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Newsletter - Issue 6 - Spring 2011



## Dear Parent / Carer

**At last spring appears to be just around the corner but cold weather has not put off our students. They have continued to achieve and engage in a wide variety of activities.**

In January our year 11's received the results for the "early entries." 83 got an A\* to C in Maths and 59 in English. 28% of the cohort have got both! So our congratulations to all these students. My thanks to the staff who have spent hours both in Academy time, after hours and at the weekend preparing year 11 for these exams. We hope they are equally successful in the summer.

Just before half term we had a Federation inspection and received some very positive oral feedback. This showed that we have made significant improvement over the last eighteen months in terms of student behaviour; uniform and the standard of teaching and learning. Inspectors felt there was a very clear vision for the direction of the Academy. The students were very positive and there is now a culture for learning. Our examination results are improving as a direct result.

All year groups have continued to participate in a range of extra-curricular activities – anything from a visit to Strictly Come Dancing at

the O2 to the Fourth Plinth Project at Trafalgar Square. There is more inside.

The plans for our primary school are advancing well with architects involved in altering part of the existing building to accommodate 2 forms of entry for September 2012.

Please note next terms dates. We return on Tuesday 26th April with a closure on Friday 29th April for the Royal Wedding and bank holiday Monday on May 2nd. This makes a very short half term!

I do hope you have a good Easter break and would like to take this opportunity once again to thank you for all your support.

We look forward to seeing you son / daughter at 8:30am on Tuesday 26th April.

With all best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

**Catharine Loxton**  
**Executive Principal**

## 2011 TERM DATES

### Spring Term 2011

- Fri 8th April Departmental day (closed for students)

### Summer Term 2011

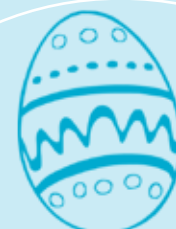
- Tues 26th April - Fri 27th May (May Bank Holiday will be taken on 2nd May)  
*Friday 29th April - Bank holiday for Royal wedding*
- Half Term: Mon 30th May - Fri 3rd June
- Mon 6th June - Thur 21st July

### Autumn Term 2011

- Thurs 8th Sept - Wed 21st Dec
- Mon 5th Sept - Staff Training
- Tues 6th Sept - Staff Training and Post 16 registration
- Wed 7th Sept - Year 7 and Post 19 Only
- Thurs 8th Sept - All Students return
- Half Term: Mon 24th Oct - Fri 28th Oct

### AMD / Tracking Days

- Thur 7th April - AMD
- Mon 14th Mar - End Tracking 2
- Mon 14th May - Tracking 3
- Thurs 9th June - End Tracking 3
- Thurs 23rd June - AMD



# South London Gallery: Fourth Plinth Education Project

The Fourth Plinth Education Project provides an exciting opportunity for young people in Southwark to both investigate and engage with themes addressed in Yinka Shonibare's Nelson's Ship in a Bottle and the Fourth Plinth as a public art programme in London.

The South London Gallery are working with three secondary schools (Peckham Academy, St Michael and All Angels and St Saviour's and St Olaves) in South London, and two community groups (Refugee Youth and LIFE for Girls) to develop a series of short films.

Working alongside a team of artists and film-makers to produce these films, young people involved in the Fourth Plinth Education Project are creatively exploring and responding to ideas around cultural identity, migration and trade.



Using Yinka Shonibare's emblematic use of textiles as a starting point, young people are engaging in a series of practical workshops, discussions and trips to develop their ideas around cultural London.

The film outcomes will be screened publicly across a variety of locations, including the Fourth Plinth website and in conjunction with the South London Gallery's Contemporary Africa On Screen Programme.



## Peckham Academy and The Fourth Plinth Education Project

Students from Year 7 Transition are working alongside artist Jo Brinton to explore themes around communication. Unpicking messages from Yinka Shonibare's Nelson's Ship in a Bottle, the group are investigating creative ways of transmitting signals, with a particular focus on their own identities. Throughout the project the students will visit and document the Fourth Plinth in Trafalgar Square, work alongside a sound recording artist in the South London Gallery's Clore Studio and attend screen-printing workshops at Camberwell College of Arts.

## New Police Liaison Officer

I am Police Constable Lisa Isaacson and I was "sent back to school" on 19 November 2010. I am the police liaison officer for Peckham Academy a role I am very pleased to have. I work in partnership with staff at Peckham Academy. Together we create a safer environment for children to learn in. I have visited lessons and spoken to students in assembly. An important part of my role is to be outside the school gates at home time, this provides a good opportunity to interact with students and build relationship with them. I am available throughout the school day and after school to be approached by students to listen and provide assistance where necessary. I aim to engage with young people, encourage positive and challenge unacceptable behaviour and help them to develop a respect for themselves and their community.

If you would like to discuss anything about my role within the Academy, I will be available at the Academic Monitoring Day, please come and say hello.



Lisa Isaacson, Police Constable

## Salon 1419 @ Harris Academy Peckham

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# Cross Federation event held at Harris Academy Merton

On Friday 11 February, twelve year 9 students attended a cross-Federation event hosted by Harris Merton. The aim of the event, entitled 'The Stock Market Challenge', was to re-create the excitement of trading on the Stock Exchange. Students had to buy and sell shares on a 'live' trading floor just like brokers do on trading floors and on-line every day.

On arrival at Harris Merton the students were all very excited that they had to actually work in teams with other



Harris students and would not just be working with each other against the other academies!

The students worked in teams of four and each student had a particular role to play – such as Media Analysis, Finance Manager, Investment Analysis and Floor Trader. The aim of the challenge was to see which teams could



acquire the biggest portfolio of high-value shares.

Once the rules of the Challenge were explained to students, and especially when they were told that there were prizes to be had for the winning team and the runners-up, the students lost their initial reserve and 'got stuck in' with their new team mates. They really enjoyed the day, made lots of new friends and, last but not least, were able to

improve upon a variety of skills including: team-working, solving problems under pressure, analysing information and communication.



Two of our students, Devaughn Green and Sumon Mia, were both members of winning teams and each received a very smart bag as a prize.

## Year 11 students

**Congratulations to the following for being awarded the Student of the Month**

**January** - Steven Le , **February** - Joshua Kearney  
**March** - Kayleigh Sheppard

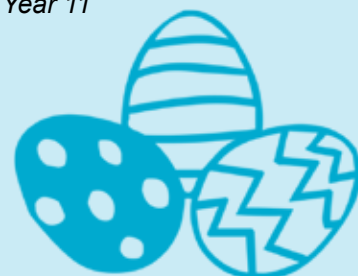
## Trampolining Awards

Thank you very much for Ms Buckley who worked with the Year 11 students on achieving their Trampolining Achievement Award from the British Gymnastics' Federation. The students worked hard for 12 weeks learning various skills such as basic Jumping Techniques, Body form and Shape and various artistic bounce routines. All the students were successful in completing all of the first four basic levels including a Health and safety awareness programme. Congratulations to Sevinc Yukselir, Gulcin Tunc, Fatima Bibi, Ashat Tijani, Shenel Cowan and Tyler Hudson

## GCSE Dance Performance

The Year 11 Dance students delivered a stunning trio performance to showcase their GCSE Dance Recital. The students combined a variety of dance styles such as contemporary, street dance and urban to create a routine which was choreographed by Jason Cameron. The performance was showcased to all the year groups during the various assemblies and their hard work was thoroughly appreciated by all students and staff. Thank you to Maria Mangué Etame, Collesha Thames and Kehinde Bada for showcasing their hard work.

*Mr Faure , Director of Learning Year 11*



# SHARING OF PERFORMING ARTS THROUGHOUT THE ACADEMY AND BEYOND

Performing Arts Assembly Production was a great success. Students from all year groups took to the stage at Peckham Academy and performed to over a 1000 students in the week. African, Contemporary, Jazz and commercial dance styles were demonstrated.



Josephine Odufuwa 10KNU states: I was impressed by the choreography and how the students performed. It was enjoyable and I loved every bit about the dance piece. The style and culture of the dance appealed to me the most the dancers were fabulous and they knew exactly what they were doing.

## Lewisham College

This can lead to higher education on degree courses and vocational courses. Some of our previous students are currently studying at Laban, London Contemporary Dance School, The Place, London Studio Centre, LIPA, Northern School of Contemporary Dance, Middlesex University, Surrey University and Millennium 2000.



Employment opportunities can be found in performance, community dance, choreography, musical theatre and teaching in the post-16 sector.



## Royal Opera House - Chasing Wonderland

Our year 13 students were selected to work with the high profile dance company the 'Ballet Boyz' to produce a film/dance piece for the prestigious Royal Opera House. The students worked intensively creating a dance piece based on the Famous story "Alice in Wonderland ." by Lewis Carroll. Students took on personas of the famous main characters and through dance, movement and theatre created a dance performance on location at "White Lodge" the world renowned ballet school and on location here at Peckham Academy and on the Royal Opera house main stage, which has been graced by famous artists such as Darcy Bussell, Wayne Sleep and Carlos Acosta.

Students said;

"I thought the experience was wonderful especially the chance to perform on the main stage which is highlight of the Royal Opera House. If given a chance I would definitely work with the Royal Opera House again."





## Drama Year 11 Performance of DNA

BTEC Performing Arts students performed the famous play DNA by Dennis Kelly as part of their final performance assessment. The students worked hard to develop characters from the famous play about teenage pranks and manipulation. Students used multi-role (where two performers play one character) showing the spilt sides of many of the personalities within the play. Students helped direct each other as well as learn lines, interpret roles and develop skills for performance.

One teacher said;

“I really got that some characters were played by two people; it really showed how many people have two personalities that can manifest itself in different ways. It was really entertaining. Well done to all the students involved.”

## The Blue Elephant Theatre, Blastbeat and Students from the London School of Speech and Drama

Many companies are working closely with our students providing them with a unique acting experience. The external professional links and connections of the Performing Arts department insured our students received an enriched experience of the professional world of performing arts.



The Drama Department hosted this year's Music Spring Concert on Thursday 17th March 2011. Students and

teachers graced the stage together spreading their multitude of infectious talent across an audience of family and friends. A range of live music dominated the evening from classical to beat boxing, from soft notes on the flute to the contrasting rhythm of the drum's duet. Snippets of Drama and Dance helped to turn the evening into another 'Great Performing Arts Affair'. A big thank you goes out to all the Peckham Academy teachers and students who made this evening happen.

With a special thank you to Mr Clayton (Head of music).

By Ms Robinson, Head of Performing Art

## Preferences

Thank you to all those who helped guide and mentor Year 8 students through the process of selecting subjects for their GCSE years. This was a difficult time for many of our students and the time and energy they spent seeking advice from staff, elder siblings and friends and family really demonstrated how seriously they take their future development.

The next stage is to collate this huge amount of information and to fill in the odd gap of students absent or who did not otherwise return their preferences.

There will be some students who may need to be interviewed for over-subscribed courses, and we will letting students and parents know as soon as possible

## London Outreach Project

A number of Year 10 students have been selected to go on a residential course to Wales. This project will take place in May/June 2011. They will attend a "taster" day which is at Blackheath on the 27th March. Good luck and I hope you enjoy the project.

Finally i would like to thank all Year 10 form tutors for their hard work, time and effort in assuring that you all made well informed decisions about your futures.

## Notable Achievements

Our Spring Stars for the first half term of the Spring Term were:

- 8 DST - Ted Richards**
- 8 CAB - David Titiboco**
- 8 MHO - Nam Tran**
- 8 FDE - Jiefu Fan**
- 8 NGO - Iulia Nita**
- 8 SAC - Assia Dumbuya**

Congratulations – all will be receiving a USB memory stick and Certificates of Achievement.

Coincidentally two of these students also represented the HAAP at the UK Mathematics Trust mathematics challenge, in which they had to undertake solving puzzles and tasks in relay, individually and in groups. This is the first time our students have entered this competition, and they really rose to the challenge.

Thank you for your continued support in our drive for excellence.

*Mr Gurney , Director of Learning Year 8*

## Harris Academy in the community

Recently, the music department was invited to take part in the launch of a new local community project, Peckham Space.

The administrators of Peckham Space wanted to work with some musicians from the Academy and include them in the opening celebrations for the new venue that is situated in Peckham Square. The celebrations focused on Peckham Heroes, basically high profile people in the public eye that have had some link with Peckham in their past. The array of names was quite surprising and included such luminaries as Sir Michael Caine, Rio Ferdinand, Jean Paul Gaultier the controversial fashion designer and Jo Brand the well known comedian.

The music departments role in the celebrations was to provide young singers that would be prepared to learn new songs that, to be honest, were completely out of their comfort zones and that were in some way linked to particular Peckham Heroes.

At the Academy we have some amazing vocal talent and choose three of our young singing stars to take part in the event. Kimoney Dawkins and Dolly Ukoh both of year 9 and Katrina Pettit of year 8 each had an individual song to sing and as a trio, performed Hero, aptly enough.

They rehearsed for approximately 3 months prior to the event with regular "checkups" from the artistic director and manager of Peckham Space which meant that we subject to constant scrutiny and quality checks.

On the opening evening the students were quite heroic themselves. The venue was crammed full of spectators that had come to join in on the festivities. Our Head Teacher attended the event and we were delighted to see so many of the vocalist's supporters also there to see the performances. The girls performed with great skill and confidence and the prolonged ovation that they received was testament to their fine singing. It was a very successful link with a local community project and the 3 students did themselves and the Academy proud.



By Mr Clayton, Head of Music

## Being a new student commissioner

My name is Jubril Aderigbe and I am a Year 7 student commissioner. This is a new role for me as I have only been a student commissioner since November 2010. Last term I attended a Student Commission Development Day at Harris Academy South Norwood. The day was very good with lots of different activities for students to participate in. There were students from all 9 Harris Academies present and it was a good chance to meet different Harris students and find out about learning in their academies. The day helped me to focus my ideas of how to improve learning at Harris Academy Peckham. For example, I learned about the use of podcasting to improve learning, where students make podcasts about different topics that other students can then watch. Another good idea is the use of a suggestion box in the LRC so students can write their comments about learning which we can then look at. Overall the trip was very good, I had a fun day and it makes me feel like I am a part of something good that is trying to improve learning at all the Harris Academies, making them a better place to learn.

Jubril Aderigbe and Juber Miah's

Year 7 Student Commissioners



The census is an estimate of the population that the Office for National Statistics carries out every ten years. Everyone in England and Wales is asked the same questions on the same day to provide a snapshot of the population at a moment in time.

In the middle of March, you will receive a census questionnaire in the post asking straightforward questions about your household and the people who are living or staying there on census day – 27 March.

You need to take part in the 2011 Census as the results directly affect you, your family and your community. The information gathered in the 2011 Census will be used to plan...

- ...school facilities for children now and in the future
- ...housing for families
- ...public transport that helps people to get to work
- ...health services that everyone can access
- ...training provision for people who want to learn new skills

The census is compulsory and it's easy to take part. There are two ways to complete your questionnaire: online at [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk) or on paper using the questionnaire provided.

Please complete your questionnaire on 27th March 2011 and help shape tomorrow for your family and your community.

For more information please visit [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk)

## Teens and Toddlers

Once again the boys have made a lasting impression and served as excellent ambassadors for the Academy and were commended for their fantastic behaviour and good manners both in and outside the nursery where they built excellent relationships with their toddlers. A quote by the Lead Facilitator- Lucille 'the boys were an inspiration to their toddlers and they are great testament to their teacher Mr Faure.' The students were awarded their Teens and Toddlers Certificate and they also received their NVQ qualification which will enable them to work with any toddler in any Nursery nationally. Please congratulate Kiyon Quintyne, Kenton McKay, Mohammed Saglam, Colin Pham and Alfaz Dinmamoude for their achievements.

# My Dream Came True Through Hard Work And Good Behaviour

Throughout the first term many students have shown exceptional work ethic, academic progress and exemplary behaviour as is expected of all students at the Academy. It is important however to put in that little bit of extra effort, go the extra mile, give 110% to ensure you get ahead of the game.

Most students for their good work and behaviour would receive a reward such as Vivo mile points which can be used to purchase things from a wide range of high street stores or a phone call / letter home. But this time around a selected few got something very special, which personally made my dream come through. Tickets to the Arsenal Vs Wigan Carling Cup tie.

Needless to say I was ecstatic with my reward, courtesy of the Harris family.

The game took place at the Emirates stadium in North London.

We met at school for 6pm, I, Mr Waugh and four other students in year 9. We took the train from Peckham Rye Station and we were all bustling with excitement.

As we drew closer to our destination more red shirts started to pop up everywhere until we were surrounded by a sea of Arsenal fans.

We arrived at the Emirates slightly after kick-off but this took nothing away from the experience. The atmosphere in the stands was brilliant. The constant chants um's and aw's and the roar when Arsenal scored. All and all it was a great evening, and I honoured that I was given such an opportunity.

In closing I would like to encourage all my fellow students to keep working hard and be on your best behaviour and you will reap your reward one day.

Brandon Gordon, Year 9 student



## Year 11 Prom

The Summer Year 11 Prom will take place at the Hilton, London Docklands, 265 Rotherhithe Street, SE16 5HW on Friday 1st July 2011. The students will be indulging in a lavish 3 Course Dinner Menu and dancing. The Prom is a culmination of all the hard work the students have put in over the years and this evening is for their enjoyment to celebrate the end of their Year 11 examinations.



## Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge

Friday 26th November 2010 a number of Year 10 students took part in the Jack Petchey Speak out Challenge, with the winning student going forward to represent the school at the Southwark Regional Final.

Well done to the following students for their excellent performances during this event.

- 1 - Noura Serroukh - Winner on "Love"
- 2 - Mahad Osman - 1st runner up on "Piracy"
- 3 - Nadine Johnson - 2nd runner up on "Friendship"

Good luck with your final preparation, I know you will be true ambassadors of the Academy.

## Early entries

A number of Year 10 students have been entered for the early GCSE exams. Good luck to each and every one of you. Remember, planning and preparation is the key. Good luck and I hope the results will be worth smiling about. Well done to everybody who passed the first of the exams, namely History and Chemistry.

## The Health Hut

Have you considered your wellbeing?

Enjoy working as part of a team to promote good health

Attend workshops to boost your knowledge

Learn the importance of keeping healthy

Tasks are done within the sessions which are run by students

Have the opportunity to share ideas and skills

Handy resources and information on various organizations will be given out

Understand how to live your life to the fullest

There will be regular drop in sessions at break, lunchtime and after school

**Coming to a classroom near you!**

For more information please come and see Miss Afolabi in HG3

# Physical Education Extra Curriculum Clubs

## **Mondays**

Fitness Breakfast Club- 7am- 8.15 - All age groups  
- from January 2011

Athletics club – 3.30- 4.30pm- All age groups  
Year 8 Boys Football training – 3.45pm to 5.45pm

## **Tuesdays**

Breakfast Club – Basketball - 7am to 8.30am - All age groups

Year 7 Boys football training – 3.30pm to 5pm  
Basketball Girls only – 3.15pm to 5.30pm- All age groups

Gymnastics Club -3.15pm to 5pm - All age groups  
- from January 2011

## **Wednesdays**

Fitness Breakfast Club- 7am- 8.15 - All age groups  
- from January 2011

Year 11,12 & 13 Boys Football training – 4pm to 6.30pm

Basketball Boys only – 3.15pm to 5.30pm - All age groups

Cheerleading 3.15pm to 5pm - All age groups -  
from January 2011

## **Thursday**

Basketball Breakfast Club - 7am to 8.30am- All age groups

Year 8 & 9 Boys Football training – 4pm to 6pm  
Netball Club 3.15pm to 5.30pm - All age Groups

## **Friday**

TableTennis Club 3.30- 5pm- All age groups  
Year 7 Boys football training – 3.30pm to 4.30pm  
Cricket Club - 3.15-5pm- All age groups

By Ms Simpson , P.E. Curriculum  
Co-ordinator

## Physical Education Department Notice

Regular active participation in PE lessons will enhance achievement in other areas of learning, because PE impacts on the physical, intellectual and social development of pupils. It builds self-esteem, motivation, co-operation and concentration, and forms an important part of a balanced curriculum. Physical Education is a compulsory subject within the National Curriculum and all pupils are expected to be correctly equipped and prepared to work hard in all lessons. While we appreciate that pupils may at times be restricted through injury or medical issues, they are still expected to actively participate in lessons in role of coach or as an official.

**All students are expected to wear the correct PE kit to lessons:-**

**Blue logo Polo Shirt**

**Black logo PE skirt**

**Black logo Shorts**

**The Academy logo tracksuit**

# Federation Basketball Tournament Wednesday 8th December 2010

Another year's unique KS3, 3 on 3 Harris Federation girls and boys basketball tournament was hosted by Harris Boys Academy East Dulwich.

This year's tournament was a blast from the past with highly competitive games. The games were played on mini courts rather than on a half court and there were four games going on at once. The action was unbelievable to watch, both boys and girls demonstrated captivating basketball skills.

Just like in previous years students were used as both coaches and referees and attended the hosting Academy's. Each team had representatives from the following academies:

Harris Academy Peckham  
Harris Girls Academy East Dulwich  
Harris Academy Purley  
Harris Academy Falconwood  
Harris Boys Academy East Dulwich  
Harris Academy Merton  
Harris Academy Crystal Palace  
Harris Academy South Norwood

We would like to congratulate Samuel Ogunfowokan 9ECL for being a member of the boys' teams. His basketball skills were most impressive throughout the tournament and most definitely contributed to the overall success of his team. He made us very proud along with the following HAP pupils.

### Girls

- Takesha Ajeon 7LBR
- Faith Afolabi 7KCA
- Dania Rodriguez 7KCA
- Deborah Adeladun 7DFL
- Shavare Rhule 8NGO

### Boys

- Wale Oladipupo 8NGO
- Samuel Ogunfowonkan 9ECR
- Peter Gabriel 8SA
- Tarick Anderson 8NGO
- Thanvir Abin 8NGO
- Nam Tran 8CRE

On the whole, the event was very exciting to watch and it was rewarding to see so many pupils participating in the fantastic sport of Basketball. It was also very pleasing to see our parents turning up to cheer on their children. All pupils who represented HAP will be receiving a certificate of achievement in their respective Year Assembly

Report by: Tien Toha 12 AOK



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