



Sydenham
High School

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GIRLS' DAY SCHOOL TRUST

Community Outreach 2018-19

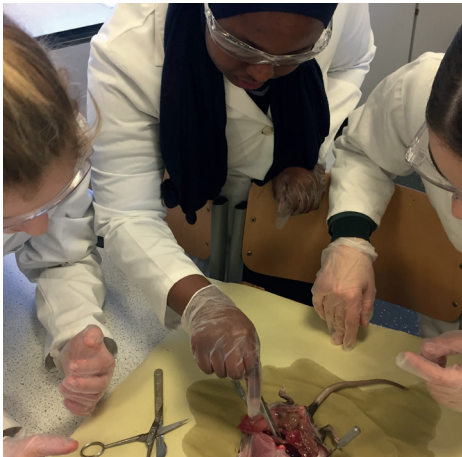


At Sydenham High we are committed to sharing facilities and best practice with a wide range of partners. The partnerships that we are involved with provide opportunities for both staff and pupils to work alongside peers from local schools and community groups in a mutually beneficial capacity.

Highlights

Science Masterclasses

Partner: Bishop Thomas Grant School



Our Science department has been working with girls from Bishop Thomas Grant, a Catholic co-educational secondary school in Lambeth, to deliver a series of Science masterclasses to selected year 10 gifted and talented students, building further on masterclasses held last year.

Language lessons

Partner: Holy Trinity Primary School



Weekly French lessons have been delivered by our Head of Languages to primary school students at Holy Trinity, assisted by a year 13 student who is gaining teaching and linguistics experience.

Connections beyond Sydenham High:

Local State Schools

- Invited in for careers evenings and subject specific conferences and events
- Lewisham Schools Librarians idea sharing hubs
- Art History Link-Up: Member of staff mentors a state school pupil on Saturdays
- Mutual mock university interviews
- Year 13 Classics student attended revision sessions with our Head of Classics
- Places made available to Sydenham School staff for our 'Being Fearless' conference in September 2019
- Use of theatre and facilities for end of year school productions and to sit LAMDA exams
- Use of sports ground and the astroturf for sports days and Lewisham sporting tournaments

State and Independent Schools

- Invited to enter #700STEMChallenge essay writing competition organised by the science department
- Participated in our 'Bake off' competition



Other community partnerships:

- Prep and Senior pupils visit Westwood House (residential care home) and provide entertainment and company during community service
- School community raises money for local charities and donations, such as to Crisis and Lewisham Foodbank
- School facilities used for Beckenham Festival
- Sixth Form students volunteer at Dulwich College Saturday School for year 6 Southwark school pupils
- Stay & Play and Fina's Mini Maestros on Tuesday mornings for local parents with 0-5 year olds
- Reading buddies: Year 12 and 13 read with Prep School girls each week
- Year 12 & 13 lead Science assemblies at Prep on topics from dinosaurs to the solar system
- Senior School pupils raise money for, and visit, our sister school in Nepal with charity In Your Hands.



Forthcoming partnerships:

HSBC funding was used for the following project: Weather or Knot involves John Eacott, the UK's leading jazz trumpeter, leading workshops with Forest Hill Boys and Sydenham High School. In addition, further workshops are planned to include Heber Primary School and Kingsdale. The workshops involve taking Maths A Level weather data and transposing it into musical notation. All the outreach schools involved are due to gather in the summer term to perform the piece in a recital.