



## Camps International Team Punda Milia

WEEK 2

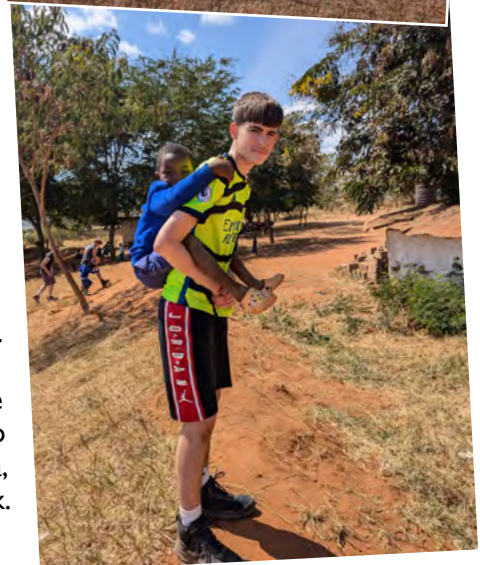
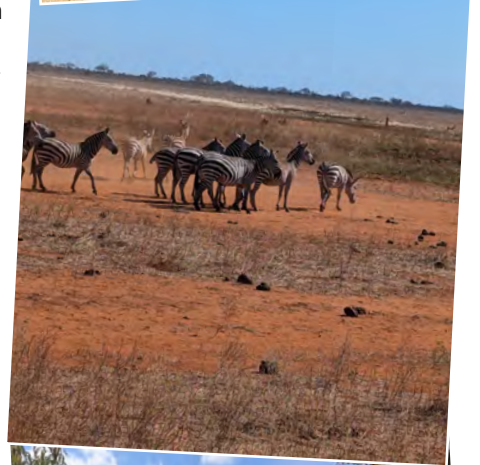
Jambo! On Monday 8th July, 7 students and 2 members of staff set off on a once in a lifetime opportunity - for a 4 week adventure in Kenya. We met the rest of our team from Benenden School, Stover School and our expedition leaders from 'Camps International' at Heathrow airport. Students passed the time by playing UNO, while awaiting check in to open and friendships quickly formed as we embarked on a very long 24 hour journey.

We travelled to various locations in Kenya such as Tsavo, Muhaka, Diani Beach, base camp - Mt Kenya and the Nairobi National Park. Our first week we took part in lots of community projects, for example deworming goats, speaking to the local women's community and going to a local primary school to cement walls, paint classrooms and bricklaying. We were even lucky enough to play football against the primary school children and came out with a fortunate 6-5 win. We then moved to our next location where we did more cement work on a house for a woman and her three children in the community who are currently homeless. We also participated in cooking classes from a women's community group on how to make coconut rice and chapatis and they were delicious!

During our journey we had opportunities for some rest and relaxation on Diani beach. Where we played games such as beach volleyball or water polo. This provided opportunities for the students and staff to reflect on the project work and enjoy the sights/sounds of Kenya. During our stay in Diani we also learnt about marine conservation and the importance of saving the turtles with local charities as well as making flip flop art with a local artist!

Our safari in Tsavo East National Park, Rukinga Wildlife Sanctuary and Nairobi National park provided an opportunity to see a variety of animals such as - giraffes, monkeys, elephants, zebras, buffalo's, baboons, hippos and even lucky to see black and white rhinos!

As we started our final week, we set off to the base camp of Mt Kenya, 2500m above sea level in preparation for our 5 day hike. Mt Kenya is the second biggest mountain in Africa. We had the opportunity to Hike from the Sirimon Park Gate at 2650m to Old Moses Camp at 3300m. Unfortunately the weather stopped us from going above 3500m and we had to come back to base camp and do day hikes in the local area, with one being a treetop experience in the national park. Everyone was still smiling and enjoying the new routes.



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# WINCHMORE WEEKLY



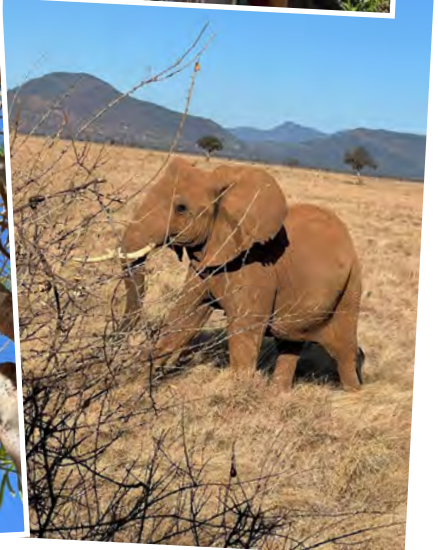
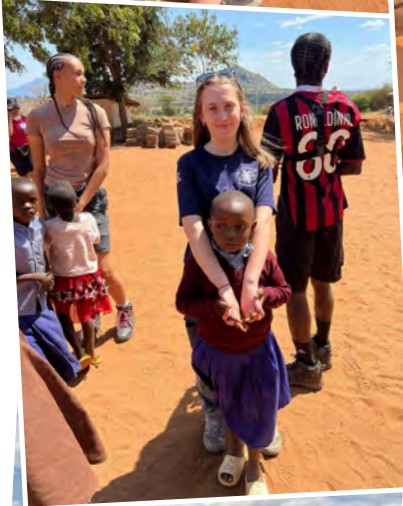
Our final days were spent just outside of Nairobi at the Wildlife Foundation where we were able to stay in the Nairobi National Park to plant trees and take part in a walking Safari to see the wildlife up close. The team were sad to leave Kenya, but came away with memories that will last a lifetime.

Over the 4 weeks we were met with lovely staff at every camp who were kind, generous and thankful for our students giving up their time to support the local communities. The students learnt Swahili throughout the trip, so they could communicate with the locals and thank them for their hospitality. Our students were grateful, polite and friendly throughout the trip and a great representation of Winchmore School.

We would like to say well done to Nikolas, Stephen, Jai'Del, Euan, Evan, Carmen and Faye for challenging themselves with new experiences, cultures and lifelong memories. We are proud of how you conducted yourselves over the 4 weeks and the support you gave to one another.

Asante Sana for a wonderful 4 weeks that I'm sure, none of us will forget!

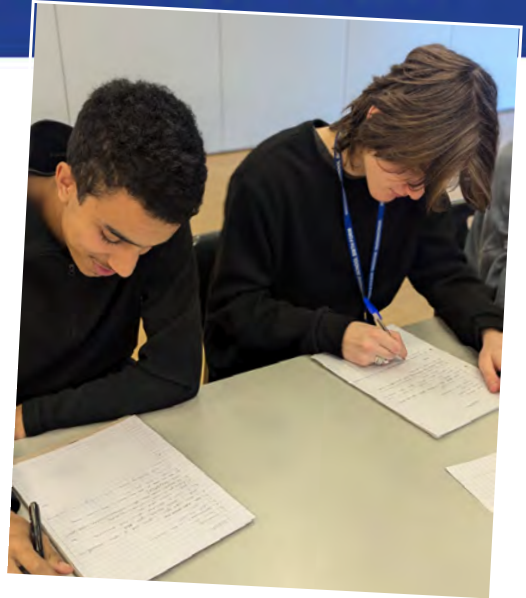
*Miss Winter and Miss De Souza*



## A Level Drama Trip



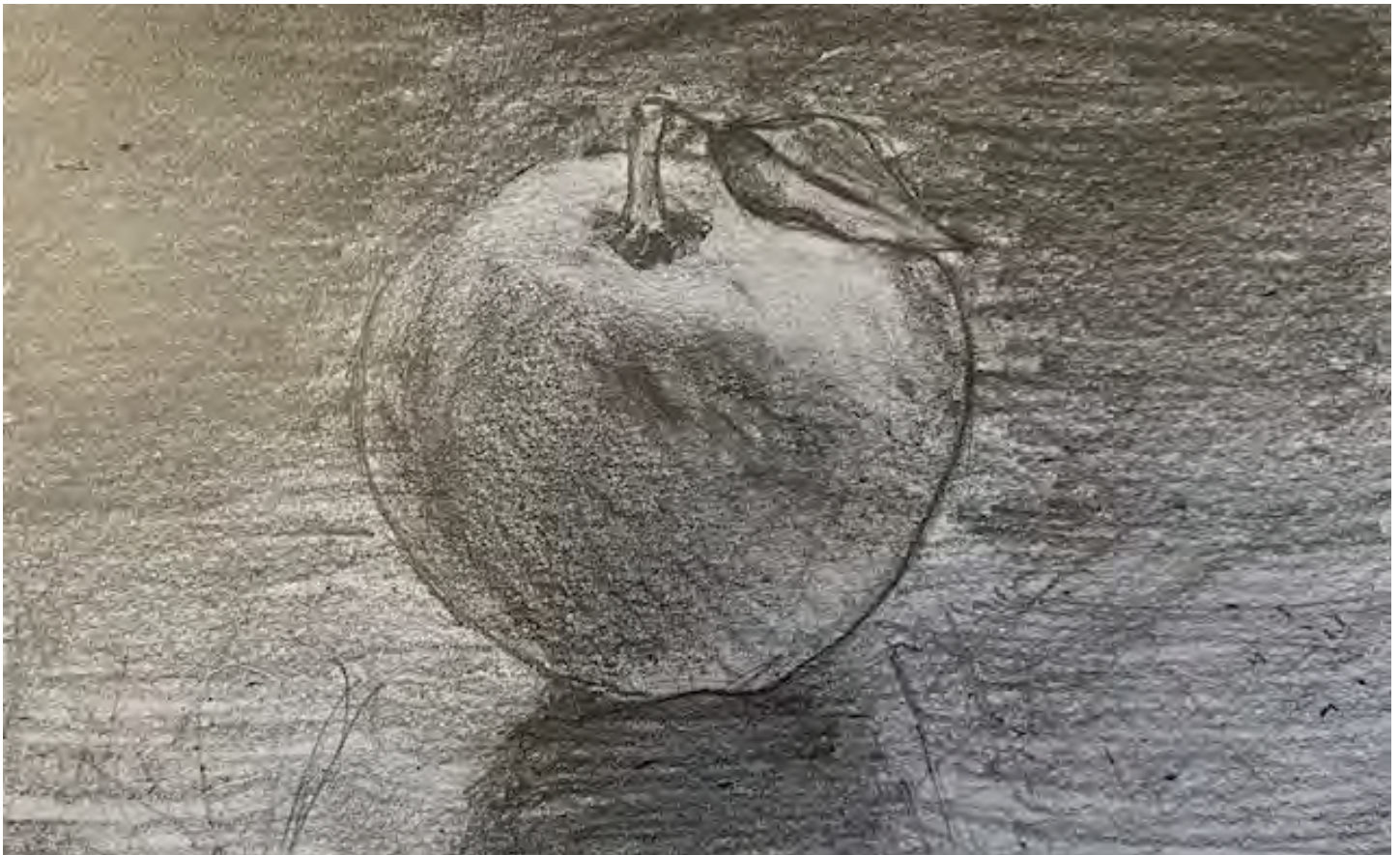
This week, Winchmore A Level Drama students saw another interesting and thought provoking piece of Drama at Park Theatre. Ostan was set in a carwash run by an Iranian-Kurd, Destan. Students were able to see how the experiences and struggles of immigrants can be explored through thought provoking theatre. It was also fascinating to be in the same studio space as we were a few weeks ago with a completely different set and stage configuration.



The playwright Arzhang Pezhman then visited the students in school to run a scriptwriting workshop. They explored a range of approaches to creative writing and shared these amongst the group. Some very amusing and sensitive work was produced during the workshop and we now look forward to seeing how this inspires our students' work in the future.

## Outstanding Artwork

Outstanding effort for the Art baseline test for Year 7 from **Santos Lima Eunice, 7R.**





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THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

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## What are you Reading?

Hi there,

I'm Miss Falconer and I am the Literacy Coordinator at Winchmore School.

It's really important that we encourage our students to foster a love of reading as it offers numerous benefits, from expanding knowledge and improving vocabulary to boosting imagination and creativity. It helps reduce stress by providing an escape, while also enhancing focus, concentration, and memory. Regular reading fosters empathy by allowing you to experience different perspectives and encourages lifelong learning. Overall, it is a powerful way to stimulate the mind and nurture personal growth.

Therefore I encourage you to pick up a book and start reading. Whether it's on the bus home, before you go to sleep, or while you're waiting to pick your sibling up from school. Expand your mind and discover something new. If you feel inspired, I encourage you to write a short review of your book and send it to me at [madeleine.falconer@winchmore.enfield.sch.uk](mailto:madeleine.falconer@winchmore.enfield.sch.uk) and you will be published in the Winchmore Weekly!

Currently I am reading 'The Witches of Vardø' by Anya Bergman. It is a powerful work of historical fiction that draws on the records of witch trials that occurred in 17th century Norway. It focuses on three different women who are each fighting for survival.

The novel is complex, moving and incredibly compelling especially as each chapter is told from a different perspective from each of the characters. It has been a lovely distraction in the evening or at the weekend to be lost in other people's stories.

Mrs Abrahams - Head of English and Media Faculty



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### WINCHMORE'S WOW! WORD OF THE WEEK

## Assess

Week beginning 7th October



**Word Class** Verb

**Meaning** Evaluate or estimate the nature, ability, or quality of.

**Examples** In maths, if you are asked to assess something, you need to consider/ evaluate the suitability, nature or quality of something, making an informed comment/judgement on it.

It's important to assess your strengths and weaknesses before setting career goals.

The teacher will assess the students' projects based on creativity, effort, and presentation skills.

**Challenge** Have a go at today's Wordle :  
<https://www.nytimes.com/games/wordle/index.html>

**TRIP: KS4 & 5 Art and Dance to Barcelona returns 10/10/24**

**LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES:**

- Music Production Club in M2

**AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:**

- After School Club Library 3pm to 4pm
- Year 11 Boys Football - 3pm-4.15pm on the field
- GCSE Dance Intervention - 3.15-4.15pm in DA1
- Year 10-13 Dance Club - 3.15-4.15pm in DA2
- Year 11 Higher Tier Spanish Exam Preparation Classes in room 75
- All Years - Art Club room A1 3.15-4.00pm
- Scrabble club - 3:15-4:15 pm in the EAL room (selected students)
- All Years - Coding Club 3:00-4:00 in Room 03
- High School Musical rehearsal 3.00pm-4.30pm - Hall Zeke, Sharpay, Taylor, Chad, Ryan, Cheerleaders, Ms Darbus, Thespians
- Film Club 3:00pm-3:45pm- Room 88
- Media Studies Yr 11 Booster - 3:45pm room 88
- Drama Year 11 Booster - Performing Arts Office 3.00pm-4.30pm
- Y7-9 Netball Club 3:00-4:15PM

Monday  
7th October

**LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES:**

- Careers Drop In session - Careers Office
- Piano Club in M1

**AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:**

- Year 9 Boys Football - 3pm-4.15pm on the field
- School Production (Dance) - 3.15-4.30pm in DA1 (selected students)
- Years 7-10 Girls Football - 3.15-4.15pm on the field
- English for specific SEND students 3:15-4:15 pm in the EAL room
- Year 11 English Boost classes (selected students, but all welcome)
- High School Musical rehearsal 3.00pm-4.30pm - Hall FULL CAST
- High School Musical Production Dance rehearsal - 3.00-4:30pm in DA1
- School Show Band Rehearsal in M1 - 3.00-4.14pm
- SENIOR Netball Game vs Enfield County

Tuesday  
8th October

**LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES:**

- Careers Drop In session - Careers Office
- Band Rehearsal in M1

**AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:**

- After School Club Library 3pm to 4pm
- School Production (Dance) - 3.15-4.30pm in DA1 (selected students)

Wednesday  
9th October

## LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES:

- Christian Club - Room 23

## AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

- After School Club Library 3pm to 4pm
- Year 8 Boys Football - 3-4.15pm on the field
- Year 11 GCSE PE Mentoring - 3.15-4pm
- School Production (Dance) - 3.15-4.30pm in DA1 (selected students)
- Year 7 Boys Football - 3-4.10pm on the field
- Years 10-13 - Basketball - 3:15-4:15pm in the Sports Hall
- Year 11 Foundation Tier Spanish Exam Preparation Classes in room 79
- High School Musical rehearsal 3.00pm-4.30pm - Hall Chad, Ms Darbus, Sharpay, Taylor, Jocks, Jack & Scott Coach Bolton, Jocks, Brainiacs
- High School Musical Production Dance rehearsal - 3.00-4:30pm in DA1
- Guitar Club and KS3 Band in MI - 3.15-4.15pm
- Drama Year 11 Booster - Performing Arts Office 3.00pm-4.30pm
- SENIOR Netball Game vs Laurel Park HOME

## TRIPS:

- KS4 & 5 Art and Dance to Barcelona returns
- KS5 Textiles to Knitting & Stitching Exhibition

Thursday  
10th October

Friday  
11th October

## AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

- Year 11 GCSE PE Intervention - 3-3.45pm
- Year 7-9 Dance Club - 3.15-4.15pm in DA1
- NCFE PE Intervention - 3-3.45pm
- Winchmore Tabletop Society - 3:00 - 4:30 in room 88

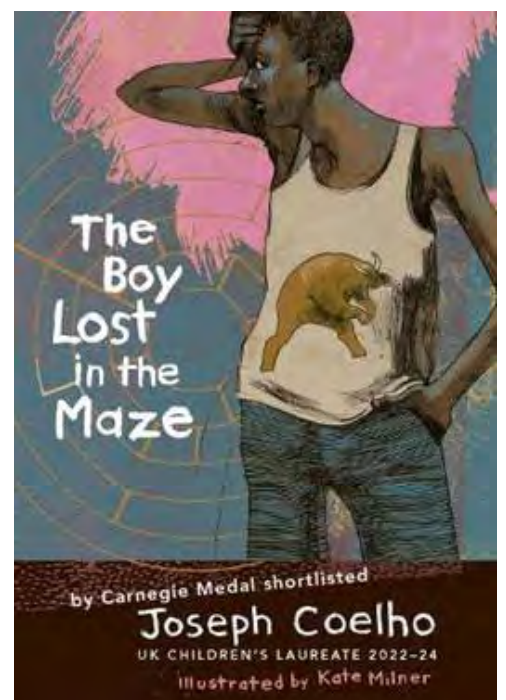
## TRIPS:

- KS5 Global Girls Leading Summit
- KS5 Journalism Society to the London Library

## Available in the Library

**The Boy Lost in the Maze**  
(available in the Library now)

This year's winner of the Yoto Carnegie medal for writing, *The Boy Lost in the Maze* is a clever blend of Greek myth with a 21st century quest. Modern day Theo is on a journey to find his father, while Theseus from Ancient Greece mirrors a similar journey in his time. Both stories tell of a boy becoming a man and discovering what true manhood really means.



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