



## **Preston Manor Upper School**

### **April 2020**

### **Preston Manor School is one of the highest performers in England, winning national award**

Preston Manor School has been recognised nationally by receiving a prestigious award for their outstanding key stage 4 results last year. The award is based on 2019 data provided by the Department for Education Teachers network.

Preston Manor School was found to be among the best performing non-selective secondary schools in the country, receiving an award for being in DfE Band 2 for student progress at key stage 4.

The SSAT Educational Outcomes database compares all state-funded schools in England and the highest performing schools in a range of key measures are awarded SSAT Educational Outcomes Awards.

Sue Williamson, Chief Executive of SSAT said:

*Preston Manor School on winning an SSAT Educational Outcomes award. This success is down to the superb learning and teaching, outstanding support and inspirational leadership of students, staff, parents and governors. You have made a huge difference to the lives of the young people in your school. Thank you.*

*Please click the following link to view the letter:*

<https://www.preston-manor.com/attachments/download.asp?file=1448&type=pdf>



## S.T.A.R.S. and B.B.C. Celebration Golden Awards

### **BBC Members - Year 8**

Lindsay, Emilio 8A  
Yonis Afrah 8A  
Gishon Critchlow 8T

### **BBC Members - Year 9**

Tyrell Ferguson 9S  
Chris Mutombo Ramazan 9E

### **BBC Members - Year 10**

Lamar Miller 10O - Senior Member  
Brandon NJoku 10O - Senior Member

### **STARS Group - Yr8**

Omari Lawrence 8A  
Yaqub Esse 8O

### **STARS Group – Yr9**

John Da Silva 9E  
Efoloko Shomali 9A





This year's S.T.A.R.S. and B.B.C. Celebration was the biggest and best ever! Mr. Carboo that runs the B.B.C. and S.T.A.R.S. groups put together a show that was action packed. Volunteer Hepburn Harrison-Graham who runs workshops with the B.B.C. co-presented the show.

There were over 100 families members/guests and numerous staff that attended this event. The show comprised of a short film, a parents quiz, Golden awards ceremony, speeches, presentations, recap of all the BBC achievements over the last year, and a live spoken word show. We also provided hot food and refreshments for all the guests. The live spoken word play will be made into a short film and available to watch on Youtube in the near future, so watch this space!

Parents and families reported that they thoroughly enjoyed show and feel their child has really benefitted from the work Mr. Carboo does them. Parents reported their child feeling happier, a renewed sense of worth, increased confidence level, and much higher self-esteem.





## Health and Social Care – Visit to Care Home



Health and Social care Year 12 group visited the local care home and organised an event for Valentines. They sung, did arts and crafts, read poems and engaged with the residents.

It was a proud moment to see how empathetic our students can be! The students were very enthusiastic about the visit.


## D.I.V.A. (Determination, Independent, Value, Aspiration) - Developing Presentation Skills Workshop

The Year 10 and 11 D.I.V.A's had workshop on developing their presentation skills. Mercy Ojelade from the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama University of London supported the students to under their voices, body language and surroundings.

The Year 10 and Year 11 feedback was very positive.



**ROYAL CENTRAL**  
SCHOOL OF SPEECH & DRAMA  
UNIVERSITY OF LONDON



### Mercy Ojelade

Mercy is a former student of various theatre schools including: Anna Scher Theatre, Young Actors Theatre, Sylvia Young Theatre School and the National Youth Theatre. Mercy has worked professionally for over ten years and has toured nationally and internationally, most recently to Brazil in 2014 with 'Tomorrow' a Vanishing Point theatre production.

Television credits include: Eastenders, Holby City & Doctors. Mercy has an MA in Actor Training & Coaching from the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama and a Post Graduate Certificate in Learning & Teaching in HE (Theatre & Performance) from Rose Bruford College.

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The Year 10 and Year 11 feedback was very positive:

- 'It really put me out of my comfort zone but it was worth it because I learnt new skills.'
- 'It was interactive and I left feeling more confident.'
- 'The workshop helped me own my space.'
- 'I am glad I did it, now I can work on my eye contact.'
- 'I learnt that a bit of confidence can make a dead presentation better.'
- 'It boosted my confidence.'

### D.I.V.A Lower School LRC Fundraiser

A huge thank you to all the Yr6 D.I.V.A.s that worked so hard at the Lower School LRC fundraiser.



Each group set up a table to sell sweets, slime and hand painted bags.



We had lots of sales and interest from all tables. With the sweet group selling out completely!

In total the Yr6 D.I.V.A.s raised an amazing **£100** for the Lower School LRC.



Mrs Lannaman-Williams would like to thank you all for your continued support and hard work.  
**WE ARE D.I.V.A!**

**D.I.V.A.s ONLY**

11.3.2020



## Maths Department

The following 4 Pupils has participated in UKMT Team challenge yesterday and they have done really well and managed to be in **top 10 schools**. They were competing against some of the really good schools of London. Our Maths department is very proud of all of them and would like to celebrate their achievement.

**Tanika Simon-Thomas 9M**  
**Chris Mutombo - Rumazani 9E**  
**Daniela Lane- 8M**  
**Ayush Jaiprakash 8P**

Further to this our School was hosting this event and we got other 29 teams came in to school yesterday and we have received really good feedback for all the support they received during their stay in our school.





# ALUMNI

On 23rd of January we held our first Lower School Alumni event. The current year 6s from Poplar and Rowan met with the year 7s who had been in these classes last year. The year 7s presented to them on their personal experiences of moving up to secondary school, including what their first day was like, the differences between primary and secondary school and a day in the life of a year 7 student. Year 6s then had the opportunity to quiz the year 7s on a variety of topics including making friends, learning and behaviour. Finally the year 6s and 7s engaged in discussions about the work they would be expected to complete and year 7 took the opportunity to showcase the pieces of work they were most proud of.

Both year 6 and year 7 really enjoyed the event and we are looking forward to hosting year 6 again for a mini rounders' tournament in the summer term.



6 Rowan and Rowan Alumni



6 Poplar and Poplar Alumni





# The Behaviour Panel News

To link in with LGBT History month in February the Behaviour Panel produce an assembly presentation titled 'Be Who You Are Born To Be'.

It showed people from the LGBT community who have had a huge impact on our world from Alan Turing who contributed to stopping World War 2 to Florence Nightingale who helped to shape the

## FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE (1820 - 1910)

- Founder of modern nursing
- Established the first school of nursing that combined clinical and theory
- During the Crimean war she tended to the soldiers at night and became known as the lady of the Lamp



## Alan Turing (1912-1954)

- Alan Turing was a mathematician and computer scientist.
- Turing essentially pioneered the idea of computer memory.
- Widely known for his achievement of breaking the German Enigma code.
- He played a huge role in winning World War 2



The message from the assembly was that it is very important that you are yourself so that you can achieve your full potential. Trying to pretend you are something that you are not, will only make you unhappy.

The behaviour Panel also created a citizenship powerpoint for registration time, in which students were asked to think about the times when they have changed their normal behaviour to fit in with a group of friends or to please parents. Thanks to Mazama Rustamkhil 10P for all her hard work on it.



Thanks to Andreea Prodan 9R who designed the poster below that was given to each tutor group to display in their classrooms, reminding Preston Manor students to be true to themselves.

Don't ever let anyone tell you who YOU are, what YOU should be or who YOU will be.

**Be who you were born to be.**



# The Behaviour Panel News



Preston Manor was due to hold the Brent Anti Bullying Council meeting on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Many Brent schools were going to come together to discuss how to tackle bullying in and out of schools.

There was meant to be a presentation from Amani Simpson who has created a film about gang activity and how it impacts on a young person's life. But due to the Corona virus it had to be cancelled. We hope the meeting will be rescheduled in the near future.



# Jack Petchey



## December - Casey Clowes 9M

**REASON** – Casey is involved in many aspects of school life. She was a committed year 8 buddy, she is currently a senior buddy and does a brilliant job of feeding back from the fortnightly meetings. She is year 9 reading buddy helping the students at the lower school improve their reading skills and she is also an Autism Ambassador helping people to understand the differences that autistic people might have.

**BOUGHT** -She spent her money on LRC and many new books were bought.



## January - Denisa Polici 8S

**REASON** – Denisa has been a committed year 8 buddy since September. She has attended all lunch time meetings on time. She has demonstrated excellent organisational skills by attending all the buddy sessions on time with a planned activity for each registration. She is always dressed in perfect full uniform and has a fantastic positive attitude to helping not only year 7 students but anybody that requires support.

**BOUGHT** -She spent her money on a cinema trip for her that will take place in the future.



## February – Aurora Corazza 13P

**REASON** – Aurora has set a great example to all peer mentors at Preston Manor. She has had a brilliant attendance record, carried out the most appointments with their mentee throughout one year and gained the full award in their ASDAN qualification. She has demonstrated excellent commitment in encouraging and supporting their mentee to self-evaluate and make adjustments in their lives. The work this mentor has done with their mentee will benefit their academic achievement in their school work and also improve life relationships within their community.

**BOUGHT** –She bought items for the graphics department which include screen printing equipment and Pro Makers.







# HOUSE NEWS



## Fundraising: Christmas Fair

The House Captains organised a Christmas fair on the from 3.30 until 5pm. It was a great fun with many dep helping to run stalls in the hall.

The Art & Design Department had made lots of Christmas decorations and cards to sell



The LRC had a difficult Malteaser challenge



The Business Department had different enterprise groups that had some very challenging games

The School Council ran a Chocolate Tombola



Compass had lots of home made goodies on sale from cholate brownies to gift jars



The Behaviour Panel made framed quotes to sell





# HOUSE NEWS



**The Black Boys Can Council had their exciting games to play such as Ping Pong Challenge getting a ball into a pot, Tin Can Alley and the tricky Hand Steady Wire Game**



**The day started off with the Christmas Elves (House Captains ) collecting money at the school gates in their Christmas jumpers: Thanks to Mr Tully for his support**

**The House Captains organised and ran loads of different stalls at the Fair:**



**Thanks to Santa for spreading happiness to his customers**

**The Christmas Elves worked very hard to make the fair a huge success and they are very pleased to announce that**



**We Raised £969.02**



## The Benefits to Reading Regularly

# READ

20 MINUTES A DAY



**STUDENT A**  
reads at home



**20**  
min/day

**STUDENT B**  
reads at home



**5**  
min/day

**STUDENT C**  
reads at home



**1**  
min/day

THEY WILL HEAR

1,800,000

282,000

8,000

WORDS PER YEAR

THEY WILL HAVE READ FOR

851

212

42

HOURS BY 6TH GRADE

AND ON STANDARDIZED TESTS,  
THEY WILL LIKELY SCORE BETTER THAN

90%

50%

10%

OF THEIR PEERS





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