Monday from 3.45 pm until 5.15 pm to provide cricket coaching for anyone wanting to get more involved in cricket. If your child is interested please ask them to speak to Mr Springall in the PE department.

Best wishes and thanks for all your support

Carolyn Roberts, Headteacher

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The Duke of Edinburgh

The Duke of Edinburgh for Year 10 is fully underway. All students who are taking part need to attend weekly meetings held in 0401 after school on Friday.

We are in the middle of finalising the expedition dates and they will be sent out to parents in the near future we are aiming for summer term time.

Please keep up to date accessing the eDofE login area to update your physical, skill and volunteering sections.

Parents can you make sure students are fully aware of what sections they must be achieving this term and prompt them to come to meetings on Fridays!

Grace Galvin, DofE coordinator

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Key Stage 3 Book Club

The first meeting will be next Wednesday 28 January in the library during lunchtime. If you would like to be involved in this and have the chance to take part in the Greenwich Schools Literature Quiz in March please come and get a letter from your English teacher or Miss Church.

Any questions come along to speak to Miss Church in the English office.

Debate Mate!

Debate Mate - Any Year 8 or 9 students who still want to join the debating club, you are more than welcome to come along. The club will be on every Thursday, from 3.30 until 4.30 in Room 2128.

Coca Cola Factory

The Year 9 GCSE Food Technology group visited the Coca Cola factory in Sidcup. We had a really informative educational talk about the history of Coca Cola and the factory.

We were taken on a tour of the factory to see the machinery working, bottles being made and the drink being poured into the bottles. Hardly any workers on the factory floor at all, just machines doing everything!

The factory is on a huge site in Sidcup and has been there for many years and it's only 20 minutes from Thomas Tallis!

We came away with knowledge of how a factory works, what mass production looks like, the strict health and safety rules that workers must follow and free drinks!

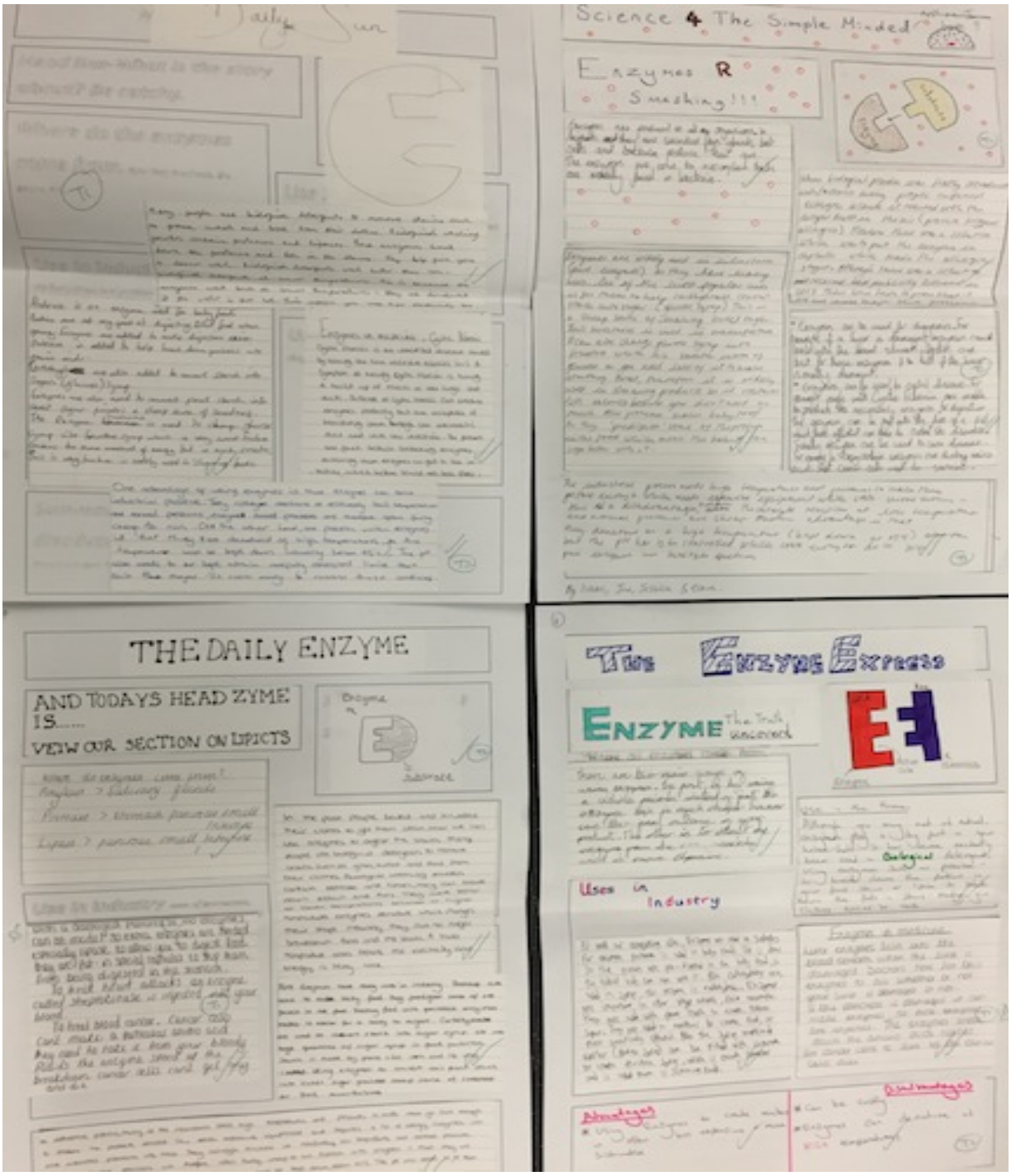
Sarah Massarella, DT

At Thomas Tallis School we encourage parents to use our on-line payment system, Wisepay, to pay for school meals, school trips and events. The system has been chosen above others as it is very easy to use and offers significant benefits to parents:

- Payments can be made when the school is closed.
- It is safe and secure.
- Own private account history available at any time.
- Balances can be viewed 24/7.
- Quick and easy way to find information.
- No more searching for cash or your child having to carry large sums of cash into school.
- All major credit and debit cards accepted.

If you wish to know more please refer to the school website where you will find further information and guidance including the answers to frequently asked questions.

SHOWCASE

Year 10 Biologists - Applications of enzymes in industry and medicine new paper articles.

Zahra Shaikh, Science