



Eden Boys

FEBRUARY 2018  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Year 9 Spain trip to Cordoba, Granada and Seville from **18th -21st February 2018**
- KS3 Shakespeare's Globe Theatre Visit **Monday 26th February 2018**
- Whole School World Book Day 2018 **Thursday 1st March 2018**
- Year 10 NEC Careers Event **Friday 2nd March 2018**
- KS3 Solihull Green Future Event **Wednesday 7th March 2018**
- Year 8 Parents' Evening **Thursday 8th March 2018 from 3.30-6.30pm**
- British Science Week **Friday 9th March 2018**
- British Red Cross STIGMA workshop **Friday 9th March 2018**
- Year 8 Kingswood Residential Weekend **Friday 16th March 2018**
- Year 9 Royal Navy Ground Work Project **Wednesday 28th March 2018**

<b>Whole School Cumulative Attendance</b> <b>98.2%</b>	7A: 97.30%	8B: 98.00%	9C: 97.70%
	7B: 98.40%	8C: 98.20%	9D: 98.20%
	7C: 98.60%	8D: 97.10%	10A: 99.10%
	7D: 98.10%	9A: 98.20%	10B: 98.80%
	8A: 97.90%	9B: 97.90%	

## TERM DATES

Term	First Day of Term	Half Term	End of Term
Autumn 2017	Tues 5th Sept	Mon 23rd Oct to Fri 27th Oct	Thurs 21st Dec
Spring 2018	Tues 9th Jan	Mon 19th Feb to Fri 23rd Feb	Thurs 29th Mar
Summer 2018	Mon 16th Apr	Mon 28th May to Fri 1st Jun	Tues 24th Jul

## KEY MESSAGES

- Regular attendance at school ensures that students do not fall behind in subjects and also promotes social development.
- Please ensure uniform and P.E kit meets the school requirement. ID badges are part of the school uniform and must be worn at all times in school.
- All students are expected to attend school sufficiently equipped for their studies, as outlined in our school equipment policy.
- Please do not book holidays during term time as outlined in the school policy.



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# Eden PASTORAL BULLETIN

The Newsletter for Eden Boys' School Birmingham

**Assalamu Alaikum / Peace be with you!**

Sadly, the half term is now over. We would like to give a huge "Well done!" to our students and staff who have made the half term a success! Students have volunteered to fundraise, support our food bank and participated in many extra-curricular activities.



We are very pleased to announce once again our participation in the £50 challenge in association with Mr Hugh's "Moth in a China Shop Charity". Over 20 schools in the country are

taking part this year. Ten students from Year 8 and 9 are currently participating in the challenge, which is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate their entrepreneurial and enterprise skills. They have raised over £500 so far, surpassing last year's total of £243.50. The money has been raised by running a lunch and break stall selling stationery equipment, desserts, sweets and other refreshments. They will complete the project by delivering a presentation to a panel of judges about their journey and the challenges that they had to overcome along the way. The Moth in a China Shop challenge will run until 16th April 2018.

## tapestry workshop

We are delighted to have hosted a Tapestry Workshop for students in Year 8. This was organized by The Play House, a theatre-in-education company. Tapestry is a dynamic participatory theatre-in-education tour for 13-18 year olds which explores the implications and consequences of extremist thinking and action. Tapestry provides a unique stimulus for young people, teachers and youth leaders to begin to explore this sensitive and complex issue in a supportive environment.

Students found the material in the workshop to be relevant and engaging, helping them to understand their roles in tackling radicalisation and extremist thinking in modern society.

## Manchester City Football Trip

Fourteen students from Year 10 attended a Manchester City premier league game on Wednesday 31st January at the Etihad Stadium. Manchester City FC were taking on West Bromwich Albion FC in a mid-week fixture with three points on offer. The boys witnessed some of the best players in the premier league in action, including the likes of Kevin De Bruyne, Sergio Agüero, and David Silva. The premier league experience was a first for most of the boys and was thoroughly enjoyed. Eden Boys will look to organise another premier league trip in the near future.







The theme for this year's Safer Internet Day, held on Tuesday 6 February 2018 was, "Create, connect and share respect: A better internet starts with you". The day was a call to action for every stakeholder to play their part in creating a better internet for everyone, but in particular our youngest users across the globe.

More than that, it was an invitation for everyone to join in and engage with others in a respectful way in order to ensure a better digital experience. Students had the opportunity during form time to discuss the use of social media in a sensible manner. A Safer Internet pledge was signed by all students and staff in order to show our overall commitment to the Internet in a positive and safe way.

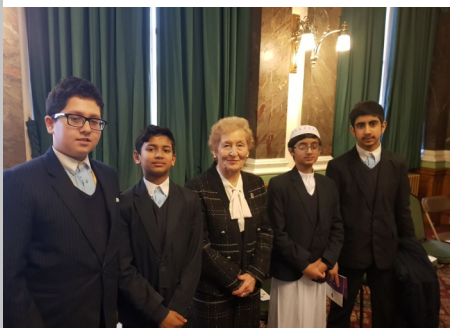
Javier De-Las-Heras  
DoL - Computer Science

## Holocaust MEMORIAL ASSEMBLY

Our students heard first-hand stories about the atrocities of the Second World War from Holocaust survivor Ernest Simon, who visited our school.

87 year old, Austrian born Ernest Simon addressed the whole school at an assembly to launch the school's Holocaust Memorial Day activities. Mr Simon shared his story about how he and his younger brother came to the UK in 1939 via the Kindertransport, to flee the Nazis at just eight years old. Soon after, his parents followed on domestic permits. However the family lived apart for many years as Mr Simon had been sent to live with a foster family at the start of the Second World War.

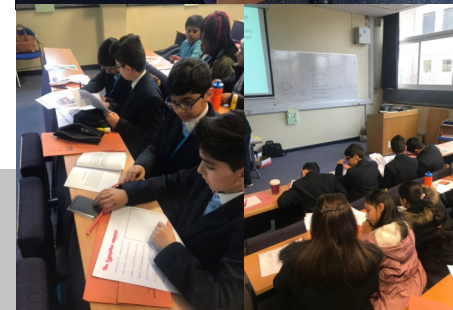
Unlike the stories of many Jews around the time of the Holocaust, Mr Simon's story has a happy ending as the family were reunited in Leeds in 1942. Eden Boys' School pupils had the opportunity to ask Mr Simon questions about his experiences.



## Young Peoples PARLIAMENT

Our year 7 pupils were called to the second session of the YPP (young people's parliament). The morning session got them involved in discussing how they could 'be the change'. The theme of the session was 'charity' and encouraged the pupils to help those who are less fortunate within their communities. The students expressed their views on what 'charity' means to them. The boys really enjoyed the session and were given the task of carrying out an act of kindness to show their gratitude towards others before the next session.

The afternoon focused on an important part of history, the 'Suffragette movement', to mark the 100th anniversary of women's rights. The session gave the pupils a deeper insight into the challenges women faced in society, how the suffrage movement obtained the right to vote and how they managed to get their voices heard.



## Aston Villa PREMIER LEAGUE Enterprise

Eden Boys' young entrepreneurs made it to the semi-finals of the Aston Villa Premier League competition and had to pitch their business proposal to high profile figures at Leicester City Football, including the Chairman of Leicester City Football Club. Students proposed a business venture where Football matches simultaneously act as sites to bring together members of the community through the celebration of particular faith (as well as secular) festivals. The boys had an executive experience as they arrived to five star treatment.

Pupils were given their own executive boxes to prepare for their presentation. The competition was a real eye opener for the boys and the competition was tough with young people attending from across the country. The boys prepared an excellent presentation and delivered it with confidence and finesse, leaving judges speechless. It was a very close call between Eden and Middlesbrough but Eden Boys' came runners up. The pupils received a lot of praise from the judges on their performance and the business proposal.

We are very proud of our boys, they delivered an outstanding proposal.

