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WELCOME

Asiyah Ravat, Principal

Welcome to the STAR Business edition newsletter.

As I was deciding which articles to include in this edition of Star, it struck me that we seem to have stumbled upon a very corporate theme. Recent events and activities at Eden Boys' have largely consisted of visits from inspiring business figures, exciting work experiences and career exhibitions.

We were very lucky to have a visit from Mr Khan, President of The Birmingham Law Society, who inspired our students with talks about his important position. We were also thrilled to have two Year 10 students, Amaan Ukaye and Haadi Safwat, undertake work experience with The Department of Work and Pensions and HMRC. Then, to top it all off, we had some students attend the Big Bang Engineering Exhibition. As you can see, it has been a term of future thinking and planning for our boys, which we believe to be one of the most important things we can offer. Is it not, after all, the reason we go to school? To prepare us for the outside world, and to develop the skills and attributes to create a bright future?

It is often the main talking point surrounding secondary schools that students need to achieve high GCSE results, more specifically a high percentage of 9-5 grades if they hope to have successful careers, so you'd be forgiven for believing that this is all we set out to achieve. Merely a simple process of teaching, exam sitting and result giving to then wave them goodbye to start it all over again the following year. However, here at Eden Boys', it is so much more. Reflecting on the opportunities offered to our students during just the first term of this academic year, it is clear to see that we offer a much more generous package, one that educates, encourages and inspires. If we can continue to offer these experiences, perhaps our students won't just be successful in school, but in life as well.

I hope you enjoy this edition of Star, which has been largely written by our students. Thank you boys for your time and effort.

So please read on to see how our boys are taking the first stepping stones of their futures...

"JOURNEY"

Last year students were working on the theme 'Journey'



"THE EVOLUTION OF MAN"

Muhammad Ibrahim, 10B
– Acrylic Paint & Pencil



"BATMAN"

Ibrahim Khalil, 10A – Pencil

“GRATITUDE MAKES SENSE FOR OUR PAST, BRINGS PEACE FOR TODAY, AND CREATES A VISION FOR TOMORROW.”

Melody Beattie

Determination, persistence and resilience. That's what it takes to be a Head Boy and that's what I have. When I applied for the first time in 2016 to be Head Boy at Eden, I wasn't successful, nor was I successful in 2017, but in 2018, here I am and here is how I got here.

On the 12th October 2018, the selection for head boy was first mentioned. A spark ignited in my mind straightaway. I knew that I had to run for this position. Not only did I want to better the school, but I wanted the respected role and to be able to say that I achieved something at my time at school. I'm sure that this thought also presented itself in the minds of other classmates.

The 18th October arrived so fast. I wanted to hand in the application form as it would dictate whether I made it on to the short list or not. Then, I got the application form on Friday 19th October. The submission date was on Monday. When I went to get my form, one of my close friends was also competing and the same thoughts were running through his mind. The weekend that followed was probably the most important. I had more than enough time to prepare my application form. When I opened it, it consisted of a mixture of difficult and relatively easy questions. I filled in the application form diligently and gave it in on Monday.

The main interview occurred on the 24th October at 2.00pm, the same day as my geography exam! The interview process consisted of a 5-minute presentation on 'Leadership' followed by a 15-minute interview. I went to the conference room where I got some extra time to do some final preparation. This was probably the most stressful part of the whole process. One of my peers was called first followed by myself.

I entered the conference room and greeted the interview panel. I took the chair and started preparing for my presentation by plugging in my USB to the laptop. Most of my notes that I was going to use were on my cue cards and on my presentation, there were only the bullet points of the main headings of what I was going to talk about. Thankfully,

I had memorised everything written on the cue cards, so I managed to maintain eye contact for the most part. The timing of the presentation was 5 minutes and when I practised it at home, it took me 9 minutes. However, I skipped just one point and meticulously finished in exactly 5 minutes. This was a huge advantage to me as through this, I had proved I was able to stick to time constraints. Then came what I dreaded. I had spent my whole time - my whole weekend - practicing for my presentation so could prepare just enough for the interview.

The first question came at me like a bullet. Remembering that the first impression is the last impression, I gave it my best shot. The question was the most obvious but the deadliest: Why do you want to be head boy? (I remember this question coming up in the application form.) Wracking my brain and sucking every bit of memory I had, I tried to remember. In the heat of the moment, my mind froze and went blank. I had to improvise. A skill which I had learnt from the previous head boy, Ismail. Using this, I gave the best answer I could.

After the interview, I went outside and breathed a sigh of relief. I then quickly told the candidate from Year 10 some of the questions from the interview and wished him good luck and went to my boring and dreary geography exam.

We were given the results on Friday 26th October. My friend and I went to Mr Miah and asked him for the results. He asked which one of us would like to go first and I told my friend that he could go. When he came out, he was smiling and I thought he had it. He had got the post. I had failed. But then I was called in and this feeling caused my seated heart to knock against my ribs. I was told 'Unfortunately you have not succeeded this time. We are sorry'. My heart sank. I was then told Mrs Ravat and Mr Islam were astounded by my perseverance for the role and then Sir said: 'Congratulations. You have secured the post'. I thought it was a joke, but he was serious! I was so full of joy that the smile on my face extended ear to ear. Finally, I had succeeded.

Mohammad Faizan 11A (Head Boy)



STUDENT SHURA

Muhammad Ibrahim, 10B



My name is Muhammad Ibrahim, the recently chosen Deputy Head Boy of Eden Boys'. The responsibility that I have undertaken is huge in ensuring that the year runs smoothly from a student's perspective, whether it is acknowledging your concerns or tackling issues that you face. But that is not why I have written this. I have written this to inform you of the important role of the student council members in this school.

The student council. A group of elite, skilled members who have trained their whole life for the purpose of success... Only joking, they are normal people just like me and you who have taken a position of responsibility because you feel that they are the right people that will listen to your concerns and hopefully resolve them. But many of you will question, what makes these people so special that they can guide you and pave the way for your success? That is because they possess one key quality and skill - Leadership.

Leadership. When many of you hear this word you will instantly picture a Manager

of a Firm, or a CEO, with everyone working underneath him, but in my eyes that isn't what defines a true leader. A true leader does not simply tell you what to do, they will be there every step of the way with you. A true leader will not only climb to the top, they will help you get there yourself. As the famous John Maxwell said, "A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way". That is why the student council members have pledged to work alongside every one of you, and try with all their potential, to guide you and mould you into the person you wish to be.

However, they cannot complete their role without your total support, and you can support them with one simple act. Respect. This is a key value that you should take with you in every aspect of life. Without showing respect to people, you will get nowhere in life, and no one will ever want to help you. So show respect to these student council members, and they will make sure that you have their total support in everything. Thank you for taking the time to read this, and I wish the best for all of you in the future.



WORK EXPERIENCE

Amaan Ukaye, 10A and Haadi Safwat 10B



During the October Half-term we were given the fantastic opportunity to attend the work experience program in partnership with the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) and Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC). It was one of the best experiences we have had during our educational lives.

We had visited...

- Erdington Job Centre, Districts Managers Office
- Birmingham Magistrates Court, Victoria Law Courts
- HMRC City Centre house.

We arrived on the first day not knowing what to expect. We thought it would be an extremely stressful and monotonous time, where we would listen to people talking and ordering us to do their jobs. However, we couldn't have been more wrong.

We were asked to do enjoyable activities that would be done during real life interviews. One of these activities was "Balancing Brick" - this is where we had to balance a brick on a structure made out of two papers. All of this would put us ahead of the game when it came

to the interviews. We were also taking part in "Job Shadowing" which is where we followed Senior Officials in order to see how difficult their demanding jobs are. They were telling us about how their "WORK - LIFE BALANCE" was maintained by their employers. They also told us about how there is such a colossal range of jobs, and the one that really astonished us was that in the Tax sector, there were jobs ranging from Surveillance teams to International Affairs Officers.

This whole experience was an eye-opener. The world of work was inspiring us to become the best we could become. Only the ones who work the hardest would succeed to the highest level. This adventure has certainly changed our approach to our education.

We would like to see all of our fellow students at Eden Boys' undertake work experience in their chosen sector of work- it will certainly have a positive impact on your road to success!

A special thanks to:

Mr Bhayat (Eden Boys')
Tracy and Shaheena (Jobcentre plus)

LEST WE FORGET

World War 1 Remembrance



This November was the 100th anniversary of the armistice and end of World War 1. It was one of the bloodiest and horrific wars of the 20th century with over 10 million soldiers dead and over 30 million injured casualties. Due to its barbaric nature and the amount of people it effected in Britain, it was known as the 'Great War'. This year with the 100th anniversary of the end of World War 1 it is more important than ever that we do not forget the sacrifice of those who fought in both World Wars and the conflicts around the world since then.

This year the History faculty invited Izzy Mohammed a noted Historian who presented an assembly to the Year 9s on the role of soldiers from the Indian sub-continent to the British army to raise awareness of Black History Month. One interesting fact that came out was that there was involvement of Indian soldiers to the British cause as long ago as the Boer War in South Africa in 1901.

As part of the remembrance commemorations, the History faculty also made its annual visit to Witton Cemetery. Although this cemetery is just a 10-minute drive away, most people do not realise that it contains over 600 war graves, from both World Wars.

After observing a 2-minute silence at the stroke of 11, we walked over to the memorial in the middle of the cemetery. The pupils were blown away by the memorial wall, which contained over 200 names of soldiers from regiments all over the UK (owed to the fact that Birmingham was home to 4 military hospitals during war time), and the fact that the youngest soldier mentioned was just 15!

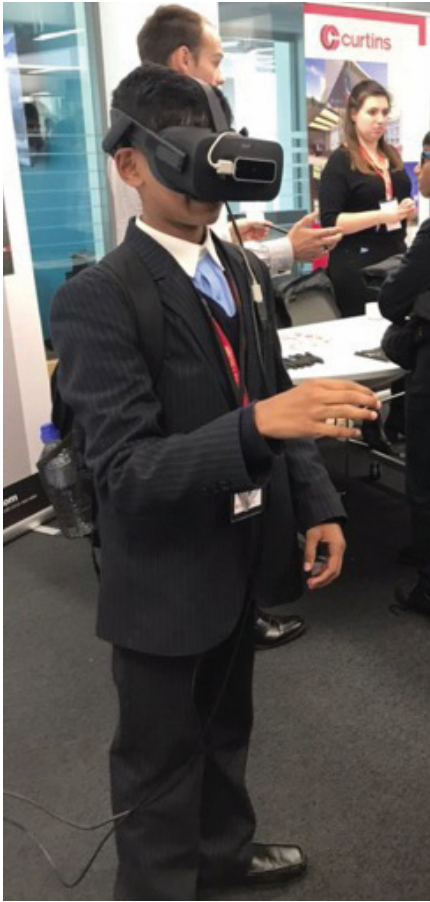
At Eden to promote Armistice day Mr Hussain, subject lead for History presented to the Year 7 and 8 assembly on the importance of remembrance and the use of the poppy as a symbol of remembrance. Furthermore, Major Naveed from the British army presented to the whole school on the role of heroic Muslim soldier Khudadad Khan who was the first Muslim soldier to receive the Victoria Cross after serving during World War 1.

In conclusion, we as a school feel it is very important that our students appreciate and recognise the sacrifices of service men and women and normal civilians in protecting the freedoms and the democratic society we enjoy today.

Mr M Hussain & Mr B Ravat, History Teachers



THE BIG BANG TRIP



On Thursday 8th November 2018, a small group of students from Year 9 went to the National College for High Speed Rail to see a project created by the Big Bang and HS2. HS2 is the latest high-speed rail project that will connect some of the largest cities in England and will travel quite fast to each location as indicated by its name.

When the students got to their destination, they were introduced to several workshops from different companies. There were also a lot of different engineers that were working on HS2, such as Geothermal Engineers who deal with the environment and the ground. There were also Civil Engineers who worked on the creation of many structures that we may see or walk on today, like bridges and railways. In addition to this, there were many apprentices who shared with us parts of their life and how they became an apprentice and what they did to get there.

Once the students visited all these people, they participated in two activities: one – creating a large tower created from Lego blocks, and two – drawing the plan for a railway over a large open area. These activities taught the students how to manage their budget, what to look out for in planning and

most of all – why you should always plan before creating something.

After going on this trip, I think my peers and I have learnt quite a lot about engineering and will deeply appreciate this when we too will have to choose our path in the future.

**Khubaib Ibrahim, 9B
and Tamimul Ehsan, 9A**



VISIT FROM MR MUSHTAQ KHAN



Mushtaq Khan's visit to our school, included a quick observation of Lessons but most importantly a question and answer session with selected students, which was a vital insight into the working world of Law and the values that a lawyer abides by.

After a presentation about the school and the STAR values which was led by students, Mushtaq Khan also explained the importance of public speaking and being able to make your point and opinion known within a larger society or community. Mr Khan set a great example to aspiring students, especially for those who wished to go into law, because he is one of only three people from a foreign background to achieve a role as important as being one of the governing officers to the

Birmingham Law society. This means that he is able to influence how law is practiced within our city and the surrounding area.

One of the most inspirational parts of this session was when he spoke about his journey from being a student at University studying Psychology to becoming the President of The Birmingham Law Society, which is the governing body of all law associated jobs and positions within our city. The way that Mr Khan spoke about how luck and a simple comment from a tutor shaped his life and led him to the highest office in law within Birmingham, proved to us all that anything can get you to the top as long as you are willing to take the leap towards it.

Uzair Patel, 10C

FOOTBALL

U13's Eden Boys' V King Solomon 22.10.2018

Many of the boys were new to the 11 a side competition and therefore nervous about what to expect. The nerves were added when they saw our competitors, based on physicality and anthropometric characteristics. However, with discipline, teamwork and enthusiasm we strived to perform the best we could, managing to bag in 3 points by winning 3-1! Man of the Match goes to Haroon Mahmood (8C) who controlled the back line and played as a solid defender. Abbas Khan (8C) made a tremendous save as our First team Goal Keeper.



U15's Eden Boys' V St John Wall 26.10.2018

This was our first match, but after hard work and commitment in training, the team were ready to play against St John Wall Catholic School. It was our first fixture in the league and the boys were nervous but they played with courage and gradually their confidence increased throughout the game. They exceeded my expectations and were up 3-0 in the first half, with Hamza Asad (10C) making a crucial penalty save which could have changed the game! Yusuf Sharif (9A) was outstanding particularly considering most of the players were a year above him.

Man of the Match goes to Yusuf Sharif (9A). Credit is due for out fullbacks Huzaifah Mohammad (10D) and Islam Si-Moussa (9C) as well as our hardworking midfielders and Centre backs.



U15's Eden Boys' V St John Wall 26.10.2018

School Term Dates 2019

Spring Term 2019

First Day of Term	Tuesday 8th January
Half Term	Monday 18th February to Friday 22nd February
End of Term	Friday 12th April

Summer Term 2019

First Day of Term	Monday 29th April
Half Term	Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May
End of Term	Friday 19th July

Easter Holidays:

Monday 15th April 2019 to Friday 26th April 2019

Bank Holidays:

Monday 6th May 2019

Eid-ul-Fitr 1440:

Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th June 2019*

**Eid holiday may be revised slightly according to the sighting of the moon.*



U13's Eden Boys' V King Solomon 22.10.2018



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