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Message from the Headteacher

As we come to the end of this academic year, I would like to thank all of the team at Serenity for their continued hard work and dedication in supporting our learners.

This year while navigating Covid restrictions, our pupils have made some great progress in school. From meeting IEP targets to meeting behaviour and academic expectations, I would like to say a massive well done to all of the boys this year.

We are all very excited about our school move in September after almost three years in South Croydon, we are all looking forward to having more, much needed space. Please note if you need any support in completing transport forms to the new site, please contact the school office.

Sadly, during this time of year we have to say farewell to some of our team:

Mr Osbourne – PE Teacher is leaving us after two terms with the school.

Mr Shah – Maths/ICT Teacher is moving on to a new role after one year at Serenity.

Mrs Kennington – SALT will be leaving us after over a year at Serenity.

Ms Muhammad – Numeracy Lead will be moving on to a new opportunity next year, after working at Serenity for two years.

I would like to personally thank them all for their contribution to Serenity school and wish them the best of luck in the future.

I would also like to introduce you to the following staff who will be joining us in September:

Mrs Heron – Assistant Headteacher/Maths

Mr Eslah – Occupational Therapist

Mrs Joseph – Nurture Class Teacher

Mr Thomas – PE Teacher

Mrs Brookes – Literacy Lead

Mrs Colque – English Teacher

Ms Atinsola – Progress Partner

I would like to wish you all a well-rested and safe Summer holidays and we look forward to all pupils returning to our new site in Coulsdon South on Monday 6th September.

Ms C Ayisi

Attendance Academic Year 2020/2021

The academic year 2020/2021 was hugely impacted by the global pandemic of COVID-19, which has been challenging for everyone- staff, students and parents/ carers. The pandemic led to multiple lock downs, partial school closures, and a heightened anxiety around the impact that it may have on education. However, our expectations on attendance have always been in the best interests of the pupils and continued to stay high even during the unprecedented times. With continuously changing government guidelines, we had to adapt and revise the way in which we taught our students, whilst preventing that they miss out on academic, social, and physical aspects of school life.

I want to thank all students for coming into school during the height of the pandemic, that they worked hard on improving their attendance and punctuality, and that they always made an effort. I also want to thank parents and carers for their efforts with student attendance this year and in particular for your efforts in engaging students during home learning. I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

Ms Richter



Sports Leaders Course

Three of the students in the Sports Leaders class have completed their work for the Level One qualification. The boys worked hard to finish the workbook and then to proofread their own work too. We are currently waiting for the work to be verified and then they will officially be awarded their certificates. Whilst waiting for verification to be complete the class have ventured into some new learning, dealing with Future and Finance, and completing extra Maths and English work to enhance general skills in each subject.

Physical Education

During the first half of the summer term all physical education lessons have focussed on the sport football. All students have been taken through the basic techniques used in the sport for passing, dribbling, and shooting. Pupils have also had the chance to compete against each other in practice matches where they were able to apply their learning.

Mr Osbourne

Science KS3

The students have produced research projects on a subject of their choosing. These range from luxury cars and sports clothing brands, to motorbikes and cartoons. We are not focusing on the subject by more on the research techniques and the reliability of the information we collect. The students will be presenting their findings to the rest of the class.

Science KS4

We have continued with chemistry this half term which has found our students studying some of the most difficult aspects of the course so far. They have investigated industrial chemistry, including how ammonia is created from nitrogen and hydrogen in the Haber Process. They have shown they are able to balance equations, which personally I feel is one of the most difficult concepts to get to grips within chemistry. They have all worked hard this year and they will be continuing the course next year.

Class D

Class D have done very well over the last term. There have been some changes made to the cohort which has benefitted all the students in the class. They have been working hard in their lessons with several of our students already completing the work for their level 1 sports leader's course and working towards their accreditations in PSD and Employability. I hope they have a great summer holiday and I look forward to seeing them at our new site in September.

Mr Williams



Food Tech

It is amazing to see how far some of our students have come this year despite the fact that the school was closed down for a long period of time.

Most of our students developed not just cooking skills, but confidence and a passion for cooking. They explored a wide selection of ingredients and also learnt and practised traditional cooking skills.

The students prepared wonderful dishes independently and the more adventurous ones created something new and exciting based on more traditional recipes.

Congratulations to Frankie and Sebastian for receiving a reward for their outstanding effort in Food tech. Have a look at some of our students' exciting, colourful and delicious creations!



Ms Kiss

Mentoring

In mentoring, myself and the students have gone through an amazing time this year so far. We have learned about hygiene which I believe is important. We have taken trips into Croydon and learnt the different types of deodorants which can be used to assist you when dealing with your personal odours.

We also talked about how to explain themselves when they are angry instead of getting angry, this was another topic which the students chose as they were avid to change this, and we have had a lot of success in this area.

I'm proud of the mentoring group and each individual student that has taken part and I can't wait to continue in the next academic year.

Mr Swaby



KS3 Art

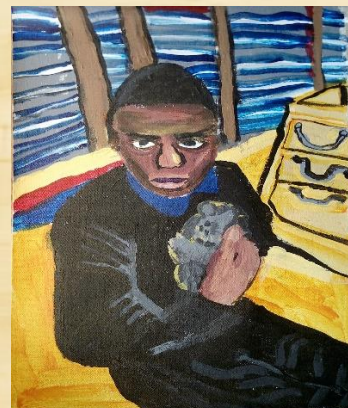
This summer term, KS3 Art have been looking at works of various artists.

The artists they studied and based their work on include Kimmy Cantrell, Henri Matisse, Graffiti artists and Drawing Biome Jars. They enjoyed making animal figures in clay.



KS4 Art

KS4 Art project brief "inside looking out" saw them take photos from the school windows and respond to the photos through various materials and techniques – watercolour, acrylics, collage etc. creating amazing artworks below.

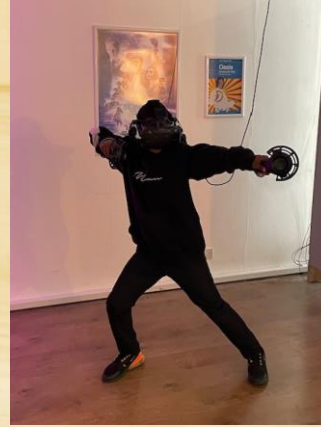


Mr Essel



ICT

For ICT we have been looking at Virtual Reality and how it works as well as the future of VR. VR can be very useful in looking at lessons with a 3-dimensional element. To further look into VR we went to Limitless, to actually see the VR world and how it can affect the way we work. Students were able to see how science can be taught especially when looking at atoms and cell structure.



Maths

We have been looking at how probability is used in everyday context from statistics to the hospitality industry we assess how likely an event is to happen and calculate the probability that it will or will not occur. We looked at how these statistics are used in exams and polls to determine outcomes. Students have been going from strength to strength in maths and are looking at real world concepts.

Mr Shah

Pupil Lead Lunch Clubs

This term we have seen a number of pupils lead their own lunch club. They have created posters and agendas for each club and they have all so far been a huge success. The boys have shown great leadership skills running these clubs. Those attending have also really shown brilliant speaking, listening and communication skills by asking appropriate questions and listening well to the group leaders explaining their topics in detail.

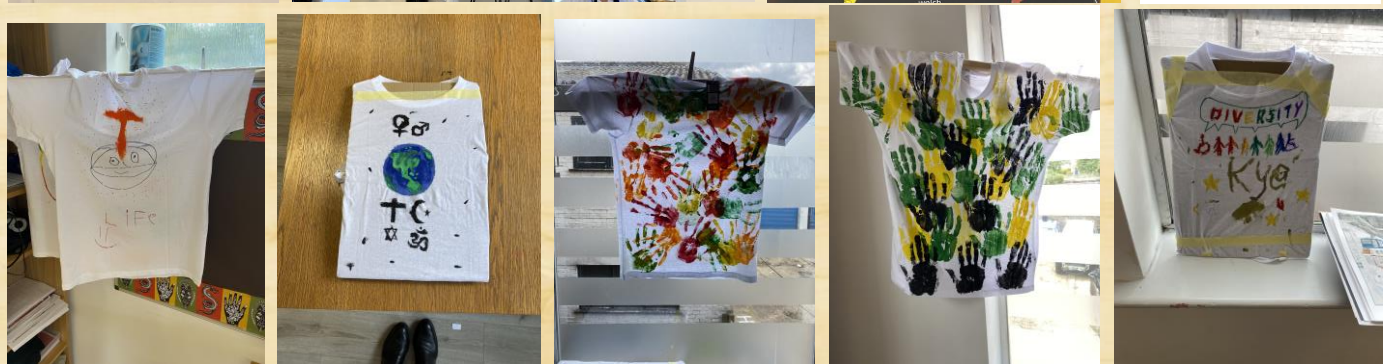
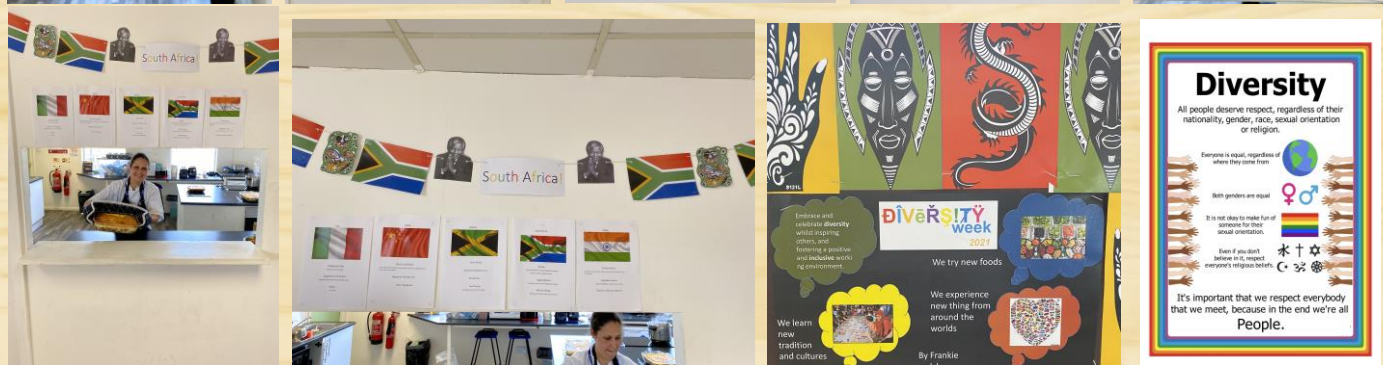
Ms Ayisi



Cultural Diversity Week

As part of cultural diversity week at Serenity School we decided to change the normal school menu to factor in some other culture's food. Ms Saba kindly made a dish from around the world each lunchtime. The food was a massive success! On the Thursday of that week, we had the afternoon off timetable. We had a world table tennis competition, world art, world food technology and a diversity poster competition. All the students were involved and the event was a massive success! Oliver won our KS3 competition and Ross won it for KS4.

Ms Saba made her traditional South African Bobotie to finish off the week in food! It was delicious.



Healthy Eating Week

In keeping with the schools Healthy Schools mark we celebrated Healthy Eating week. Again, Ms Saba did us all proud and kindly made us some healthy snacks to indulge in each tutor time. We had dips and crudités, homemade cereal bars, yoghurt, coulis and granola and a delicious frittata. The students really enjoyed trying these new foods and we'd like to say a huge thank you to Ms Saba for all of her hard work.



Virtual Impartial Career's Advice

We have another virtual career's day with our school careers advisor Alistair Stirling. Alistair has met all our KS4 students and provided them with a career's action plan to facilitate with planning for their next steps. Alistair said that all of our students were confident and engaged in his sessions and some of our students have some interesting plans for the future. Do we have a future star at Serenity School???

Mr Foster

