



ALEXANDER  
ACADEMY

October

NEWSLETTER

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# INTO OCTOBER

This October our teachers have much to share about the exciting things which have happened over the last month.

## TERRY FOX RUN

FOR CANCER RESEARCH



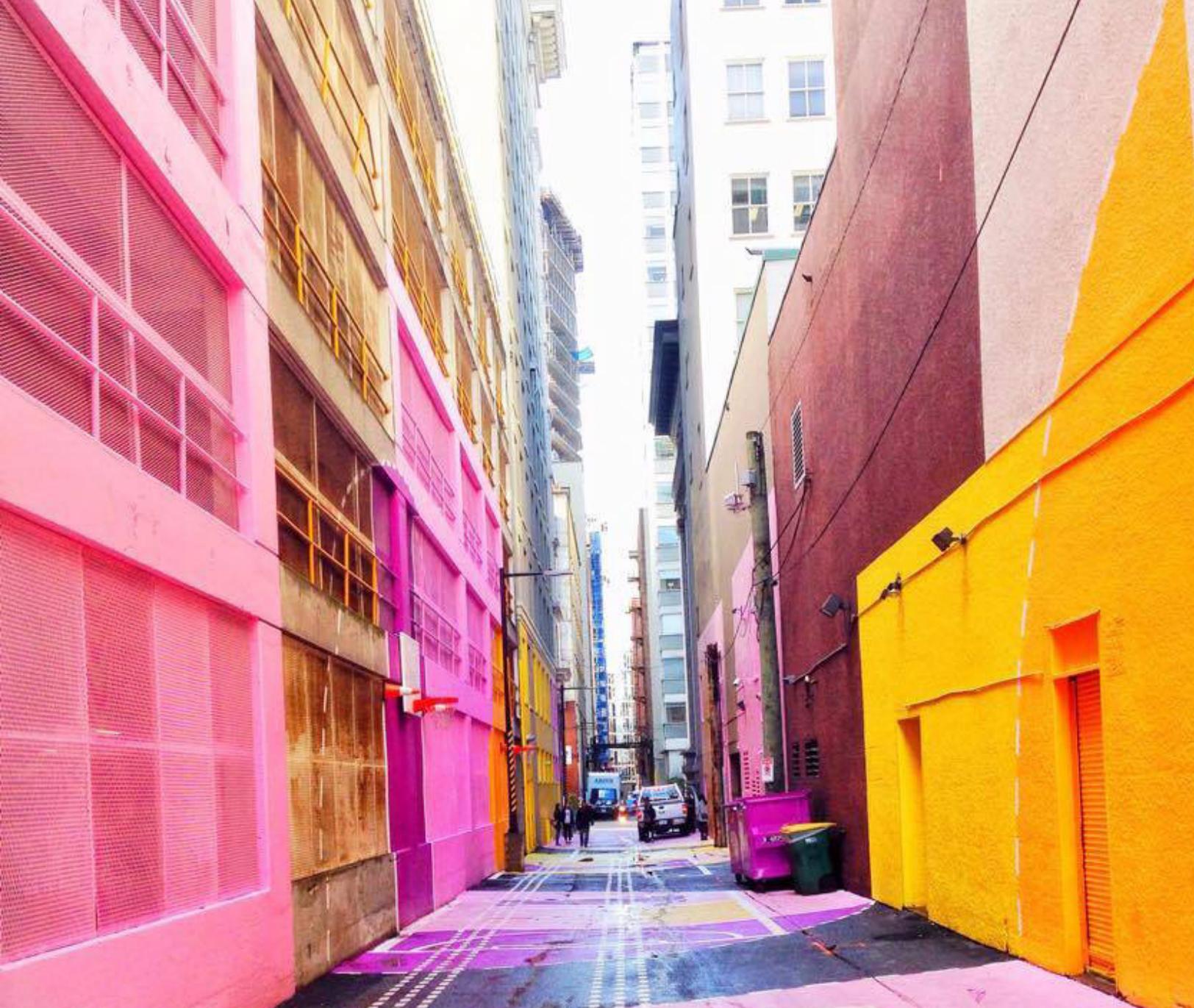
SUNDAY SEPT 18, 2016

*"The answer is to try and help others"*  
- TERRY FOX

### TERRY FOX RUN

Our Amazing Alexandrians recently participated in the Terry Fox Run, a very important tradition for Canadian schools. Thanks to dozens of individual donations, community pledges, and a highly successful bake sale, we raised over \$800 for cancer research, far exceeding our goal of \$500.

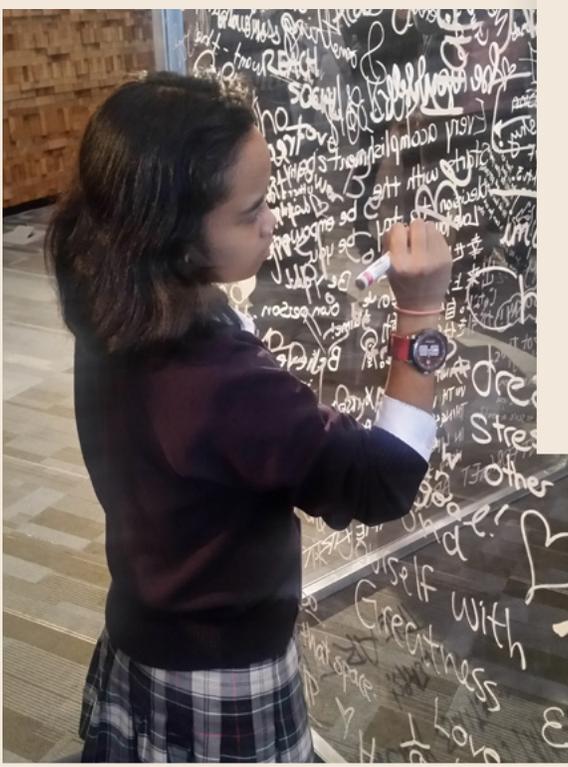
It was amazing to see our houses taking a real interest in this very worthwhile cause. At the end of our run, we took a school picture in front of the Terry Fox statue outside B.C. place. Terry makes us proud and we know that Terry would be proud of our efforts.



## NEW PLAYGROUND

Our school received a wonderful gift in September which will be appreciated for a long time. In mid-September, the alley behind Alexander Academy was transformed into a colourful and useful area where students can play one on one games of basketball. Previously, our school had no nearby place to shoot hoops. Now, thanks to the Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association, students simply go out the door of our gym to use the beautiful alley.





## ENGLISH 12

The English 12 class got a head start in preparation for their provincial exams in January by looking at past exam materials. All the while, we have been looking at poetry and short stories and discussing related topics, such as: identity, character and contrast. For enrichment, we took a trip to see a stage production of the play “Baskerville”.

## LEADERSHIP 12

So far this semester, the students have analyzed different styles of leadership and considered which styles most match their personalities. From there, the students have developed personal mission, vision and value statements. Most importantly, they are converting their thoughts into actions by involving themselves in a number projects to beautify the school and help in the local community.

## ENGLISH 10

The English 10 class is currently finishing up their poetry unit where they have focused on identifying different literary devices and themes, as well as learning how to express their opinions about literature in academic-style paragraphs.

## PHYSICS 11

Fall is a great time to study. During October, students have finalized their course selection and have taken quizzes and tests in their subject areas. Physics students have acquired basic skills in studying science and can now analyze and solve kinematic problems confidently.

## MATH 11

Math 11 students can answer number sequences and series questions and apply trigonometric ratios to solve oblique triangles.

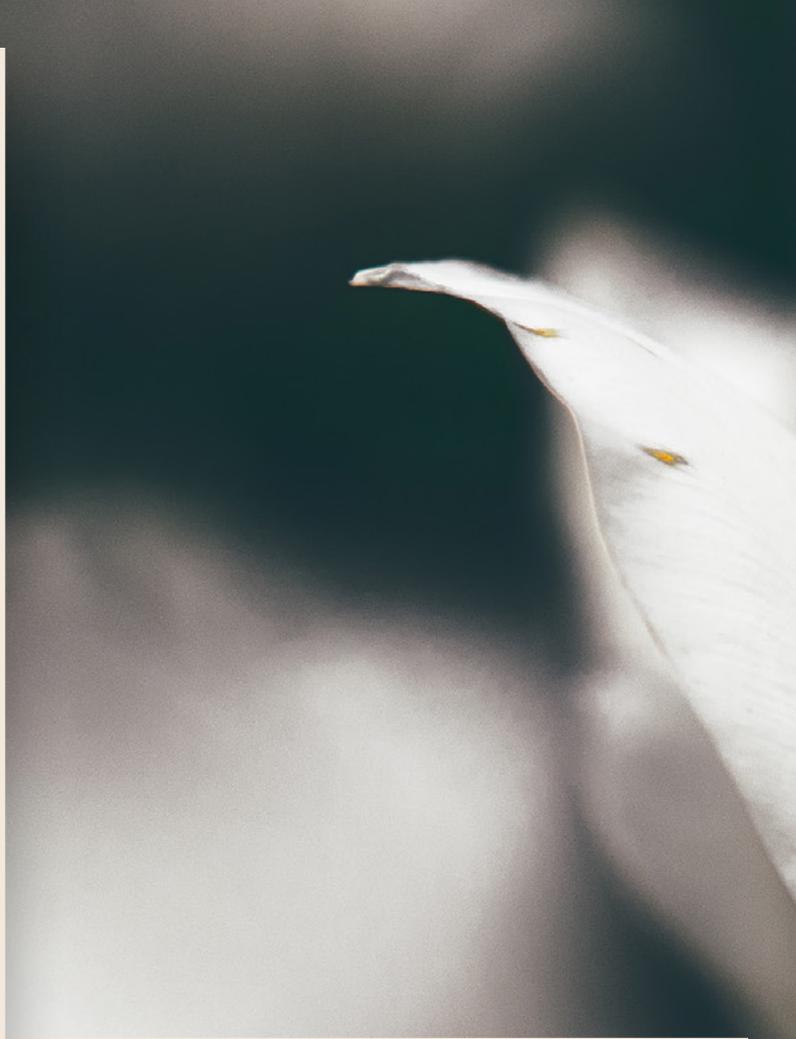
## BUSINESS 12

Business 12 students have learned and improved their keyboarding skills and use word processors to produce various business documents. As mid-term is commencing, each student is trying their best to achieve academic excellence.





Ipek / Kim K.W.  
paper and pencil  
14. October 2016  
it's a geometric portrait  
of kim kardashian west.



## ART 8/9

Mr. Christian's Art 8-9 classes were excited to display their geometric portraits. They have been working on these projects for the past two weeks. The students wrote curatorial rationales and were excited to view and discuss each student's work. Well done, students!

## PHOTOGRAPHY

The Photography Club has started up for the year, and has proven to be popular with students. On Sept. 28 we took a walk outside to try to get some good photos of downtown Vancouver. (Waterfront photo taken by Stacy Liu, Grade 9 student)



# TEACHERS' UPDATE

## MR. DAVIDOFF

Alexander Academy has had a great start this year in Science! The students have been busy learning the skills it takes to become scientists that can positively change the world around them. The first major topic of interest has been sustainability within a wide range of ecosystems. This has been a great chance for students to dive into the different relationships between plants, animals and resources all over the planet. This topic of sustainability is not only practiced in the classroom, as students from our school will be participating in the Shoreline Clean Up in North Vancouver later this month. Our next goal in Science is to expand our knowledge of Chemistry and try some really exciting experiments.



## MR. ANSTEY AND MR. CHRISTIAN

Mr. Anstey and Mr. Christian travelled to Houston, Texas to be a part of the Rice University IB (International Baccalaureate) workshops. They were at The Centre for College Readiness for the informative and valuable training. Mr. Anstey, in addition to being our Head Teacher, is the IB Diploma Program Coordinator and he did further training in teaching Language and Literature. Mr. Christian did training in Categories 1 and 2 Visual Arts. Mr. Anstey and Mr. Christian were also fortunate enough to tour NASA while in Houston. Both have already returned full of ideas to bring to our students. Their knowledge will assist us as we progress through the candidacy phase of our journey to becoming an IB school.





## WE FOR SHE CONFERENCE

The We for She Conference was really inspiring. The guest speakers were passionate and dedicated women. We were sitting together with business leaders and had discussions on several issues in regard to gender equality in the economy.

The B.C Premier, Christy Clark was one of them. Christy Clark made it clear to her audience that in order to achieve gender equality, women need to take the leadership role.

There were two sessions which were dedicated for the students to connect them with the opportunities in the various industries such as engineering and sciences. We ended up the day with a bunch of positive and optimistic messages from the speakers. This conference was very memorable and wonderful and I highly recommend this to the other students of Alexander Academy.

*-By Atika Juristia, Grade 11 Student*

