



THE  
WHITGIFT  
FOUNDATION

# Making a difference through excellence

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**Find out how we have made a difference to:**

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As Chairman, it makes me immensely proud to be part of a charity whose diverse services of education, care and carer support are bound together by a common theme of 'excellence' that benefits all parts of the community.

Year on year, The Whitgift Foundation Schools produce exceptional public examination results and last year the unprecedented quality of education was endorsed by our Schools being rated as 'Excellent' by the Independent Schools Inspectorate. With more than £5 million granted in bursary support by the Foundation each year, we are delighted to offer life changing opportunities for so many of our students and, in return, we are thrilled to learn about their achievements of excellence across the curriculum and in the community.

Our excellence in caring for older people is at the heart of the Whitgift Care family where we have extended our outstanding care provision to a new Day Care service, the 1596 Club. We look forward to welcoming more people into our Homes to experience their warm and friendly communities. The Carers Support Centre, run by our Carers' Information Service, is a lifeline for so many unpaid carers in the borough. It is not only a place to receive invaluable information and advice but also a vibrant social hub where carers can take a break from their caring role, have fun and make friends.

In the past year, we held a variety of excellent events for the benefit of the local community; Carers' Information Day, Whitgift's Remembering 1916 Exhibition, Trinity's Triathlon and the Croydon Heritage Festival are just a few.

Across the Foundation from staff, residents and students to volunteers at the Carers Support Centre, it is a pleasure to see all services coming together as one organisation to make a difference to so many people in Croydon, continuing the legacy of our Founder, Archbishop John Whitgift, to ensure that the Foundation is an integral part of the fabric of the town.

**CHRISTOPHER HOULDING**  
CHAIRMAN, THE WHITGIFT FOUNDATION



# Outstanding support for Croydon's carers

**10%**

of people in Croydon's population are looking after a relative, friend or neighbour with an illness or disability

**100%**

of carers likely or highly likely to recommend the Carers Support Centre to family and friends

## IN NUMBERS

**25,000**

enquiries were received by Carers' Information Service over the past year

**100%**

of carers felt more informed after attending a training session

**3 in 5**

of us will become carers at some point in our lives

## IN WORDS

"I've travelled across the country and I've never seen as good a place for carers as this. This is where the magic happens."

CLLR TONI LETTS OBE  
MAYOR OF CROYDON

"A wealth of information in a very friendly and supportive environment."

CARER

"I love the team here. They put care in the word carers."

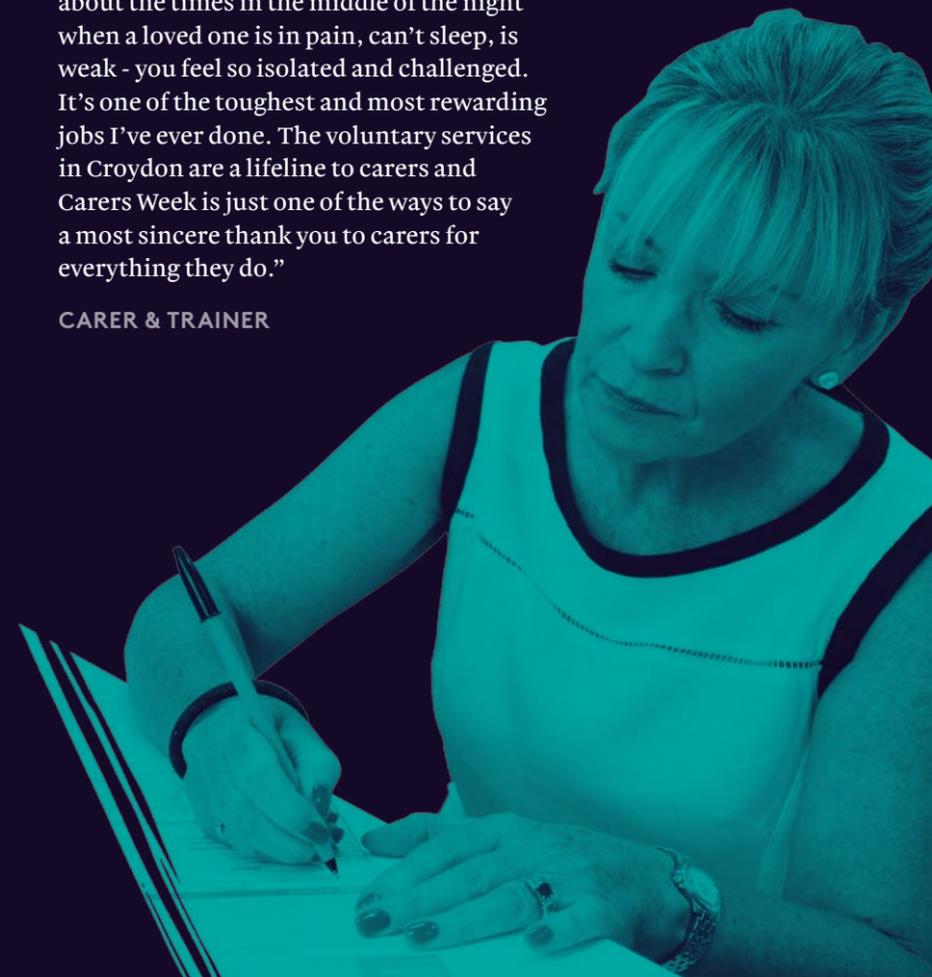
CARER

"I didn't know anything about the help I could get until I came here."

CARER

"As a former carer for my late husband I know about the times in the middle of the night when a loved one is in pain, can't sleep, is weak - you feel so isolated and challenged. It's one of the toughest and most rewarding jobs I've ever done. The voluntary services in Croydon are a lifeline to carers and Carers Week is just one of the ways to say a most sincere thank you to carers for everything they do."

CARER & TRAINER



## Celebrating excellent carer support

The Carers' Information Service is pleased to celebrate another year of outstanding support and advice for Croydon's estimated 33,000 unpaid carers. The service continues to receive extremely positive feedback, with 100% of carers likely or highly likely to recommend the Carers Support Centre to family and friends.

Over the past year, we received over 25,000 enquiries from carers on topics such as benefits and grants to practical assistance, social care and housing. Our advice workers continue to provide high quality information and advice to Croydon's carers whilst our health and wellbeing service provides carers with a much-needed break from their caring role. Activities on offer include singing, massage, craft, book discussion, lunch clubs and our extremely popular Pilates classes, which started this year. Carers can also visit the Carers Café to relax, offload and take time

out for themselves. Our training workshops are equally well received; 100% of those who attended felt more informed and would recommend sessions to family and friends. Topics on offer have included Planning for the Future, Managing Sleep Difficulties, Wills and Trusts and Enabling Change.

The Carers' Information Service continues to seek out new ways to build on the support we provide. This year we ran a six-week pilot support group facilitated by a trained advice worker to provide a safe and confidential space for carers to share challenges and seek help. At the end of the pilot, 100% of those who attended felt better informed and more supported in their caring role. Due to the success of the pilot, we now run a monthly carers support group to help carers take care of their wellbeing.

## Community Fund awarded for excellence

The Carers' Information Service led a successful consortium bid to Croydon Council's Community Fund in October 2016. This has secured three-year funding for the Carers' Information Service, Croydon Mencap, Mind in Croydon and Parents in Partnership to deliver a diverse range of services for carers in Croydon, including respite activities to give carers a break, informative workshops and training to develop carers' skills.



## Sustaining our service financially

We have made great progress towards meeting our financial targets this year. In addition to securing three-year funding from Croydon Council, we have boosted our income by increasing our overall room hire occupancy from 30% to 44%, with a 60% increase in external booking hours for events, meetings, training and consultations.



## Influencing carer friendly services

The Carers' Information Service has been reaching out to local health professionals to promote carer friendly practice. According to our research into GP support for Croydon carers, 82% of carers are not being informed of local carer support through their GP, leaving them at risk of missing out on vital help. To tackle the issue, our GP outreach programme engaged with local GPs and health organisations by providing surgeries with information, tools and resources to help them support carers. Thanks to our outreach, surgeries are taking action. For example, Parchmore Medical Group texted all of its patients about carer support, doubling the number of registered carers. The Carers' Information Service will continue to work with health professionals over the coming year so that every Croydon surgery provides a carer friendly service.

### CARERS WEEK 2017

## Providing more care than ever before

Over 400 carers in Croydon sang, laughed, made new friends and found invaluable support at the Carers Support Centre during Carers Week. Carers Week is a national celebration of those who spend their time looking after a friend or family member with an illness or disability. The event was officially launched on Monday 12 June by the Mayor of Croydon, Councillor Toni Letts OBE, who is herself a former carer. As part of the campaign, the Centre had more activities on offer including massage and art sessions and a vintage afternoon tea. Carers Week in Croydon topped the league table out of all 418 local authorities taking part with the most events on offer.



## Moving forwards in 2018

Four years on from when we first opened our doors to the public, the Carers Support Centre is providing more support, advice and events for Croydon's carers than ever before. We look forward to building on our successes and making the most of future opportunities to provide the best possible service for the carers we support.

Carers Information Service

# Outstanding education for young people

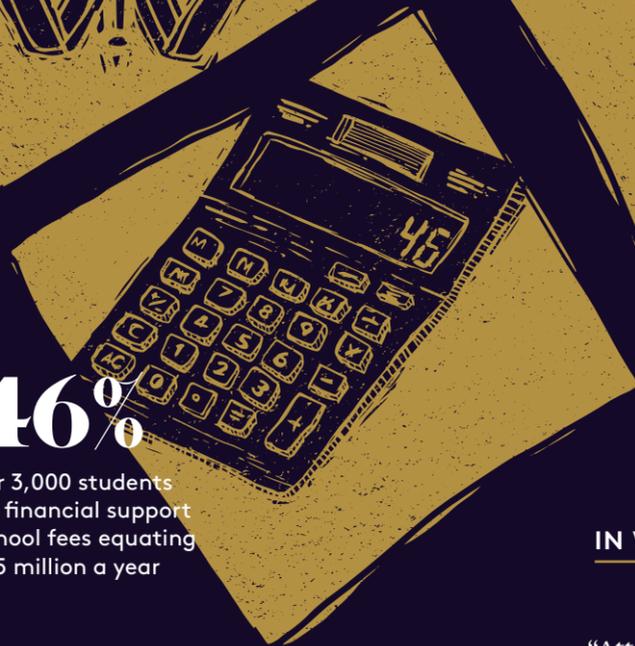
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all-boys school in the UK's  
International Baccalaureate  
(IB) league table for Whitgift



46%

of our 3,000 students  
receive financial support  
with school fees equating  
to £5 million a year



## IN NUMBERS



91%

of Trinity's A-level  
grades were A\*-B



£48m

granted in bursaries  
in the past 10 years

72%

of Old Palace students  
achieved A\*/A in their  
GCSE results



## IN WORDS

"Attending Whitgift School  
has changed my life and I am  
incredibly grateful for the  
opportunity. I have made  
great friends in the staff and  
students and it's a place that  
doesn't stop caring for you."

WHITGIFT SCHOOL  
ALUMNUS 2016

"My son is happy and  
challenged. The school  
provides incredible  
opportunities both through  
high quality teaching and  
an impressive range of  
extracurricular activities."

TRINITY SCHOOL  
PARENT

"Old Palace is set apart from  
other schools by its rich  
history. It's still quite hard  
to believe. To think that one  
of the rooms that Queen  
Elizabeth I stayed in during  
her visits to Croydon is now  
a classroom where students  
are taught in is incredible."

OLD PALACE SCHOOL  
STUDENT



# Trinity School



## Trinity School breaks into the top 50

Trinity was ranked in the top 50 independent secondary schools in the Sunday Times Parent Power Guide 2016, making it the top ranked independent school in Croydon. Based on the excellent examination results of summer 2016, where over 90% of A-Level results were awarded A\*-B, and 89% of GCSEs were at A\*-A, this year's ranking at number 44 sees the school move up the table from 67 in 2015.

Trinity's Headmaster, Alasdair Kennedy, said: "We are delighted with the exam success of our pupils, testament to their energy and ambition - and that of their teachers - and the support of their parents. That is what this ranking represents, but it is only one part of what is important to us however; we are as concerned about the type of young people they become, their intellectual curiosity and experiences, as well as their wider interests and contribution."

### Other highlights

Trinity showcased the academic excellence of its senior pupils by holding the first ever Academic Symposium which saw members of our Fifth Year and Sixth Form presenting summaries of their independent research into topics of their choice including: The Significance of Latin Grammar, Richard III's Image and Legacy; How to treat Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy; and Hyperloop Technology: a Pipe-Dream Down the Drain? Tim Broyd, current President of the Institute of Civil Engineers, served as Chair of the Symposium and offered critical feedback on each of the presentations.

Trinity's focus on ensuring its pupils benefit from the very best teaching and enhance their learning was further reinforced by the appointment of Andrew Corstorphine as Director of Teaching and Learning. Andrew organised and hosted an excellent and very well-attended teaching and learning conference in the summer term, the theme of which was 'Learning Matters' and colleagues from a number of schools across Croydon joined Trinity staff to share ideas and listen to guest speakers talk on the subject of metacognition.

The vast majority of our Upper Sixth pupils received offers from their first-choice university and a number of pupils gained places at Oxbridge and top Russell Group institutions.



## Trinity Summer Arts Festival 2017

The Trinity School community hosted its annual Summer Arts Festival during the last week of June, which proved to be one of the most popular weeks in the School calendar.

Pupils were greeted each morning as they entered school with drummers, electric guitarists and even a surprise bagpipe player. The programme also featured a variety of inspiring and participative events including the annual GCSE and A-Level Art and Photography Summer Exhibition, a Buskers' Lunch, a celebration of jazz at London hotspot Ronnie Scott's, karaoke at lunchtime, and a performance from the Trinity Boys' Choir at Boxpark Croydon.

Junior Form pupils also enjoyed an inspiring art session with VanDali, a London-based street artist. They worked in teams to create their own works of art on canvas, each based on the different themes of 'thought', 'freestyle' and 'illusion', using different colours of spray paint and working in pairs against the clock to complete their pieces.

Headmaster, Alasdair Kennedy, said: "We were very excited to welcome people from the Trinity community and beyond to our third Trinity Summer Arts Festival, and thoroughly enjoyed celebrating the creativity of our students."



### Other highlights

Henry Weiser received a Jack Petchey Award for his outstanding contribution to charity fundraising, alongside a fellow scout from the 1st Crystal Palace Scout Group. They raised £9,000 to support the Wonder Years Centre of Excellence (WYCE) charity in The Gambia, which provides education, healthcare and skills training for the local community in Madina Salaam.

Trinity's Malawi project has gone from strength to strength this year with the completion of a project to furnish Chipwepwete School's new library and the opening of a new block of four classrooms in July 2017. The Trinity community has supported the project fully this year, including a comedy night with Tim Vine which raised over £16,000 and Good as New Sales raising over £2,000. A team of 30 pupils and staff are going back out to Blantyre to carry out community projects over the summer.

Trinity has developed its partnership with the Rowdown Foundation, based in New Addington, and started its programme of Saturday morning lessons in Maths and English for up to 20 Year 5 pupils from local schools, helping them prepare for 11+ exams.



## U14 Cricket County Champions

Trinity School's U14 cricket team won the U14 Surrey Cup after a resounding victory against RGS Guildford. Despite the weather conditions, the team demonstrated an expertly disciplined bowling and fielding performance throughout the closely-fought match.



Some great spells in the middle of the innings saw Trinity picking up regular wickets, keeping RGS Guildford down to a score of 100 for 8 in their 25 overs. Trinity batted with great maturity and, after losing an early wicket, managed to rebuild the innings to win the match by 9 wickets with 4 overs to spare.

Trinity coach, Grant Beresford-Miller, was delighted with the performance and paid tribute to the boys after their victory: *"The boys fully deserve their victory this year. They are a great bunch of boys who truly enjoy their cricket and have massively improved as a group this year. They all work really hard for each other and put in a great performance in the final - I'm really pleased for them."*

Head of Cricket, Richard Risebro, said: *"This is a fantastic achievement and shows that hard work pays off. We took the boys to South Africa in preparation for this tournament and the experience of playing in different conditions, against different opposition, was invaluable. They play an exciting brand of positive cricket with no fear and fully deserve this result."*

### Sporting highlights for 2016-17

Kathy Rogers captained the Women's' U19 GB water polo team and was awarded a four-year athletic scholarship to Michigan University, USA, for September 2017-2021.

Hannah Bond was awarded a full scholarship to Maryland University for field hockey.

Trinity Alumnus Gabriel Ibitoye represented England at the recent U20 rugby World Cup and was nominated as player of the tournament.

Trinity Alumnus Sam Woods was signed by Crystal Palace Football Club.

Tom Petty and Krishna Lall represented the England Lambs (U18s and U16s respectively).

Trinity was named one of the Top 100 Cricketing Schools by The Cricketer magazine for the second year running. Our U14 and U13 teams were crowned Surrey Champions in 2017.

George Papa and Seun Ogunyemi were selected for the U13 Harlequins Junior Elite Rugby Player Development Group.

## Outstanding Art and Music

Hansen Wang was named the Trinity-Steinway Piano Scholar for 2016/17, after four years of hard work and perseverance. Donated by Steinway and awarded in collaboration with the Royal College of Music, on receiving the award Hansen said: *"I spent time thinking about the music and interpreting it in my own way. I'm excited to have been given the award and feel a great sense of anticipation about what's to come."*



## Outstanding Opportunities

A group of pupils experienced what it was like to be at the forefront of breaking news by taking part in BBC News School Report. A chance to exercise their journalistic skills during the pressures and buzz of a 'live' news day, pupils built a website from scratch from their newsroom full of stories, videos, picture galleries and podcasts, covering stories in the local area.

### Other highlights

Trinity had three finalists in the national Pro Corda Chamber Music Festival;

Trinity Boys' Choir recorded the soundtrack for *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*, and recorded a long-forgotten Tudor mass by Nicholas Ludford in Germany;

Upper Sixth pupil Joe Mackley was offered a four-year scholarship to study at the Royal College of Music in London;

William Davies played the role of Yniold in Michael Boyd's production of *Pelléas et Mélisande* with the Garsington Opera to critical acclaim;

Joe Pettyfer secured a place at the London College of Fashion on the highly coveted Fashion Photography undergraduate course.



# Old Palace of John Whitgift School



## Students impress with outstanding awards



## Old Palace student receives exceptional Bank of England scholarship award

Abigael Bamgboye won a scholarship from the Bank of England as part of its prestigious Black African and African Caribbean scholarship fund initiative. As one of just three scholarship winners in the UK, Abigael will receive funding for her living costs and other expenses whilst at university, paid summer internships at the Bank and other skills training and support throughout her time at university. This is the second year of the Bank of England's Black African and African Caribbean scholarship programme which has been expanded to receive applications from across the country. Over 2,000 applications were received and the scholarship winners were chosen from a final

shortlist of 25 exceptional candidates, who took part in an assessment centre at the Bank consisting of an interview, presentation and group exercise. Abigael received her award at a reception held in the Bank's historic Court Room from the Bank's Chief Economist, Andy Haldane.

On receiving the award, Abigael said: "I feel delighted and immensely honoured to have been selected to take part in the Scholarship scheme. My time at Old Palace has given me the skill and confidence to develop as an individual and I am extremely grateful for the support and encouragement that I have received from teachers and staff."

Over the past year, Old Palace students have notched up a host of outstanding national awards across the curriculum. Congratulations to Vishali in Year 8 for winning the National Leaders Award in Engineering with a most innovative entry of a Glucose Sensor Watch, which senses the level of glucose in diabetics. Preparatory girls Amber, Isobel, Sanjana and Iman were also highly commended on their entries, all of which are currently being exhibited at University College London. Year 8 student Jayavarshini also achieved national recognition with her game Henna Station, which reached the finals of the BAFTA Young Game Designers competition.

Amelia, Year 11, achieved inspirational triumph over adversity in October and was presented with a Youth Achievement Award by Paralympic Champion, Hannah Russell. In November, Ceci in Year 9 was awarded the Archbishop's Preliminary Certificate in Church Music by Lady Archer, whilst for a second time both Intermediate and Senior teams won the Croydon Heat of Rotary International's Youth Speaks public speaking competition.

The British Biology Olympiad is a highly prestigious competition run by the Society of Biology with over 7,500 students taking part. Old Palace is immensely proud of its two gold medal winning students Kateeja and Isobel, along with Simran, who won silver and Jennifer and Uvini who won bronze. Isobel subsequently went on to take part in the UK finals as one of just sixteen final competitors.

The Senior Book Club was runner-up in the national World Book Day Awards and Old Palace was awarded the prestigious ISM/SIM Trust Gold Certificate for their achievement at GCSE Music last year.

Closer to home, Old Palace achieved notable success in several local community competitions. Rebecca won both over 17 categories for her stunning photograph of a cygnet in the South Croydon Rotary Club photography competition, open to all Croydon Sixth Forms. Ria in Year 7 swept the board in the Bromley Festival of Music and Speech whilst Shaaruka won a gold medal in the Formation/Tang Soo Do at the Cardiff Championships.

Old Palace was delighted to have been rated Excellent in all aspects of the Education Quality Report following an inspection by the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) in October 2016. As part of the report, Old Palace was praised for the quality of pupils' personal development with academic and other achievements being rated as excellent. Old Palace was also delighted to learn that the Old Palace Nursery achieved an Outstanding rating in every area. The Nursery children communicated their views about their learning in such a way as to steal the hearts of the inspectors.

Carol Jewell, Head of Old Palace, said: "We are thrilled with the findings of our latest ISI Inspection in which each section of the School – Nursery, Preparatory and Seniors – has achieved the highest possible rating available for their category. This is a tremendous achievement affirming the excellent breadth and quality of opportunities that Old Palace offers to its students."

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## A notable year for the arts

Old Palace welcomed Whitgift students into its production of *Oliver* and Old Palace students sustained several evenings of sheer dramatic pace in *The Unravelling* and *Arabian Nights*.

Students also distinguished themselves in a number of productions staged by Whitgift School. Fiona in Year 12 is congratulated on her role as Ophelia in *Hamlet*, Maria Kolkpatchi as the nurse in Eugene O'negin and Sasha Willoughby as the somewhat frightening White Witch in *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*. Unbounded creativity emerged in The Alternative Fashion Show in March and at the end-of-year Art, Design and Technology Exhibition.

Students enjoyed cultural trips to the Houses of Parliament, Tate Britain, the Lake District, Wakehurst Place, Berlin and New York to name just a few. Whole school events were organised such as Safer Internet Week, Africa Week, STEM Week and World Book Day. Sixth Formers enjoyed a range of events from Dinner at the Palace to Preparing for Leadership.

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## Reaching out to the community at home and across the globe

Without exception, Old Palace students demonstrate a distinguished sense of social responsibility across the entire age range by getting involved in community initiatives both nationally and internationally.

Sixth Form students worked at St Christopher's Hospice, spending time with terminally ill young people; Year 8 created Christmas gift bags for the charity, Evolve Housing + Support; Year 5 students amassed over one hundred gift-filled shoeboxes; and students spanning Years 3 to 8 threw themselves with exceptional commitment into the Restless Development Triathlon, raising remarkable funds and surpassing all expectations of endurance and physical stamina. Visits to entertain residents of the Whitgift Care Homes have been central to the year's activities and the School's Open Parental Workshops and student Open Masterclasses were very well attended.

Sixth Form students have worked for Refugee Youth, a Croydon charity with a global purpose to reach out into the international community by running evening events and outings for young refugees. Working for the Tanzania Livingstone Trust, students have raised record levels of funding and are ready to complete their community projects during summer 2017 in Tanzania.



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## National and regional sporting success

Old Palace enjoyed a year of sporting success with more than 125 fixtures at Seniors and 100 girls representing the School. At National level, India (Year 8) achieved an outstanding performance in athletics, resulting in a first place ranking in the 75 metres in the UK. Closer to home our students were victorious in a range of sports, notably Old Palace U12s and U14s netball teams who became the Croydon Schools Netball Champions. Other successes included Amy and Chiara, who represented Croydon at the Surrey Schools Cross Country in Reigate; Amy subsequently went on to represent Croydon at the London Youth Games. Also competing in the London Youth Games was Aashni in table tennis and Adebisola in judo. Lilia achieved some outstanding performances in modern pentathlon along with Suraiya at Bromley and Beckenham Hockey Club. In Cheerleading, Victoria's team, the Unity Allstars, won the Southern's and was placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Nationals. Finally, in what was a tremendous achievement, Sarah in Year 8 represented London at the National Water Polo Competition. New opportunities in sports continue to be explored and this year we have introduced modern pentathlon, fencing, badminton, golf, cycling and football.

OUTSTANDING EDUCATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

# Whitgift School



## Whitgift rated 'Excellent' in recent inspection

The Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) carried out an inspection of Whitgift School in May 2017. The results were published in June and the School was delighted with the outcome. The Compliance Report required a straightforward pass/fail mark, and we are very pleased to confirm that every area of the School passed inspection. The Educational Quality Report findings serve as a superb commendation for the School, reflecting as they do the outstanding quality of Whitgift's overall provision. Staff and students can be truly proud of their achievements.

In the two categories on which the School was assessed, we achieved the top rating of Excellent, in both the quality of pupils' achievements and the quality of their personal development. It is a testament to the hard work of all the staff and pupils at Whitgift

that the key findings of the report acknowledge not only that pupils' achievement is outstanding across a wide range of activities, but also that the relationships of pupils with each other and staff display a high degree of respect and tolerance, also reflecting an appreciation of diversity.

The following statement encapsulates the findings of the report, *"The excellent achievement of pupils is underpinned by the commitment of leadership, management and governance to ensuring an environment of ambitious expectation which promotes in pupils the desire to aim high and work for success."* Whitgift will continue to strive for excellence in all aspects of school life. A copy of the Education Quality Report is available to view on the School's website.

## National hockey titles for Whitgift

In what was a busy hockey season for Whitgift, the outdoor season saw the U13 and U15 teams win the inaugural Independent Schools National Hockey Competition, with outstanding performances in their finals, at Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre in March, against Princethorpe College and St George's College, respectively.

Whitgift teams then won through to the England Hockey Schools' Championships, which took place again at Lee Valley, at the end of April. In an unprecedented week for the School, three national outdoor hockey titles were won by the U14s, U16s and U18s.

Just prior to the U16 triumph, the 1<sup>st</sup> XI, with an unbeaten season under their belts, were pitted against Repton in their national final in a pulsating game which saw chances for both teams. Josh Coniglio put Whitgift ahead early on, converting a penalty corner. Repton levelled the score and with 10 minutes to go were awarded a penalty flick. Lekan Ogunlana, as he has on so many previous occasions, saved the powerful strike. Minutes later, Whitgift were awarded a penalty corner, from which Captain, Josh, scored his second goal of the final. The Whitgift team defended resolutely in the last five minutes and with the final whistle came an eruption of joy from players, staff and parents alike. It was fitting for all the boys involved in the competition to receive medals from England Hockey Vice President, Christopher Todd, and notably, Old Whitgiftian Luke Taylor, who had recently been selected to represent Great Britain at hockey.

The outdoor season concluded with Whitgift as National Independent Schools Champions at U13 and U15, and National Champions at U14, U16 and U18 level.



## Whitgift East meets West Arts Day at Goodwood House

Whitgift returned to the historic Goodwood House, in West Sussex, at the end of April for a very special Arts Day; the School having first hosted at this venue in 2003. Over 130 students took part in the day, showcasing exceptional talent across a wide range of art and co-curricular activities.

Current students and Old Whitgiftians came together to perform scenes from *Summer's Last Will and Testament*, a play fitting of the venue's dramatic setting and traditional décor. The Senbazuru tree, adorned with 1,000 delicate and colourful origami cranes crafted by the Whitgift Japanese Club, provided an impressive backdrop for the origami workshop that offered visitors an opportunity to master the art of paper folding, with help from expert (and patient!) Whitgift students.

Valeria Duca, who joined Whitgift as our Artist-in-Residence during the second half of Trinity Term, directed a 'Depth, Form and Portraiture' masterclass for pupils, and captivated guests with her impressive speed-sketches, managing to draw a remarkable likeness in under 20 minutes. Beautiful paintings, from the young Moldovan artist, were exhibited alongside a display of self-portraits created by Upper Third Form students. Undergraduate placement student, Adam Syke's life-size peacock sculpture, skilfully constructed from metal, was also on display in the Front Hall.

Esteemed Tea Sommelier, Giandomenico Scanu, took time out of his busy schedule at The Ritz, to educate pupils and guests on some of the world's most famous tea traditions, demonstrating fascinating and inspiring details from the various ceremonies, surrounded by exquisitely-illustrated tea sets designed by Lower School Art students. These proved so popular that Whitgift is looking into re-producing the tea sets for the School shop.

Visitors were treated to a host of musical interludes throughout the afternoon, from the Whitgift Brass Ensemble and Whitgift Symphony Orchestra, as well as solo pieces and the Whitgift Choristers performing a repertoire from their recent Tudor CD recording. Music journalist and acclaimed author, Jessica Duchon, fresh from judging the WIMC 2017 competition the month before, also read from her new novel, *Ghost Variations*.

The entertainment was not limited to indoors; visitors who spilled out into the expansive grounds enjoyed Whitgift Corps of Drums performances and demonstrations by Whitgift fencers. Along with croquet, Whitgift's resident PGA professional, Tim Trodd, was also on hand to share golf tips to those of all ages. A fitting end to a day showcasing Whitgift's sky-high talents, was a spectacular dare-devil air display by Ultimate High's elite pilot, Mark Greenfield.

The day proved incredibly popular among parents, staff and friends of the School, most of whom were blown away by the quality of the students' work and performances. For the pupils themselves, the event not only gave them an opportunity to share the results of their hard work across art, music, drama and sport, but also provided exposure to the inspiring guests that joined Whitgift at Goodwood House. The School would like to thank all those who helped make the day such a unique and valuable experience.

## Whitgift Lower First Form pupil honoured with inaugural Diana Award

Lower First Form pupil, Femi Owolade-Coombes, attended a very special event at St James's Palace last May. The Duke of Cambridge and Prince Harry were presenting the Diana Award's inaugural Legacy Award, in memory of their mother, the Princess of Wales, to mark the upcoming 20th anniversary of her death.

Femi, a Design Technology & Engineering Scholar, received a Legacy Award for his work setting up a local 'Raspberry Jam' (a coding workshop where aficionados of all levels can share knowledge and meet like-minded people). His is a Raspberry Jam with a difference, however; aimed at 5-15 year olds, his South London Raspberry Jam, set up with the help of his mother, is Autism and Tourette's friendly. 11-year-old Femi explains, "I found that I really liked coding events, and felt that the kids I know who are like me might also like them. We have partnered up with Tourettes Action and Ambitious About Autism to help spread the word about how much fun coding can be."

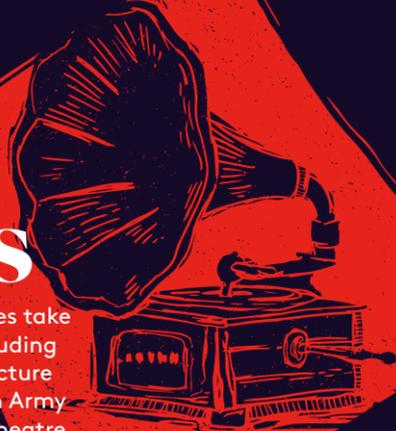
20 inspirational 11-18 year olds from all corners of the globe were selected specifically for their exceptional qualities of kindness, compassion and service. Femi was presented with the Award in the Palace Throne Room, where the Royal brothers took time to chat to each recipient, some of whom had travelled from as far as Belize and Canada. Femi commented, "It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. I enjoyed meeting the other prize-winners, and William and Harry, who were so down-to-earth and friendly."



# Outstanding care for older people

**100s**

of events and activities take place each year including Zoo Lab, Dulwich Picture Gallery, The Salvation Army and Croydon Youth Theatre Organisation, to name a few



**100**

spaces now available for Day Care guests



## IN NUMBERS

**2**

new minibuses provide transport for Day Care guests, for day trips and for residents to attend activities across the homes



**100**

residents live in our three Whitgift Care Homes



**£1,000**

raised for charity at Whitgift Care Garden Parties



## IN WORDS

“My fellow residents are very friendly and the staff go to endless trouble to be helpful and to lay on activities and outings.”

WHITGIFT CARE RESIDENT

“Always a pleasure to visit my friend at Wilhelmina House and be made so welcome by your friendly staff. I am also informed of the situation and health of my friend. You are all so loving and kind.”

WHITGIFT CARE RELATIVE

“The staff are very friendly and treat the residents with great consideration and dignity.”

WHITGIFT CARE RESIDENT

“Excellent accommodation, wonderful staff, plenty of activities, super food, all in pleasant surroundings. I would recommend Whitgift House without hesitation.”

WHITGIFT CARE RELATIVE

“It is reassuring to know that someone is on hand in case of illness or emergency. Having no immediate family, it gives one a sense of security.”

WHITGIFT CARE RESIDENT

“The family feel that Mother has become younger since she moved into Wilhelmina House as previously she suffered from isolation and loneliness, but here she has a social circle.”

WHITGIFT CARE RELATIVE





# Outstanding Community Events

99%

of those who reviewed Whitgift's Remembering 1916 Exhibition on TripAdvisor rated it as excellent or very good

300

people attended Carers' Information Day to find information and support relevant to their caring role

## IN NUMBERS

450

young people took part in the Trinity Triathlon supported by 100 volunteers

35,000

visitors to Whitgift's Remembering 1916 Exhibition

2017

Croydon Heritage Festival 2017 featured on London Live, BBC London Radio, the Londonist

## IN WORDS

"A fascinating, extraordinary exhibition."

THE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH  
ON REMEMBERING 1916

"This year's event was fantastic with numerous first time participants. It really felt like a big community event with 85 volunteers helping to make the event function, so a big thank you to them. I would also like to thank Croydon Council for their ongoing support of the event."

TIM DEAKIN  
TRINITY TRIATHLON  
EVENT DIRECTOR

"Meeting so many different people from different services and all under one roof. A really informative and engaging day. Thank you."

CARERS' INFORMATION  
DAY ATTENDEE

"Firstly, the fact it happens at all which is brilliant! I really enjoyed the talk on the evolution of Croydon at the Old Palace School and would like to go on the heritage walks at next year's festival."

CROYDON HERITAGE  
FESTIVAL VISITOR

"Another perfect Carers' Day organised by the wonderful and brilliant team at Carers' Information Service. What would we do without you all? Thank you."

CARERS' INFORMATION  
DAY ATTENDEE

"Remembering 1916 is a well-researched, intelligent exhibition that really brings the war to life. Set aside a couple of hours, as it's positively crammed with fascinating artefacts and displays. One of the best exhibitions of the year so far."

THE LONDONIST  
ON REMEMBERING 1916

## CROYDON HERITAGE FESTIVAL 2017

### Evolves with new community art installation



## CROYDON HERITAGE FESTIVAL

From Romans to the modern day, Evolution was the theme of this year's Croydon Heritage Festival organised by The Whitgift Foundation, 24-30 June, which saw the launch of a new art installation in the heart of Croydon's town centre for the community to discover more about the town's fascinating heritage.

Internationally acclaimed artist, Aether and Hemera, was commissioned to create the installation taking inspiration from where Croydon is believed to take its name from, the Anglo-Saxon words 'Croh-Denu', meaning 'valley of the crocus' - suggesting that Croydon may have been a site of saffron production in Roman times. The striking artwork saw 200 purple polypropylene crocus suspended above North End to brighten up Croydon's skies for the duration of the festival which saw more than 15,000 attend a variety of events featuring talks, walks, performances, exhibitions and films. Sell-out tours of Old Palace of John Whitgift School and the Whitgift Almshouses offered visitors a rare glimpse inside the historic buildings and the opportunity to learn more about The Whitgift Foundation.

Other highlights included two events hosted in Old Palace's splendid Banqueting Hall; a lively panel discussion on Croydon's evolution since the Domesday Book featuring The Whitgift Foundation CEO, Martin Corney, the National Trust's London Creative Director, Joseph Watson and Croydon Council's Cultural Director, Paula Murray; and a talk by esteemed author John Grindod about growing up on the outskirts of London's green belt in New Addington. Old Palace students also provided magnificent entertainment at the festival's opening reception, the highlight being the skilful rendition of the Flower Duet from Lakmé by Delibes. Trinity Boys Choir opened the Sunday Sessions at Boxpark during the festival with an afternoon showcasing some of Croydon's most talented young people with performances by Croydon Youth Jazz Orchestra, Boom Arts Academy and singer, Abi Hudson.

## CARERS' INFORMATION DAY

### Empowering carers through information and advice

As well as having the chance to enjoy fun and laughter, carers also found vital support and information at the annual Carers' Information Day run by the Carers' Information Service at Bernard Weatherill House. Local carers had the opportunity to meet support organisations, find information and advice and receive much-needed help for their caring needs. This year's Carers' Information Day was attended by more than 300 people and received highly positive feedback from carers and professionals who took part. As one carer who visited the event said, "I can get help at last."



### Hundreds participate in Trinity's Triathlon Event of the Year

The Trinity Triathlon was named Children's Event of the Year and London Region's Event of the Year by Triathlon England in 2016. Now in its seventh year, the event continues to attract vast numbers of young participants from across the South of England, from as far away as Oxford and across the London region. This year, over 450 young people aged 8-19 swam, ran and cycled their way through the triathlon, with over 90% of participants aged under 14. Over 100 volunteers from both the School community and Crystal Palace Triathletes took part on the day to ensure the success of the event.



REMEMBERING  
1916  
LIFE ON THE WESTERN FRONT



### Whitgift's Remembering 1916 Exhibition

In April 2017, the Whitgift Exhibition Centre welcomed the last visitors to its major exhibition, Remembering 1916 - Life on the Western Front, having opened a year earlier, in March 2016, to mark the Centenary of the First World War.

Remembering 1916 was conceived, written and directed by Whitgift's Headmaster, Dr Christopher Barnett, and focused on events occurring in 1916, a pivotal year which saw a number of significant battles, including the Battle of Verdun and the Battle of the Somme, one of the most famous in British military history. Amongst the Exhibition features were detailed re-creations of a bombed-out cellar at Verdun, British and German trenches at the Somme, and an Edwardian drawing room. An outstanding range of original artefacts were on display, the majority of which had never before been seen by the public. Memorabilia included British, French and German uniforms, equipment and weaponry, memorabilia from the Home Front, and some incredibly rare objects, such as: a German light field wagon; two first issues of the famous trench newspaper, The Wipers Times; the train station sign from Verdun; and items associated with the German flying ace, the 'Red Baron'.

A total of 35,000 people came to visit Remembering 1916, exceeding the numbers recorded for the first major exhibition hosted at Whitgift in 2009, Hidden Treasures from the Mary Rose. The School was honoured to receive a visit from longstanding Patron, His Royal Highness The Duke of York, KG. Whitgift is very grateful to all those who contributed to the impressive success of the Exhibition.

**OUTSTANDING FUTURES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

The Whitgift Foundation is proud to make a difference to the lives of thousands of young people through its £5 million a year bursary scheme allowing talented children to attend our schools.

**Stefan, Whitgift School**

Without The Whitgift Foundation bursary scheme, I wouldn't have been able to attend Whitgift School. For me and many of my friends, this scheme has allowed us to thrive going onwards and I cannot express how glad I am that it exists.

After receiving 3 A\* in Chemistry, Maths and Biology, I travelled across the world to study Ecological and Evolutionary Biology with a minor in Global Health Policy at Princeton University in the United States. My long-term goal is to become a doctor in Sports Medicine. I also hope to further my passion for athletics by one day competing at the Olympics as a triple jumper for Great Britain.

What made Whitgift School so great for me is its diversity, with people coming from all walks of life. I didn't think I would fit in at a 'posh independent school', especially coming from a small state school. However, Whitgift is not that stereotype, mostly due to The Whitgift Foundation bursary scheme, and I am so glad I have friends from different cultures and nationalities.



**Janarth, Trinity School**

Whenever someone asks what school I go to, they always recognise the name; Trinity School has an excellent reputation both inside and outside of Croydon. Whether it's because of our top exam results, our fantastic community service programme, or students being selected for national sports teams, people know Trinity is an exceptional school that makes exceptional students.

I am so grateful for The Whitgift Foundation bursary support. I gained A\*s in A level Mathematics, Further Mathematics and Physics, together with an A in Chemistry. I also gained an A\* in my EPQ [Extended Project Qualification] exploring 'The EPR Paradox', which I presented to distinguished academic alumni of the School and I won the Robbins Prize for Chemistry. Now, I am reading Mathematics and Physics at The University of Warwick. I attended Trinity on a full bursary from The Whitgift Foundation which I believe made my achievements possible.

**Natalia, Old Palace School**

I left Old Palace of John Whitgift School having achieved 2 A\*s and 1 A with a love for English Literature. I used my passion for English to set up an English mentoring scheme for GCSE students and started Old Palace's first school magazine initiated by students. It is special to go to a school that has so much history attached to it. For instance, some of the classrooms are rooms that Queen Elizabeth I once stayed and it's great to have the opportunity to connect with the Foundation's heritage and Tudor traditions.

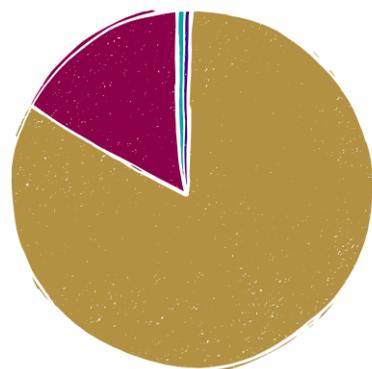
One lesson I've learnt since leaving school is to take opportunities wherever they are. The more opportunities you take up, the stronger your character becomes. I was a shy student when I first started school, now I'm a confident public speaker, thanks to the experiences I had at Old Palace. The Whitgift Foundation bursary has opened a lot of doors for me. It gave me the opportunity for a better education. I know that if I had gone to another school I would not have been as driven in my studies.



If you would like to find out ways in which you can contribute to a bursary or support any of our services, please contact The Whitgift Foundation: [enquiries@whitgiftfoundation.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@whitgiftfoundation.co.uk)

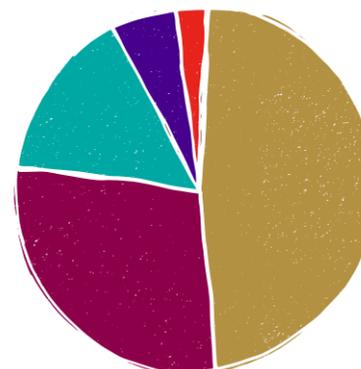
**Financials**

**Income**



<u>SCHOOL FEES AND CARE</u>	<u>£58,035,514</u>	<u>83.1%</u>
<u>INVESTMENT INCOME</u>	<u>£10,624,421</u>	<u>16.1%</u>
<u>OTHER</u>	<u>£256,163</u>	<u>0.6%</u>
<u>TRADING SUBSIDIARY</u>	<u>£156,410</u>	<u>0.2%</u>
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>£69,072,508</u></b>	<b><u>100%</u></b>

**Expenditure**



<u>WAGES</u>	<u>£33,603,020</u>	<u>48.4%</u>
<u>OTHER OPERATING COSTS</u>	<u>£16,115,006</u>	<u>27.7%</u>
<u>BURSARIES, GRANTS AND ALLOWANCES</u>	<u>£10,279,166</u>	<u>15.6%</u>
<u>INVESTMENT EXPENSES</u>	<u>£3,724,040</u>	<u>5.7%</u>
<u>DEPRECIATION</u>	<u>£1,753,191</u>	<u>2.6%</u>
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>£65,474,423</u></b>	<b><u>100%</u></b>

# Continuing to make a difference



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