



# Greatfields Gazette

*Dream it. Believe it. Achieve it.*

## Mr Paul and Mr Sullivan

Article by Nawras

We are finally reaching the end of this year as year seven and next year we will become year eight with a group of younger of children in year seven looking up to us. We have finished all our assessments and it is nearly time for the summer holidays when we can relax and enjoy ourselves. But first we have to celebrate all our achievements as year seven and see what our head teacher and head of year have to say, so I interviewed Mr Paul and Mr Sullivan to hear their opinions about our first year as year seven and the challenges for our next year as year eight.

1. What do you think is our best achievement as Greatfields School?

*Mr Paul: Celebration evening. We celebrated every achievement of the year.*

*Mr Sullivan: Creating an environment where people are happy in school every day.*

1. What are your goals for us as we become year eight students, next year?

*Mr Paul: To set a high standard for the New Year 7.*

*Mr Sullivan: To be excellent role models for year 7.*

2. What are your expectations for the new students coming next year?

*Mr Paul: To be as hard-working as this year 7.*

*Mr Sullivan: That they could be as equally amazing as this year 7.*

3. What do you know about our Greatfields school building?

*Mr Paul: We will move into the first part of the building in January but the whole building will be finished in September 2019.*

*Mr Sullivan: It is big, new and has huge classes.*

4. Who is your favourite student in the year?

*Mr Paul: I cannot choose I love all of the students the same.*

*Mr Sullivan: There are too much for me to choose from.*

5. Do you think the student did well on their tests?

*Mr Paul: I don't really care about the grades as long as everyone knows what they need to do next year to improve and challenge themselves.*

*Mr Sullivan: Yes it was clear they revised.*

6. What will you be doing during the summer holidays?

*Mr Paul: Mostly sleeping and planning for next year.*

*Mr Sullivan: Spending time with my two daughters.*



By Yash Soni

Whether you have noticed or not, a club has been silently running throughout the year...STEM...a club that engages in activities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

Throughout the year STEM club has engaged in numerous different activities from debating to building and deciphering extremely hard equations. Our most recent topic was: "If immortality was good or bad?" During this ferocious debate members of STEM had to research all aspects of immortality in every way shape or form. This increased our general knowledge by a mile just like all the other topics we have done. So we come out smarter and better informed than we were before.

Furthermore STEM has participated in numerous trips. Our most exciting and recent trip to the City Hall, where we

engaged in many activities including a star hunt, was the best. In this activity we tried to find a variables star (a variable star is one that changes in magnitude). Lucky enough two of our pupils Nousaiba and Aqsa were able to find a variable star. This was an outstanding discovery that shocked the astronomers present at the event. Just goes to show how a small club can find something new!



Recently Cooking club has made healthy chips and chicken nuggets and chocolate cornflakes and next week Cooking club will be making delicious pizzas, they have already chosen their topping and I must say that this club will be producing the healthiest pizza in all of eternity. Cooking club have been doing well and has been successful even though they are running low on members; nevertheless at least six people attend every week. Last term,

cooking club had at least thirteen people attending every week but this has not let cooking club down, they have been carrying on learning how to cook delicious treats and rich meals.

I asked a member of cooking club what they had thought about this and they replied with *“to be honest I don’t really mind if other people do not want to join cooking club; it means that there is more food for us which is not very bad yet it would still be nice if more people attended cooking club.”* Another member of Cooking club stated *“I think we have less members than last term because unlike last term the days have been hot and sunny and students would prefer playing outside in clubs like Rounders then staying in a room making meals; which is understandable so I cannot blame people for not coming to Cooking club after all it is their choice.”*

Cooking club volunteered to bake some treats for the celebration evening to serve as refreshments, sadly they could not do this because the teachers had a very important meeting on the day the club was supposed to make the treats but If you ever would like to taste cooking clubs mouth-watering treats don’t be afraid to ask a member of cooking club for the recipe and you might even learn how to cook a specific dish; Cooking club would always be there to help. Cooking club are always happy to share their knowledge of cooking with everyone.

Don’t worry, if you haven’t had a chance to join cooking club this year as it will run again next years. Please see Miss Knight for further details.



**Pizza**

**Ingredients**

**Base:**  
 500g strong white flour  
 1 x 5ml spoon salt  
 300ml warm water  
 1 x 15ml spoon oil  
 1 x 7g packet easy-blend yeast

**Topping:**  
 3 x 15 spoon tomato pizza sauce  
 mozzarella cheese, sliced  
 6 slices pepperoni  
 fresh basil

**Equipment**  
 Mixing bowl, measuring spoons, palette knife, measuring jug, weighing scales, rolling pin, baking tray, knife and chopping board.

**Method**

1. Preheat oven to 200C, gas mark 6. Grease a baking tray.
2. Sift the flour and salt into a bowl.
3. Add the yeast.
4. Add the oil and water. Mix to form a soft dough.
5. Knead the dough for 5-10 minutes. Prove for 20 minutes.
6. Divide dough in half.
7. Roll out into a round disk.
8. Place dough onto the baking tray.
9. Spread the pizza sauce over the base.
10. Arrange the mozzarella and pepperoni slices over the base.
11. Sprinkle the chopped basil over the pizza.
12. Bake for 10-15 minutes.

# Newspaper Club

Article by Nameera

Throughout the year, the newspaper club have had a lot of great achievements. Here are some of the achievements:

- Being on the **front page** of the Barking and Dagenham Post.
- Releasing around 8 editions throughout the whole year.
- Getting great reviews from very important people – including Mr Paul's dad.

Amazing! In just one year our school has achieved so much and I'm sure next year newspaper club will document even more aspiring events and achievements.



Article by Leona

Art Club has worked very hard producing all of their work and they have also put in a lot of thought and hard work into what

they have made. We recently interviewed a guest called Griffi from Studio 3 Arts and we also interviewed Miss Knight to see what she thought about art club had the work they have done recently done.

## Interview with Griffi

1. What do you think of the pupils?

*I think the pupils in art club are quite chaotic and passionate with what they are doing and in general.*

2. From what you have witnessed so far do you think they are enjoying what they are doing?

*This is my first time at Greatfields School but they seem to be enjoying what they are doing.*

3. What do you think of art club?

*I think art club is an important club because art itself helps you express your feelings and it also helps you develop new skills.*

4. What type of art do you do?

*I do abstract art because it is very different and it is also quite unique in a way because it is not just one specific thing.*

## Interview with Miss Knight

1. What have you recently been doing in art club?

*We have been designing Timber pieces in art club and the theme is trees.*

2. How have the pupils been getting on in art club?

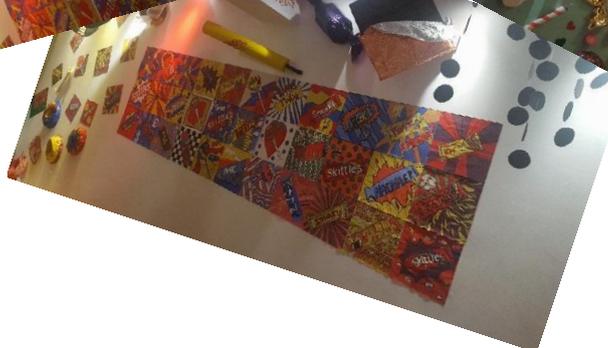
*I think they have really been enjoying Painting their timber pieces.*

3. Do you think the pupils in art club enjoy what they have recently been doing?

*They have really enjoyed making their timber pieces and Griffi from studio 3 arts visited and I think art club enjoyed her being here.*

4. Do you hope more pupils will join art club?

*The numbers fluctuate from 24 pupils to 15 and I hope that our numbers stay the same.*



### **Pop Art Work Caption: By Miss Knight**

We created paintings, drawings and sculptures in response to our research of Pop Art. Pop Art was a movement that emerged in the 1950s and 60s in America and Britain and drew inspiration from commercial and cultural icons including product labels, food, advertisements and movie stars. We applied the ideas and style of Pop Art to create our artwork based on modern food items and packaging that are popular and mass produced. Our artwork contains many of the characteristic features of Pop art, such as the use of benday dots, bold primary colours and black outlines that really make our paintings “Pop” and stand out.

While producing our artwork we explored the concepts and effects of advertising, mass production, consumerism and greed, and how art can be used to make fun of how people buy into advertising. Our paintings of sweet wrappers relate to the idea of iconic logos, whereby we are so familiar with some logos or products that we can recognise them even when the colours, parts of the design or the words have been changed. We made our paintings unique by using well-known brands but slightly changing the design to create our own version of that wrapper.

Whilst creating our doughnut sculptures we researched artists such as Yayoi Kusama, Claes Oldenburg and Jae Yong Kim. We looked at the notion of sculptures being used to embody and celebrate what people love, and in the case of Pop Art sculptures, things that people over consume. Our work points out how food is overly advertised and sometimes glorified,

especially fatty sugary foods which use appealing wrappers and packaging to entice people into buying them. We created the designs for our doughnuts based on things that we really do love and images that represent our own life and personality. For example, some of the designs contain our favourite comic book character, football team emblem, emoji face or colours.

### **Pattern Work Caption: By Miss Knight**

During our first term at Greatfields School we explored the use of colour and pattern. We looked at how different colours can reflect various emotions and how artwork can be used to represent an artist’s mood or an atmosphere. Drawing on our knowledge of colour, we then began to look closely at how patterns are formed, researching artists such as Sonia Delaunay, Wassily Kandinsky and Paul Klee.

Taking inspiration from these artists’ work and using our knowledge of shape, repetition and colour theory, we worked as “pattern designers” to create designs for a school mural which was displayed on the walls of the school. We learnt how to work in a job role of a pattern designer, having been given a clear design brief. We listened to music - like Wassily Kandinsky did - to help inspire our patterns creations, and we thought carefully about our selection of colours; what mood would our pattern design create, where would we want this displayed in the school and why. Like Sonia Delaunay, we made use of repeated shapes. The results of these approaches can be seen in our designs, which work as individual pieces or can be positioned together to make collaborative groups designs.

## Pupil of the Week.



Article by Nameera

Another excellent student from our school earned the weekly Pupil of the Week award. This time the student was Mariam from 7Kangethe. She earned this award for her hard effort - alongside her friends - in the girls' rounders team, on the two matches the day before. Together they won both matches! I interviewed Mariam to get to know more about the star student of this week:

- How does it feel to be Pupil of the Week?

*It feels really great and I am happy and proud.*

- What do you think made you Pupil of the Week?

*I think it was because I scored lots of rounders in the match on Monday.*

- What is your favourite subject?

*My favourite is definitely P.E.*

- What after school clubs do you go to and why?

*Rounders club because it is the first time and football club because I like playing football*

- What do you do in your free time?

*Lots of sports because I like to be active*

- What advice would you give to people who want to be Pupil of the Week?

*Work hard and don't stop working hard*

In June there was another Pupil of the week, Kris from 7 Kangethe.

He earned Pupil of the Week for doing a great job of being a lunch time monitor. The job of a lunch time monitor is to assist Mr Sullivan at lunch time, and in return you can go to the front of the line when you are school dinners. I had the chance to interview Kris and here is how it went:

- How do you feel about being Pupil of the Week?

*I feel really proud and amazed that I got chosen*

- Why do you think you got Pupil of the Week?

*I think it is because I did really well in helping Mr Sullivan with the lunch monitor duty*

- What is your favourite subject?

*My favourite subject is P.E. for sure*

- What after school clubs do you go to and why?

*Boys football club because it keeps me active and I really like playing football*

- What do you do in your free time?

*Anything to keep me fit and active*

- What advice would you give to people who want to be Pupil of the Week?

*Always do well in what you do and become a lunch time monitor!*

There was yet *another* pupil of the week in June – Selvet in 7Kangethe. She was chosen for her excellent work in Art and Science, and she absolutely deserves to be Pupil of the Week. I got the chance to interview her and this is how it went:

- Why do you think you're Pupil of the Week?

*Because I worked really hard in Science and Art and I always concentrate*

- What is your favourite subject and why?

*Art, for sure, because I can make or draw whatever I want*

- How do you feel about being Pupil of the Week?

*I feel really, really happy because I didn't expect it*

- What do you do in your free time?

*Anything to do with art*

- How would you advise people to be Pupil of the Week?

*Always concentrate in lessons and work hard*

Last but definitely not least we had yet another Pupil of the Week – Abdul Rahman. I also interviewed him:

- Why do you think you're Pupil of the Week?

*Because I work hard in lessons and try my best.*

- What is your favourite subject and why?

*Science because it is really interesting.*

- How do you feel about being Pupil of the Week?

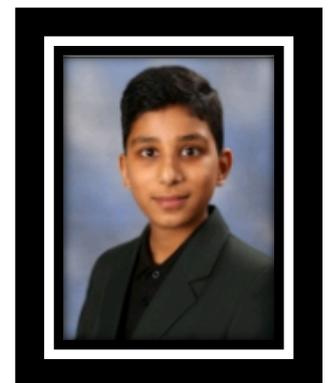
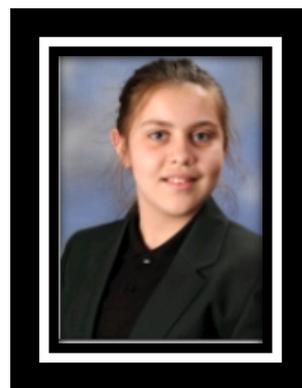
*I feel proud of myself and I think I deserve it.*

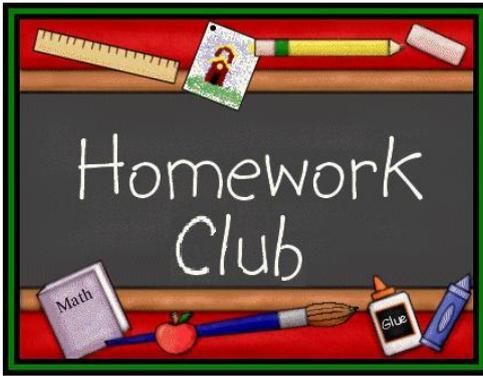
- What do you do in your free time?

*I like to watch T.V.*

- How would you advise people to be Pupil of the Week?

*Try your best in everything.*





Article by Yash Soni

Homework club is a small club that is run every day except of Mondays and Fridays. As the name suggests pupils come here to complete homework tasks and to gain further advice on topics of any subjects that they have been struggling with. This club is being run by Mr Mahebo, Mr Rai and Mr Malik throughout the year. However next year it will be running every day of the school week.

Homework club is an excellent resource provided. As some pupils who have no access to the internet or a printer at home can come to this club to complete their homework on show my homework and print the necessary documents.



Latin club is a club consisting of two students and was run by Mr Cooke. In Latin Club we explored the language of Latin and the Roman Empire where the language originated from.

In this club we have accomplished many different skills some of them are speaking



small phrases in Latin and knowing more about the culture and the overall Roman Empire.

Some of the activities we have done include translation, quizzes and a collaboration with art club where we created statues of our imaginary roman characters.



Article by Brianna

Throughout year 7 we have had many new sports clubs that have started up since the beginning of the school year. We went from having just a few clubs to having about a handful of sports clubs, meaning we now have numerous clubs for everyone and people can get involved in a sport they enjoy doing.

We have everything from girls rounders to boys football, as well as that there are many more sports you can take part in as an after school activity. In our school we are lucky enough to have a very wide

range of sports, as a result of this almost everyone takes part in at least one of these clubs (some people even take part in multiple sports).

We have also had the pleasure of going up against others, with strong determination and impressive skills we have won multiple games and beat several schools. However, there will always be some losses, sadly we have been beaten a couple of times and have been extremely disappointed. Nonetheless, you can't have success without having a couple of failures. And so, to end this on a positive note, I wish all our sports club luck for any future matches!



Article by Keisha

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June our successful presentation evening took place. Our dance club has been very successful. I am sure Greatfields are very proud of our dance team as they have worked very hard to achieve such great standards. This is also a great opportunity to congratulate and to thank the dance club for their commitment to this great club. I also think that this would help to promote dance club for the



school and have more great participants for next year.

The most amazing part of dance is to collaborate with the other dancers and to learn new techniques. As it is very hard to dance to different styles of songs. Our lovely former dance teacher of year 7 Miss Forest definitely deserves a thank you, because she has worked very hard to create a successful dance team.



Article by Saamiyah Raja

This is our last edition so we decided to talk about school council. To start with council is run by Mr Taqi. They can proudly say they have managed to get our school benches and games for the roof and have also come to a successful agreement to allow cooking club to run for us.

The school council team are still working on future ideas however these ideas are unable to be revealed at the moment. Either way we are excited for these new upcoming events which could change our school to something better than what it has already become. Mr Taqi is also excited because there will be a new set of school counsellors next year. Mr Taqi said: *"I am excited to see what the new schools counsellors will be like and what ideas they can bring to develop this school into an environment the pupils will like to be in and learn in."* Another pupil in this school, Imogen commented: *"I love that us, as pupils get a say in the school, we are easily allowed to speak to our school*

*counsellors and put our ideas through and some of my ideas are being looked into so overall I am happy about the school counsellors.”*



Moving on, Model United Nations (MUN), a club also run by Mr Taqi successfully held an election for us students to vote inside school for the candidates, Labour, Conservatives, Green Party and Liberal Democrats. We can happily say labour won for us and each candidate from our school represented the parties these representatives were: Labour: Aureljia and Mysa, Conservative: Yash, Green Party: Senjuti and lastly Liberal Democrats: Nawras.



Model United Nations also known as Model UN or MUN, is an educational simulation and/or academic activity in which students can learn about diplomacy, international relations, and the United Nations. MUN involves and teaches researching, public speaking, debating, and writing skills, in addition to critical thinking, teamwork,

and leadership abilities. Usually an extra-curricular activity, some schools also offer MUN as a class. In our school MUN has become a successful club that has been run by Mr Taqi since the start of September till now.



Article by Brianna

Next year we will have many new teachers for some of the subjects, some of the teachers will be teaching us while others teach the New Year 7. Walking around school, and maybe in lessons, you have probably seen a few of them. Some classes may have had a lesson or two with the new teachers. However, almost everyone would have met at least one new teacher within the past few weeks. Not all classes will have had a new teacher next year, but hopefully everyone will know by now and be informed about the teachers they will have next year.

Sadly, one of our old teachers known by the name Senor Cooke has left our school to go back to Ireland and reunite with his adoptive family. Despite this unfortunate loss, we have another wonderful teacher named Senorita Fernandez taking his place as our Spanish teacher. Recently, she has taught us about reflexive verbs and has done a wonderful job with teaching us all. Even though Senorita Fernandez has a different way of teaching Spanish to us we have all adapted well to this change.

Mr Reece, our new P.E teacher has been given the title of head of year for the New Year 7 which would be joining us next year. He has already started to take on the role by talking to us during line ups instead of Mr Sullivan. However, next year the year 8 will have Mr Sullivan as head of year, meaning there isn't much change for us. Mr Reece has also been teaching some classes who he will be teaching next year how to bowl and bat in cricket during P.E lessons. Unfortunately, he won't be teaching all of the classes next year, but quite a few will have him as their P.E teacher.

Next Year we have 2 new subjects, Dance and Drama. These will be taught by Miss White, she is a superb teacher and was optimistic to meet us all. She has already given most of the classes a short introduction to Drama with the topic still images.

We also have many new and dedicated teachers joining us next year, such as Miss Akthar who is teaching English. Miss Barry, who is teaching Science. Miss Scott, who is teaching Geography. All the teachers are very light hearted and have a positive attitude towards teaching the students. So far everyone has treated them well and are pleased with the choices the teachers have chosen. I hope everyone continues to treat them the way they are during the next school year.

Good luck to all the new teachers and I wish them a good experience, teaching at Greatfields.



Article by Tashrifa

This is our last edition so we decided to interview most of the teachers and ask them about their thoughts on their first year at Greatfields School.

Mr Maheebo has said: *This year has been very successful. Students have come a long way and matured ever since the day they have come to this school. My personal achievement this year was to insure that students learn something new in maths.*

Mrs Rupra has said: *This year has been brilliant. Seeing other people receive presents and participate in the award ceremony feel really proud. My personal achievement was learning the names of almost all the students.*

Miss Leach has said: *I think the determination and hard work of all the students and staff has given us the foundations to be a highly successful School and I am immensely proud to be part of that. My favourite part of the year was the girls representing Greatfields in Netball and Rounders.*

Mr Malik has said: *this year has been a joy, my personal achievement is helping students gain confidence in tackling*

*problems they wouldn't have normally thought they can do.*

*Mr Malveci has said: This year I've been really proud of the student achievements and the success we have achieved this year in P.E. Additionally, winning the Borough Cup twice, the boy's athletics team finishing third and beating Junior and Danyl in a sprint race have been my highlights.*

*Ms Knight has said: I think this year has been so nice, I think from the beginning of the year till now the pupils in this school have matured and have become very grown up. My personal achievement was getting almost everyone's art work up in the studio 3 arts studio.*

*Mr Taqi has said: I felt delighted in this first year here, I think students have shown progress in terms of attitude to learning in lessons. It has been a joy. The number of students that have said how much they enjoy my history and geography lessons has been one of my personal achievements and how impressive school council is.*

*And finally Ms Sarwar has said: I think it has been an amazing year here at Greatfields. It's been a good experience working with just year seven and year sevens only. My personal achievement was world book day, I motivated almost all the pupils to come dressed up and it was such a success. I particularly enjoyed the staff costumes.*



Article by Imogen

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017 Greatfields School held a celebration evening for the whole of year 7, all of the teachers, all of the school governors and the Gascoigne Primary School head teacher Miss Preston. It was held at 6pm until 7:30pm.

#### Awards:

Awards celebrated all students and their achievements/progress in year 7. Every student received a 'completion of year 7' award which was a piece of card with those exact words on it. Other awards won by the students were: sports person of the year, excellent progress in English, Maths, PE, Art, Spanish, Science, History and Geography. About 10 lucky students won the 100% attendance award which was a huge amount of students for this one award.

#### Dance Club Performance:

The whole of dance club performed 2 amazing dances for all of year 7, the teachers and the school governors. Both of their dances were amazing and everyone thoroughly enjoyed them. We think that their improvement this year is fascinating and we are all immensely proud of them. We have to thank Caroline (their dance teacher) for helping them to improve so much and she will be missed a lot next year.

#### Choir Performance:

Choir also performed 2 songs for the entire hall. They happily sang away to running and rolling in the deep. Their performance was very enjoyable and entertained me the whole way though both songs. Choir

throughout the year have also definitely improved a lot and have become much louder and more confident than they were at the start of the year.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer holidays!

Mary's poem and Tobi's rap:

Two students of Greatfields were brave enough to perform a poem and a rap in front of everyone. Mary's poem really captured her own personal thoughts and feelings from start to end in her experience in year 7 whilst Tobi's rap explored all the wonderful achievements made by himself and the school throughout the year 7 year.

School Council:

Mr Taqi the head School Council manager, also explained to us all how school council works and the improvements they have already made. For example: the benches on the roof was a suggestion set to school council which was put forward and accepted by Mr Paul. These benches have helped us students to relax at second break and lunch after lots of running around. Mr Taqi also commented on how enthusiastic the school council was at giving our thoughts and suggestions to him. He also thanked them for freely giving up their second breaks for the school.

Finally, Mr Paul and Mr Sullivan gave a thankful goodbye speech and a final summary of the year of 7 to us all also finally thanking us, as students, for all the effort we've put into year 7. They also commented on the resilience all of our parents had at signing us up to a brand new school with no building, no anything.



Article by Saamiyah Raja

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of July sports day was held and the weather was perfect for the event however it was actually very hot to be honest. The rivals were Aspen: red, Sycamore: orange, Rowan: blue and last but not least elder: yellow. The events which occurred on sports day in order was: football, handball, lunch, tag rugby, netball, second break, athletics and then finally the nervous bit... THE RESULTS. Aspen won, with Sycamore coming second, Rowan third and then sadly last Elder...my team.

We weren't too upset as we know it's the taking part that counts but we were still a tiny bit upset about it.

The team managers were, Miss Leach with Sycamore, Mr Malavecchi with Aspen (the winning team), Mr Reece with Elder and Mr Taqi with Rowan.

