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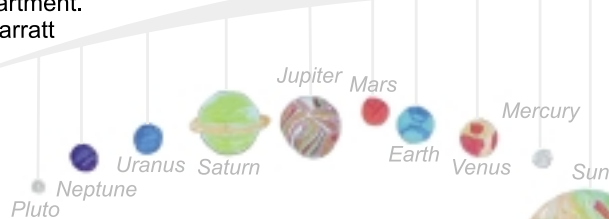
Science

This has been a year of changes for the Science Department. The departure of the legendary Doccy T, allowed Dr Jarratt to step up and lead the department. Mrs Redstone worked hard with the Year 8 scholars to produce some fine grades with Alexander Cowan and Alexander Moore winning the Science Prize. The CE candidates all acquitted themselves well with plenty of A and B grades.

Mr Lawless joined us for the year and will be known best for the huge number of very colourful displays which he has put up around the department. He will be replaced by the new House Parent, Mr Caithness, who is a very experienced science teacher.

Another addition this year was Mrs Everist teaching science to her own form. With some trepidation, Mrs Everist got to grips with minibeasts, glue and fabrics to name but a few. She has surprised herself with her interest and has done so well she has now agreed to teach science to both Year 3 forms.

The Year 3 forms went to the Natural History Museum in the Lent term to learn about dinosaurs and minibeasts. Year 4 went to the Observatory Science Centre at Herstmonceux in the Summer term, which is well worth a visit. A group of Year 6 pupils visited Lancing College for a science challenge afternoon, which always proves enjoyable.



Year 4 decorated the science room with mobiles of the solar system and tested gravity in the de Beer garden.



Thanks to the combined efforts of Mr Barker MP, Mr Whitehead and Mrs Fraser, in April our Seniors enjoyed an enlightening talk in the theatre by **Mr Zac Goldsmith**, Deputy Chairman of the Quality of Life Policy Group for the Conservative Party, Editor of *The Ecologist* and fund-raiser for ecological issues. He delivered an informative and inspiring talk about environmental issues, guiding us over what we can do to help preserve the environment around us. Mr Goldsmith was impressed with the questions from the pupils (and parents) and we were fortunate indeed to have heard such a high profile figure provide his expert opinion on issues that affect us all.

