



The Excellence Programme

Summer Term 2019 Newsletter

Thursday 25th April

Dear Pupils and Parents,

We were delighted to see so many of you at our first community event, **Talks-on-the-Hill**, on the topic of Space. The Boyd Campbell Hall was packed with not only boys, their parents and staff, but also members of the local community both in the audience and presenting. Husain Abedi and Adam Zoromba represented the pupil body and delivered impressive lectures. We had the privilege of hearing a keynote address by Jeremy Curtis, Head of Education and Skills at the UK Space Agency. Other presenters were Dick Barnett and Lucy Baker, both photographers and Hill residents; Michael Gollings who is an Architect and a Hill resident; Chris Crowe, who is the Harrow School Head of Astronomy and Robert Ellis-Paul, a John Lyon Learning Support teacher. We are very grateful to all speakers for sharing with us their passion and wisdom.

The school was also treated to a truly remarkable talk from **Sir Matthew Pinsent**, on his journey to becoming a world-class rower and Olympic Champion. Sir Matthew delivered a captivating talk to a fully packed Boyd Campbell Hall and gave all attendees the opportunity to hold his four Olympic gold medals.

As the Upper Sixth finish their cycle of the Oxbridge application process, we are delighted that four boys have received offers. Our congratulations go to:

- Asher Weisz for an offer to read Classics at Balliol College, Oxford
- Arjun Cheema for an offer to read Chemistry at Wadham College, Oxford
- Eugene Rahbari for an offer to read Music at Trinity Hall, Cambridge
- Jude Hedges-Robinson for an offer to read Classics at Christ's College, Cambridge and for receiving a choral scholarship

Last term, we celebrated British Science Week 2019. We were delighted to see so many boys attend our three sessions: a microscopy quiz run by the Biology department, a combustion session run by the Chemistry department and the making motors activity run by the Physics department.

We are currently in full preparation for the TEDxJohnLyonSchool event which will take place in the Autumn 2019 term. If you enjoy watching TED lectures on YouTube and think you have a big idea to share, please respond to the call for speakers on the theme of Earth, details at the end of this newsletter.

After very busy Autumn and Spring terms, this term will be a quieter term for the Excellence Programme as the boys will be focusing on their internal and external exams. We wish them all the best of luck in their revision and exams.

Please read on for details of further enrichment events this term, and do email us, if you have any enquiries: Excellence@jonhlyon.org

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Trafford and Dr Weinberg

JLx SESSIONS Y7-U6

Every other week a JLx session will be running. These are 15 minute highly informative sessions each run by a different department, aimed to share with pupils some exciting aspects of their disciplines. By attending all the sessions we hope that pupils will gain knowledge in a variety of subjects including outside of their areas of interest.

SUMMER TERM	Subject of Session	Day, time and location
w/c 29 th April	'The one or the many'? Making moral decisions	Monday 29 th April 1.30pm L8
w/c 13 th May	Pursuing sports excellence – The hard road to success	Tuesday 14 th May 1.30pm M6
Half Term	Half Term	
w/c 10 th June	Trade or aid	Wednesday 12 th June 1.30pm M4
w/c 24 th June	The mathematics of golf	Thursday 20 th June 1.30pm J4
w/c 1 st July	Is democracy struggling in the era of fake news?	Monday 1 st July 1.30pm J7

ACADEMIC SOCIETY Y7-U6

A series of academic talks by Sixth Form boys

Thursday 23rd May in the Music Hall 4.00-5.30pm

We are delighted that a new chair has been elected for the John Lyon Academic Society: Shaurya Gharkel. On Thursday 23rd May four Lower Sixth boys will be presenting on academic subjects of their choice. Boys of all years are encouraged to attend, and pizza will be served at the end of the event.

L6 WORKSHOPS by Dr White

Taking place in the 1876 Reading Room, two seminars aimed at Lower Sixth students on further education

Monday 13 th May	How to write an impressive essay (arts/social sciences) at university
Monday 20 th May	Getting a first doesn't involve what you think it does

GUEST SPEAKER

AMBASSADOR TO SWEDEN

HE Mr Torbjörn Sohlström

Monday 17th June 2019, 2.00-3.00pm

We are delighted to be welcoming HE Mr Torbjörn Sohlström, the ambassador to Sweden in the UK on the 17th of June. The ambassador will talk to boys about Sweden, its economy, politics, recycling policies and more.

TEDxJohnLyonSchool

Thursday 17th October 2019, 2.00-5.00pm

We are very excited to let you know that we will be hosting our first TEDxJohnLyonSchool event on 17th October 2019. The theme of the event will be Earth.

At a TEDx event, TED Talks video and live speakers combine to spark deep discussion and connections. Our TEDx event is not organized by TED Conferences, but is operated under a license from TED.

Each talk will need to be 5-10 minutes long and should focus on a different facet of our chosen theme, Earth. The talks should be as multidisciplinary as possible. A TEDx talk is a concise talk, showcasing great, well-formed ideas. Further details on TEDx talks can be found on the official TEDx events website:

<https://www.ted.com/participate/organize-a-local-tedx-event/tedx-organizer-guide/speakers-program/what-is-a-tedx-talk>

TEDxJohnLyonSchool is a Community event. Talks will therefore be delivered by a range of speakers: pupils, parents, staff, governors and members of the Hill community.

If you would like to give a talk please email Excellence@johnlyon.org with the details of the talk you would like to give, please include a title and the main ideas you want to convey.

The deadline for applications is Monday 29th April 2019. Once all applications are received, a committee will review them carefully and selected speakers will be notified thereafter.



SWEDEN, THE UK AND EUROPE

His Excellency Mr Torbjörn Sohlström at John Lyon

Monday 17th June, 2.00pm
Music Hall

As part of the John Lyon Excellence Programme, Sweden's Ambassador to the United Kingdom, HE Mr Torbjörn Sohlström will speak to pupils about his role as a senior diplomat in London, about his previous work in Belgium, Macedonia, Kosovo and Russia, and the important ongoing relationship between Sweden and the UK.

Information about how pupils can attend will be issued in Summer Term.

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EARTH

Thursday 17th October 2019

3.00pm

John Lyon School, Harrow-on-the-Hill

Our theme EARTH is an invitation to connect to the blue planet on which we live, the landscapes and environments that shape our daily lives, the nations and tribes that label and define us, and the individual relationship we each share with the world around us.

Would you like to speak at TEDxJohnLyonSchool?

Email excellence@johnlyon.org with the details of the talk you would like to give, including a title and the main ideas you wish to convey.

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**x = independently
organized TED event**