



# THE EAGLE

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## Message from the Headteacher

As we welcome back students to The Gilberd School's fully refurbished buildings, there is much to be positive about. The collective efforts of staff, students, parents, carers, contractors, Alpha Trust and the DfE have ensured the huge obstacles posed by the RAAC concrete crisis were successfully overcome; the class of 2024 should be proud to have achieved some outstanding GCSE results.

September has seen us induct our new Year 7 cohort to Gilberd School life and we wish them well as they begin their secondary school journey with us; it is also a delight to see our Year 8 students return to lessons within The Gilberd School community. In addition, we would like to extend a warm welcome to those teachers and support staff who have recently joined our team.

Whilst refurbishments to the Dining Halls, Music and Technology blocks continue apace, we are optimistic that all essential site works will conclude by the end of November and school life will continue in some truly outstanding facilities. Other exciting improvements are also planned for our school environment in the near future.

We hope you find this new edition of The Eagle informative; please be aware you can also follow us on our Gilberd Facebook page where you can keep abreast of the positive achievements of our students. Finally, we are also pleased to announce that a new website will go live towards the end of October. We hope you will find this easier to navigate and to find the essential information you require to support your child's education.

Mr J Mitchell

## Fully refurbished classrooms and communal spaces re-opened



## Guys and Dolls Theatre Trip

Earlier this month, 50 Gilberdians from Years 10 and 11 attended a live production of 'Guys and Dolls' at The Bridge Theatre in London. The students thoroughly enjoyed this "immersive theatre experience" where they became part of the show, interacting with moving scenery and actors throughout. We were delighted that the conduct of our students was acknowledged by the company, with one of the cast members stating that they were "the most well behaved school we've ever had."

Mrs C Howard



## Music Mark School

We are extremely proud to announce that The Gilberd School has again been invited to be a Music Mark School in recognition of our commitment to providing high quality music education for all children. Congratulations to our music department, peripatetic music teachers and our many talented students. We look forward to hearing further musical endeavours as the term unfolds.

Mrs V Chamberlain



## ACP Workshop

20 Year 10 Gilberdians took part in the Aerospace Careers Programme (ACP) Workshop held by The Alpha Trust. As well as an informative road show from ACP personnel and industry speakers, students participated in an interactive workshop where they were able to experience the use of VR headsets and virtual drones. Students also met a robotic dog. The event provided a deeper insight for students who may wish to pursue an educational pathway and industrial career in the Aerospace and other STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics) related sectors.



Mr R Samjawn

## Co-curricular Clubs

A full list of our co-curricular clubs will be issued shortly and a link will be provided in the next edition.

## Dates for your diary

<b>Year 7 Information Evening</b> Wednesday, 2nd October (6.30-8.00pm)	<b>Assessment Weeks</b> 5th - 15th November - Year 10 25th November - 6th December - Year 8
<b>Year 10 Geography Field Trips</b> 8th, 10th and 11th October	<b>Year 7 Tutor Evening</b> Wednesday, 6th November (4.00-6.30pm)
<b>Non-Pupil Days</b> 9th October, 4th November, 29th November	<b>Year 11 Music Performance Ensembles</b> w/c 18th November
<b>Year 8-11 School Photographs</b> Wednesday, 16th October	<b>Winter Concert</b> Wednesday, 4th December (timings TBC)
<b>Year 11 Information &amp; Post-16 Evening</b> Wednesday, 16th October (5.00-7.30pm)	<b>Year 11 Mock Examinations</b> 9th - 19th December
<b>Half Term</b> w/c 28th October	<b>Last Day of Term</b> Friday, 20th December (school closes early)

# Celebrate Harvest!

## Local Foodbank requests:

- Small Bags Of Rice
- Longlife Milk
- Longlife Juice
- Shampoo
- Reuseable Bags
- Squash
- Tinned Fruit
- Deodorants
- Tinned Potatoes
- Tinned Puddings
- Custard
- Jam
- Peanut Butter
- Tooth Brushes
- Tooth Paste
- Razors
- Shower Gel
- Small Jars Of Coffee
- Small Washing Powder
- Small Multipack Snacks
- Tinned Tomatoes

Decorate and fill a hamper as a Tutor Group-prize for the best hamper in each year group.

Bring items in from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September - Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

