



Welcome to the Greenbank newsletter

March Edition 2024

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Welcome

Headteacher welcome

Welcome to our Newsletter for the end of Spring term 2024.

Can I take this opportunity firstly to thank all students and staff who have made me feel so welcome in my new role at Greenbank High School. I feel privileged to work in school with such dedicated and caring people.

Parents and carers too deserve our sincere thanks - the incredible support you offer your children, and us as a school, means that our community will continue to thrive. A huge thank you for the feedback you give us and the appreciation you show for the work we do.

This term has flown by and so much has been achieved by so many. The incredible staff team at Greenbank continue to provide a variety of enriching extra-curricular activities for students. They have visited theatres, museums, colleges and universities, represented the school in many sporting competitions, experienced several music trips and residentials, celebrated World Book Day and International Women's Day, enjoyed our wonderful and hilarious school production and an exciting adventure to Ghana, to name but a few. Staff work determinedly to offer an extensive range of opportunities to each student to broaden their horizons and raise aspiration.

We are expanding our pastoral provision and are excited to welcome Miss Wilson in her new role of Wellbeing and Attendance Facility Lead. Miss Wilson will be running our new on-site ACER (Achieve, Care, Excel, Reintegrate) Centre. This is a bespoke nurture provision to support students overcome attendance, academic and personal development challenges.

We say goodbye and congratulations to Mrs Usher who is moving to teach in a new school and Mrs Howard who has been successfully appointed to the role of PA to the CEO and Trust Administrator at Southport Learning Trust. We thank them for all they have done for the children and staff over many years. They will both be very much missed at Greenbank, and we wish them well in their new roles.

Finally, and most importantly of all, our students should be incredibly proud of their determination, resilience and tenacity this term - every year group has worked exceptionally hard. We are all very proud of them and their achievements. Year 11 and Year 10 deserve a special mention for their continued hard work and preparation for their GCSE examinations.

I am excited for the wonderful things we have planned for the rest of the academic year.

Enjoy the read and have a lovely break.

Ms Aspinall



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Behaviour Curriculum

Staff are continuing to deliver our Behaviour Curriculum. One focus this term is on the importance of participation both inside and outside of school, as well as making links to what good participation looks like in their subject areas.



"When I was a teenager, I began to settle into school because I'd discovered the extracurricular activities that interested me: music and theatre."

- Morgan Freeman -

Staff ended the term talking to students about the importance of punctuality. This behaviour lesson focuses on the importance of punctuality both in school and beyond school, including the importance of being punctual in the world of work.

"Better three hours too soon than a minute too late."

- William Shakespeare -



The Greenbank Way

INSPIRE



Have a positive attitude to learning.



Participate in lessons and in wider school life.



Be a resilient, inquisitive, and curious learner.

CARE



Respect yourself, others, your work, and the school environment.



Have impeccable manners and show kindness and empathy.



Have pride in yourself, your school, and your work.

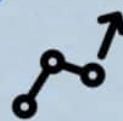
ACHIEVE



Attend school every day and be punctual.



Be well-organised for your day and have all equipment.



Respond to feedback from your teachers to further your success.



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Curriculum & Literacy

Thank you to the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (AHDB), in collaboration with the British Nutrition Foundation in supplying our students with ingredients to churn their own butter. Miss Parry's **cookery** class had some fantastic results!

Students in year 9 also enjoyed making crumpets from the support of this new programme, which provides ingredients to schools at no cost.



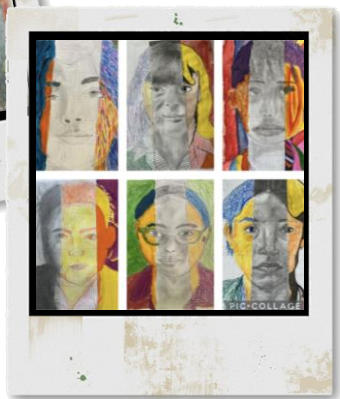
Local fashion designer Kirsty Doyle came into school to deliver the 'Kirsty Doyle Club x Radox Grand National Designer of the Future Competition' to year 9 **DT textiles** students.

Students were encouraged to let their creativity run wild, focusing on elements such as sustainability, inclusivity and diversity.

Kirsty was thrilled to see the work that students had completed, she talked to them about her journey into the fashion industry.

Following her visit we ran a workshop where students explored their passion for fashion! Good luck to our amazing pupils!

Year 7 have been working on some fantastic self-portraits in **Art**, exploring the Rembrandt's techniques of tone and shade, Van Gogh's mark making and will soon be painting using Warhol's colour combinations. Well done! #Y7Art #Creativity



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British Science Week

To celebrate British Science Week's theme of Time, Miss Smithson co-ordinated some special activities for our year 7 & year 8 classes. Students worked in teams to design an accurate timer using only recycled materials. Our students showed excellent teamwork, resilience, resourcefulness and determination – Well done!
#britishscienceweek #science #school #education #proud



Year 9 students attended the Southport Learning Trust British Science week celebration event today at Meols Cop High School. They heard from a wide range of professionals working within a huge range of inspirational STEM career sectors. Students also took part in a Science challenge, and we WON! Well done to Lara and her team, brilliant engineering skills.



Some of our year 9 students travelled to Port Sunlight to present their product designs for the Unilever Challenge as part of our Science STEM club. They have worked hard together in teams over the last few months building up to this day – both teams won the competition taking the 'Sustainability prize' and the 'Consumer prize'!

Miss Smithson & Ms Edwards said the girls were confident, articulate, and their humour made the judges laugh – a real credit to the school. Well done girls, we are proud of you,
#unileverchallenge #science



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A Look at Languages

The Language Centre was alive when year 3 students from Farnborough Rd visited to practise their **French**. They were ordering fruit and vegetables at the market, buying clothes and doing a fashion show. Well done to the year 9 leaders who delivered with enthusiasm and confidence. Bravo!!



Well done this week to **Spanish** language leaders who welcomed year 5 students from Shoreside Primary to our centre. Students bought clothes and did a fashion show as well as playing games and singing songs. Leaders delivered with confidence and enthusiasm; they were great ambassadors for the school and languages.

As part of their **Spanish** studies 60 of our year 8 Spanish students have been paired up with pen pals in Spain. Our students were delighted to receive their letters this week and enjoyed replying in Spanish.

Long may their friendships last!
#mfltwitterati #MFL
#languagesforlife



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A Look at Languages



Thank you to all those involved in our **Latin** day, showing what you have learnt this year and sharing your views with our visitor from ImpactedED. Your enjoyment of Latin was very clear and a delight to see and hear! Optime!

Brilliant attendance at our **Spanish** Masterclass. Muy bien!



Year 8 opening pen pal letters from our partner school in Lille, in **France**.



The Fiestaval rehearsal was a great success, attended by 100 students and 9 local schools. The leaders were superb with their organisation ensuring it went smoothly.



Spanish students working on roleplay questions and answers. Excellent retrieval and revision.



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Protecting ourselves and our community

Amazing support from the Bronte and Hepburn joint house assembly. The assembly was organised through Bronte's chosen charity; Southport Offshore Rescue Trust. Students were excellent, very respectful, and asked some interesting questions to our guest speakers from the lifeboat charity.



Our year 9 mentors in violence protection (MVP) mentors worked hard making a film to publicise their work. We look forward to seeing the finished result!



Big congratulations to Jack who became the WBC European Thai Boxing Champion at the weekend. Working with our Safer Schools Officer PC Ritchie. Jack coaches Muay Thai with students in school.

Members of the School Council have been working with Sustrans, the custodian of the National Cycle Network, to further develop our safer streets initiative.



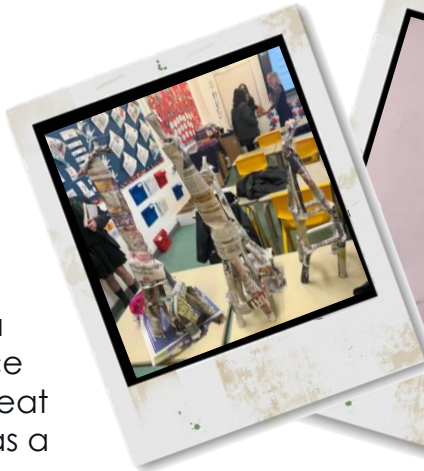
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Enrichment

Year 8 enjoyed a taster day sampling GCSE option subjects.

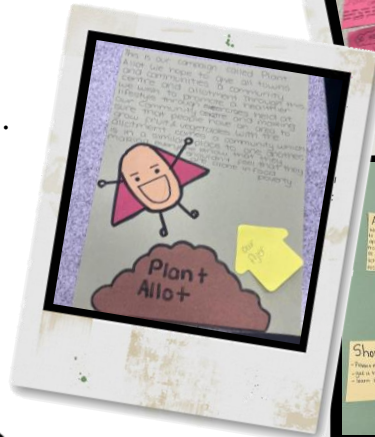


Year 11 had a fabulous day ice skating! It was great fun all together as a group before the examination period begins.



Excellent work from **year 7** on Languages Day. Here are a few of the models of the Eiffel Tower and portraits of Frida Kahlo that the students made.

Year 9 worked on the Enterprise Food challenge. They created business plans and gave presentations on the best ways to tackle food wastage. Excellent ideas, well done!



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Getting out with Greenbank

Students had a fantastic morning at the Liverpool Archives. They had a behind the scenes tour of the repository, learning about how records are stored and preserved. Students have discussed local records with an archivist, linking to topics



Year 10 students spent an inspirational morning listening to motivational speakers at the International Women's Day conference at Edge Hill University.
#internationalwomensday

50 students from year 9 and year 10 went on our annual Cambridge Residential. They took part in punting down the River Cam, a tour around the city, an evening meal and bowling on the first day. It was fantastic to see what the city has to offer!

On the second day students spent the day at Magdalene Collage, learning about the individual college systems at Cambridge and what the university has to offer. They met current students and went on a tour of Trinity College, which is the wealthiest of the Cambridge colleges with assets with £1.3 billion. The students behaviour was impeccable and they all enjoyed seeing what university life was all about. A fantastic two days!



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Getting out with Greenbank

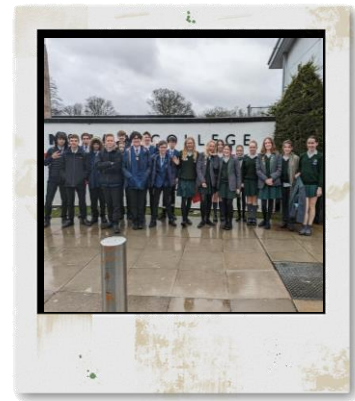


The year 8 Career Champions went to Kings Meadow Primary school to deliver a competition to year 5 students about the new Southport Convention centre. Absolutely brilliant, super proud!



Students had a great day yesterday at Runshaw College – Designing a Prison for a future with the Criminology department. Thank you for having us!

Oxbridge bound day at Runshaw College for year 9 students from Greenbank and Birkdale High. Fantastic sessions looking at ethics, philosophy and politics, a talk about entry to Oxbridge universities and a fabulous lunch.



Year 8 Career Champions also visited Larkfield Primary. Year 5 students have been working on their amazing ideas for the Marine Lake Exhibition Centre. Good luck, you were all brilliant!



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Sport in Spring

Southport and Formby Sporthall Athletics competition, catching up from the beginning of half term. Greenbank year 7 & year 8 teams were both representing Sefton in the Merseyside competition. Greenbank sports leaders were invaluable in running the competitions for both primary and secondary schools over the two days. Well done to all.



Well done to our hockey teams – U13 Merseyside County Hockey Champions!



Well done to the year 8 hockey players who took part in the Merseyside hockey competition a couple of weeks ago. The competition was hosted at Greenbank, and for some of our players it was their first ever competition. The B team were winners of their competition.



Congratulations to our year 7 & year 8 indoor athletics teams who competed in the Merseyside school games. Year 7 were runners up, just one point behind the winners. Year 8 were Merseyside champions. Brilliant afternoon, well done everyone!
#school #extracurricular



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Netball News

7A - SOUTHPORT
AND FORMBY A
TEAM
CHAMPIONS



7B - SOUTHPORT
AND FORMBY B
TEAM
CHAMPIONS



7C - SOUTHPORT
AND FORMBY B
TEAM
RUNNERS UP



THE
YEAR
7
SQUAD



A massive well done to our year 7 & year 8 Netball teams. The level of commitment, dedication and enthusiasm since September has been fantastic. The teams took part in Southport and Formby Schools Netball Tournament. All of the teams played fantastic, with some unbelievable passing/moving up the court, defending and shooting. A great way to finish the netball season.

8B -
SOUTHPORT AND
FORMBY B TEAM
CHAMPIONS



YEAR 8 NETBALL
SQUAD



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Netball News

Well done to our year 9 & year 10 netball teams who took part in the Southport and Formby competitions yesterday. Both year 9 teams were champions in their tournaments and 9B team also won the fair play award. Thanks to Range High School for organising and hosting.



Mrs Stillwell – "It was a real privilege to watch and coach Greenbank U16 team at the county netball finals, on a freezing cold and wet Saturday morning. This talented team have made me nothing but proud and I have loved working with this group of players. For most of the team this was their last for Greenbank and they should be pleased with all they have achieved over their years here. Hoping they continue with their netball journeys into the next stage. Well done girls!"



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Football Fanatics



Students from year 9 & year 10 took part in the Southport and Formby football tournament. Lots of excellent effort, hard work, and quality on show in each game.

Our A Team were crowned tournament winners, and our B Team came runners up in their section too.

What a fantastic achievement.

We are proud of you all!

#school #extracurricular



Students from year 7 & year 8 took part in the Southport and Formby football tournament.

7A – Champions

7B – Champions

8A – Runners up

8B – Champions

What a fantastic effort and performance from every single one of our players throughout the tournament. Well done to all!

#winners



What an enjoyable last session of football club.

Some final matches and then a penalty shootout competition for all students, with our 4 winners receiving Easter eggs, and then rounding off the final session of the season with some extra chocolate treats for all our amazing footballers. We couldn't be any prouder of your effort and achievements this season!



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Well Done!

Congratulations to our Spring Spelling League champions who won our tournament this term. The scores were incredibly high, so well done to all.



Congratulations to our team who took part in the National Reading Champions Quiz 2024. They showed great book knowledge, had lots of fun and were proud to win the Participation award!
#NRCQuiz2024



Fantastic to see a talented group of future female engineers from Greenbank winning the Rotary Technology Tournament today.
#inspireinclusion



Congratulations to the students from each year who attended Ms Aspinall's Headteacher breakfasts this term.



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Well Done!



Well done to the students in year 7 & year 8 who took part in our MAGT Debating Workshop. The students worked really hard to enhance their knowledge on a chosen topic using Oxplore 'Home of the Big Questions'. Over a period of 5 weeks they planned their debate and then went up against an opposing group. They were absolutely fantastic and super confident, choosing a winner was extremely difficult. Well done girls!



Eating Disorders Awareness Week, one of our former students returned to share her own experience with anorexia. Sarah was brave and inspiring as she spoke to the students of Keller House. Keller's chosen charity is BEAT – Britain's Eating Disorder Charity



Congratulations to Issy in 7B who competed in the LK Aerobic Gymnastics Club competition this term, in which she achieved second place (out of 256!) for a group routine. Well done!



Absolutely incredible performance from our year 11's in the GCSE performance exam. Well done to all of you. You were outstanding and should be very proud of yourselves!



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World Book Week



Well done to all who took part in 'Spot the book' and Treasure Hunters.



TEAM ENGLISH

Ready for their opening chapter on
#WorldBookDay2024 #WorldBookDay
#GHSWorldBookDay2024



Excellent efforts from our staff and students on 'World Book Day', we were certainly speaking 'all things books'. Well done all!





Well done to our 'Spot the Book' winners and are winning House Quiz form, 10A, as well as our staff costume winner, Mr Sinclair. A great week with excerpt participants.




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GHS presents: A Panto!


Panto opening night kicked off the performances with a blast. Here is porter, Bertie Glee, one of our nasty step-sisters, Covidia, and Dame Gertie Glee. Well done to our talented cast, fabulous band, and incredible stage crew! You're all stars!



It was so lovely to welcome Kew Woods, Ainsdale St John's Shoreside and Farnborough Road year 5 students to see our panto. They had a great time and were impeccably behaved!



Here we have our Seven Dwarves, Marvin, Hector, Trevor, Raymond, Arthur, Lionel and Alice! You may have seen them strutting their stuff in our fantastic pantomime.



Dress rehearsal was fantastic! There was a lot of excitement before the show.



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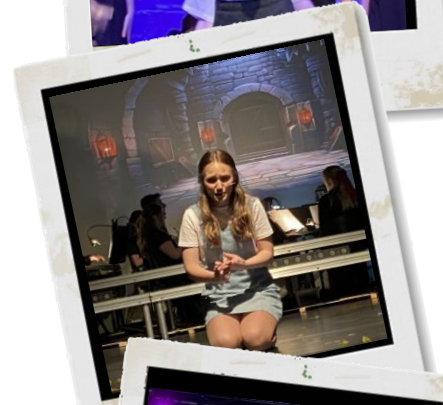
GHS presents: A Panto!

This half term we were delighted to present our panto to enthusiastic audiences. The panto, which was a modern take on Red Riding Hood, Cinderella and Snow White, was written by Miss Bloom and Mr Plunkett, who made sure the script was full of strong female characters for our very talented performers. The cast of 49 (including Mr. Plunkett as Dame Gertie Glee!) gave it their all with stunning dance routines, incredible singing and outstanding comic acting.

They were supported superbly by a band of 8 talented musicians, led by Mr and Mrs Palmer (being a "pit band" is no mean feat!) and a very professional stage crew, looked after by Miss Wasilew and Mrs Citrine, who were responsible for costume, props, lighting and mic changes to name but a few jobs.

As well as three evening performances, the panto was performed to year 5 pupils from four local primary schools and the whole of year 7 who all had a great morning of entertainment and were truly inspired by what they saw. One year 5 pupils said "I definitely want to come to Greenbank now!"

Director Miss Bloom says, "I am so proud of everyone involved. Putting on such a big production is an awful lot of hard work, effort and commitment from everyone involved. It was wonderful to see four different year groups working so hard together to get this production right for audiences. They are an absolute credit to the school and wider community."



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Adventures in Ghana

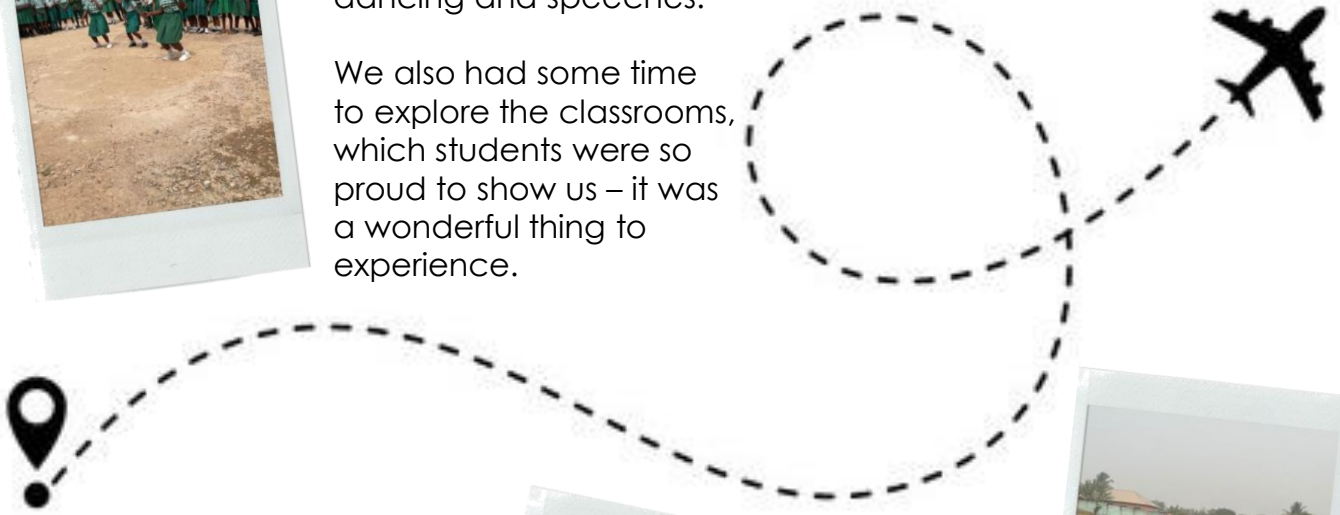


Day 1: Meet & Greet

Our first day in Akropong, Ghana consisted of a lot of meeting and greeting, after a wonderful breakfast prepared at Francis's wife, Kate.

The welcoming ceremony held at Evergreen Blossom Academy's Secondary and Kindergarten site was the highlight of the day! We were greeted by the entire school community across both sites. The ceremony included lots of singing dancing and speeches.

We also had some time to explore the classrooms, which students were so proud to show us – it was a wonderful thing to experience.



Day 2: Sports day

They take Sport's day very seriously at Evergreen. It was evident from the very moment we stepped on to the field that competition and celebrating success is a huge part of their culture.

Everyone got involved in the activities (even us!) which included sack racing, lime and spoon, tug of peace (what a lovely turn of phrase), football and some creative games involving toilet paper and water...



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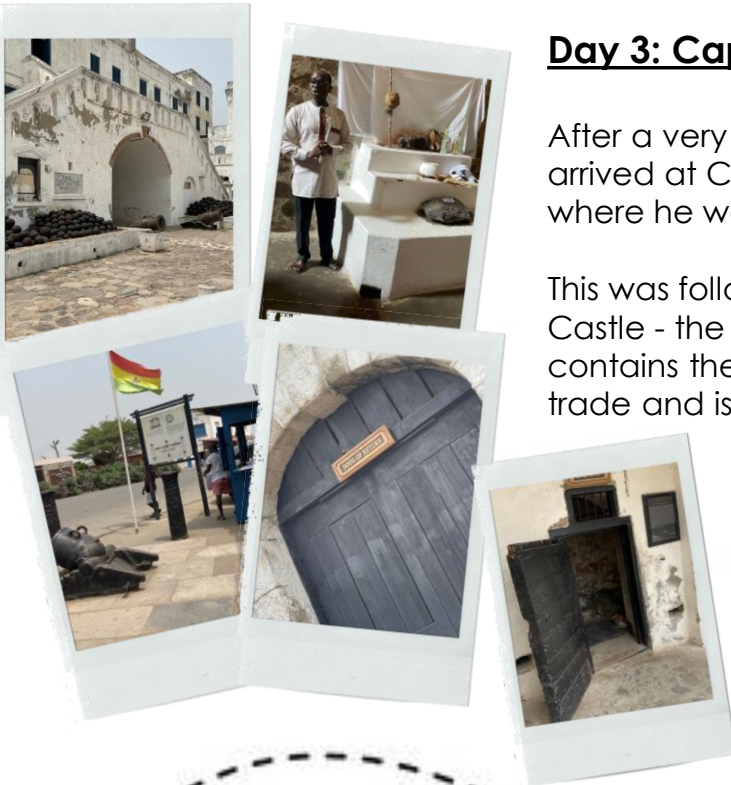
Adventures in Ghana



Day 3: Cape Coast excursion

After a very long (6 hour) journey we arrived at Cape Coast, met Francis's mum, saw where he went to school and had brunch!

This was followed by a tour of Cape Coast Castle - the largest of the buildings which contains the legacy of the trans-Atlantic slave trade and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



But our day didn't end there... after a short drive we arrived at Kakum National Park to walk across its 7 suspension bridges which form a 333-meter long canopy walkway, suspended up to 27 meters above the forest floor from trees that are over 300 years old.

Bucket list goals were ticked off that day, especially for the geographers.



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Adventures in Ghana



Day 5: Visit Akropong school for the blind & Evergreen Blossom Academy

Our day commenced with a visit to Akropong school for the blind, where one of our students presented a number of donations she has collected to The Headmistress.

This was followed by lesson observations at Evergreen. Our students were keen to get stuck in supporting teachers and students in various subjects which included Science, Dance, Phonics, Reading, Colouring and Games.

It was a joy to watch our students interact with the students at Evergreen – Something which will stay with them for the rest of their lives.



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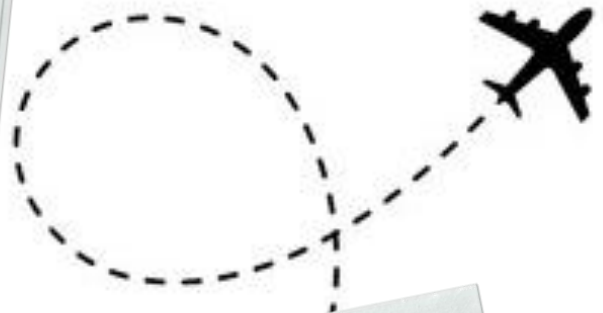


Day 6: PTA Assembly at Evergreen Blossom Academy

Before departing for Ghana, our students and members of their family helped pack the donations cases, which were presented to the PTA today. Donations included simple medicines, toys, football kits, sanitary products, laptops and monetary donations for a whole school excursion and the construction of an ICT suite.

There were speeches, a drama production and plenty of dancing...

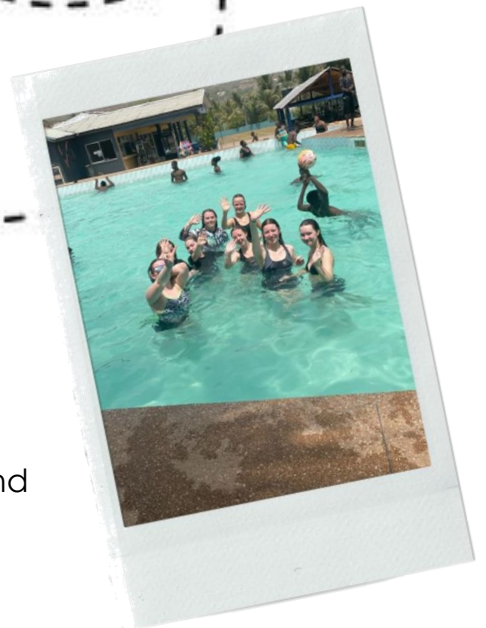
Our afternoon was spent at Evergreen Blossom Academy's Junior and Secondary site observing lesson in Geography or what they call "Integrated Science", Creative Arts and Social Studies.



Day 7: Evergreen Blossom Academy Swimming excursion

Our final full day in Ghana involved a lot of splashing, laughter and fun! Funds raised by one of our students allowed for Evergreen's entire school community to attend this event.

It was a lovely way to end our experience in Ghana.



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#kNOwnifecrime

Greenbank High School are joining 84 schools across Sefton to participate in the school-to-school relay event on Wednesday 17th April, to spread our message of #kNOwnifecrime.

Students in different year groups have also signed up to complete a 'mini marathon' on Thursday 18th April.

On Saturday 20th April, six students are travelling to London to complete the 'mini-London marathon race'.

As a school and trust we will be raising money for the purchase of bleeding control kits. A bleeding control kit can help provide support for the bleeding caused by knife injuries to make the difference for a victim to survive an attack. This is an amazing opportunity for all students involved, and we would be grateful for the sponsor. Please click on this link:

[Charity Champions - Cash For Kids](#)



[KnowKnifeCrime](#)

A #knowknifecrime positive awareness movement.
It's back, it's bigger and it's better!



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Parents & Teachers'
Association

Greenbank High School PTA Easter 2024

Want to help?

Join our

200 CLUB!

£12 for 6 months
via **Parent Pay.**

Cash prizes drawn
each quarter.

Welcome to the first newsletter for Greenbank High School PTA.
We are a small bunch of volunteers and would welcome help from parents or teachers
at any of our fundraisers.

We need **RAFFLE PRIZES** for our upcoming events. If you have any unwanted gifts,
toys, chocolate or bottles please email us at:
pta@greenbankhigh.co.uk



In the 2022-23 school year the PTA raised

£5,700

which in this academic year has gone to fund.....



Box Tree Theatre

performances/workshops
for all years



Science
Visualisers



Music stands



Geography clip
boards



Did you know?

Each year the PTA pays for school
badges and year 7 books as part of
'Book Buzz'



Coming soon.....

We have two exciting events
planned for the summer term:

CAR BOOT SALE

&

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT....

watch this space for details.

Happy Easter Everyone

See you at the next event!



Upcoming dates & events

Monday 15th April Return to school

Wednesday 17th April	Applied Science Masterclass – Runshaw College
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Saturday 20th April	Duke Of Edinburgh – Bronze Group 2 Practice Expedition
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Monday 22nd April – Friday 3rd May	YR 11 GCSE Oral Exams
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Thursday 2nd May	Runshaw Dance Matinee Show
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Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday
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Thursday 9th May	GCSE Exams Start
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Thursday 9th May	Science and Technology MAGT Event
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Saturday 11th – Sunday 12th May	Duke Of Edinburgh – Bronze Group 1 Final Expedition
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Monday 13th – Wednesday 15th May	Moderation Day – Fine Art, Graphics and Photography
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Friday 24th May	End of term
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