

## RHS ASTRONOMY EVENING

*"I really loved  
Astronomy Evening -  
looking at the stars,  
moon and planets  
was very exciting."*

**Elin, Year 7**



*Image above: Our Year 7 students take in the night sky at the Astronomy Evening*

On Wednesday 7th December, a number of our Year 7 students took part in our annual Astronomy Evening, hosted at our new EcoHub facility.

Students had the opportunity to use specialist virtual reality equipment to go on guided tours in space. These tours ranged from seeing Mars, from the Mars Rover's point-of-view, to a tour of the entire Milky Way. Students also got the chance to watch comets and shooting stars passing through our galaxy.

Meanwhile, in our outdoor classroom, students had their red torches, sky guides to know where to orient their binoculars, and telescopes. Using this equipment, students found where Jupiter and Saturn were in the night sky.

The aims of the event were for students to understand just how vast our universe is, through studying the night sky. They also learned how they can take part in astronomy at home.

After having a go with the telescopes Harrison, Year 7, told us: "The evening was great fun. The telescopes really zoomed in on the objects in the sky. I found out that Jupiter looks like a star!"

Thank you to the RHS Science Department for hosting the event and well done to all of our students who enthusiastically took part.

## A LEVEL MEDIA AT THE BFI SOUTHBANK

"It was a good opportunity to revise our course content and feel proud of ourselves for how much we have learnt on the A Level course."  
**Mia, Year 13**



Image above: The A Level Media Studies students get ready for their study day at the BFI Southbank

On Wednesday 7th December, the A Level Media Studies students in Year 12 and Year 13 headed into central London for the day, to take part in an 'Audience and Industry' study day.

The event, hosted at the BFI Southbank, was a chance for students to hear from an external speaker about two of their exam case studies, Marvel Studios and The BBC. Students then got to think about how they could apply information about both companies to their examination answers.

During the day, our students got involved in a variety of activities, which required them to share their ideas and opinions with students from other schools across London. The main speaker of the day was incredibly impressed with the articulate way in which our students expressed their opinions and told us that she valued their excellent contributions to the day.

Thank you to Ms Ohana and Ms Kwan for taking the students to the event. Well done to all of the Media Studies students for getting fully involved in the day.



## THE WINTER SHOWCASE

There is still time to get your ticket for The Winter Showcase! Tickets are FREE and can be booked via the ticket booking form, found [here](#).

Performances are taking place on **Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th December at 5:30pm**. The performance running time is one hour.



## CHRISTMAS NON-UNIFORM DAY

A brief reminder that on **Friday 16th December 2022**, the last day of term, students and staff will be allowed to wear non-uniform to fundraise for our school charities for 2022-23. A £1 donation can be made via ParentPay. Full details about expectations for the day have been sent via ClassCharts (and can be found in the 'Letters Home' section below).

## Key Dates:

Date:	Event
Wednesday 14th December - 4:30pm-6:40pm	Sixth Form Christmas Community Event
Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th December- 5:30pm-6:40pm	The Winter Showcase
Friday 16th December	Christmas Non-Uniform Day End of the Autumn Term
Wednesday 4th January 2023	Start of the Spring Term

## Advance Notice: Bus Strikes

We have been made aware that a number of bus strikes are coming up, which will affect routes to school. **The routes affected will be routes 278 and E7.** There is one more planned strike scheduled this term on **Friday 16th December**. Please can we ask that students affected by the strikes make alternative arrangements for their travel on these days or leave earlier to arrive on time for school.

## School Updates:

### Safeguarding updates:

Helplines: [click here](#)

Parent Factsheet - WhatsApp: [click here](#)

UK Safer Internet Centre - Coerced online sexual abuse information: [click here](#)

Is This Ok? Support Website: [click here](#)

### Letters Home:

Update to parents - 02.12.2022: [click here](#)

Hemel Hempstead Ski Trip: [click here](#)

Trust Christmas Carol Concert: [click here](#)

Christmas Non-Uniform Day: [click here](#)

Above & Beyond Spring Booklet: [click here](#)

Sixth Form Focus - Edition 21: [click here](#)

### Out of School Opportunities (not linked to the school):

Hillingdon Activities and Food Programme: [click here](#)

Hillingdon Winter Wellness Directory: [click here](#)