

## **GAYNES IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2021.....**

Within the month of July our students took part in the following activities:

- PSCH topics covered were: Empathy, Trust, an introduction to careers, vulnerability, Engagement
- Extra curricular clubs for Key Stage 3 were focusing on Flight. There have been some excellent ideas such as pupils have been designing kites in D&T, exploring far away destinations in humanities, translating holidays abroad into a French journal.
- Year 11 prefect team attended a Stubbers team building day. This trip encouraged the team to develop their own interpersonal skills, support others and develop themselves as a cohesive group. This was more than achieved. An excellent day
- After school Football and Netball clubs and practices recommenced. We saw record numbers, with over 60 pupils either being coached Football by Mr Hardy, Mr Clarke or learning Netball techniques and tactics with Mrs Culling. Gaynes has entered all sporting competitions this academic year
- Prospective parents were invited to tour the school.
- We held our annual open evening for prospective parents. Many thanks to CTL's who organised and presented in interesting talks and activities for their subject areas
- The Key Stage 3 wellbeing ambassadors presented their ideas for a Harvest Festival. The committee promoted the harvest food collection by designing posters for form notice boards, speaking to form groups across the school. The results have been very impressive and have resulted in an excellent food donation to Romford Foodbank at the Church of St Ascension
- Year's 7 & 8 assembly on Future Careers from Gaynes Enterprise advisor. This was an introductory talk to raise awareness of the many career options and choices ahead for our youngest pupils
- Year 10 / 11 post 16 careers guidance from Playback mentoring. This has provided targeted support to Year 11 choosing post 16 provision and making guided decision regarding courses and areas of specialism
- Whole school Art competition with the theme of 'all together again'. This will be judged an prizes awarded for the best in each year group and overall for the whole school
- European Languages week of languages. An excellent assembly was delivered by The Head of MFL, Madame Baffour who used two Year 11 pupils, who conversed in French, for the school to aspire to
- The Metropolitan Police delivered a Year 11 assembly on consent and sexual harassment. This was informative and raised awareness and educated Year 11 on this issue. PC Snowden also covered 'your digital footprint'.

### Assembly topics covered were:

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| Back together again                          | “Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success” —Henry Ford                |
| Realising the challenges reaping the rewards | “You’ve got to get up every morning with determination if you’re going to go to bed with satisfaction” —George Lorimer |
| Mental Wellbeing                             | “Believe you can and you’re halfway there” —Theodore Roosevelt   |
| Healthy Relationships                        | "People change and forget to tell each other" - Lillian Hellman  |
| European Day of Languages                    | "A different language is a different vision of life" - Federico Fellini  |

### Sport

Y8 went to their first Health Ambassador event where they were able to learn and experience healthy living first hand. They were able to discuss diet and what makes a healthy diet, take part in some yoga, learn about their heart and also how to create an exercise circuit. Gaynes students were a credit to the school with their engagement levels high and behaviour outstanding. The health ambassadors will be coming together in the coming weeks to help pass on the healthy living message.

### Upcoming Sport Events

October sees a busy schedule for the PE department at Gaynes School. Below are the following events:

Y9 Leadership Trip to Stubbers

Y7 Health Ambassador Trip to Harrow Lodge

Y8 Leadership trip to Stubbers

Y7 Football vs Sanders

Y7 Football vs Marshalls Park

Y11 Football vs Harris Rainham