

Academy News

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Key Dates

- **Thursday 7th February - Year 9 and 10 Maths UK Challenge**
- **Monday 11th February - Parent Teacher Associations Meeting at 4:30pm**
- **Wednesday 13th February - Students photograph sessions in tutor group for OPAL**
- **Friday 15th February - Academy College Application Deadline**
- **Monday 18th February to Friday 22nd February - Half Term**
- **Monday 25th February - New Year 7 (September 2008) intake interviews**
- **Monday 3rd March - Assessment for Year 7 and 8**
- **Wednesday 5th March - Science GCSE Module Test, Year 9 Parents**

Welcome to this First Edition of Academy News

Welcome to this first edition of the Academy News. The idea of Academy News is to celebrate the achievements of the students in the Academy and to provide parents with information they might find useful, for example about future events, key dates and Academy policies.

I hope that the students will contribute to the newsletter and this first edition contains a report from the School Council about their activities last term. There is also a report from the first Parents, Teachers' Associations meeting and we hope many more of you will be able to attend the next meeting on 11th February at 4:30pm at The Harris Academy at Peckham - Catering Suite.

In order to help shape the publication, I would be interested to receive feedback from the parents about the newsletter. What do you like about it?, what information would you like to see in it?

Comments can be sent to the editor, Mona Patel via the school office or email address:

Our intention is to publish the newsletter on the first Wednesday of every month so the publication dates for the forthcoming year are:

5 March 2008

2 April 2008

7 May 2008

Your child should bring the newsletter home to you but feel free to check in the bottom of their school bag if it isn't handed to you !

The Academy is a busy place with students taking part in many activities. I hope you will enjoy reading about their successes.

Vanessa Ray - Principal

The Celebration of Academic Achievement Presentation Evening

On Thursday 22nd November 2007 past Year 11 and Academy College students past and present returned to the Academy to collect their examination certificates. This year involved a presentation of the first cohort of A level students many of whom are now attending university.

Students from the Academy who had been awarded prizes for achievement and progress were also invited to collect their awards.

Parents were delighted to see their children presented with the awards and there were inspirational speeches from Ms Ray our new Principal, Lord Harris our sponsor, Bob Skelly one of our Governors and also in attendance was the current Mayor of Southwark.

All were further entertained with performances from the Drama Department (Blood Brothers) and a particularly delightful solo by Deshaun Bascombe Green who sang and played the piano. The Year 11 group, were also presented with a splendid DVD which was a review of the year.

A wonderful evening was enjoyed by all.

Mr P Blewett - Assistant Principal



Hairdressing

Students are planning to hold a Hair and Fashion Show in the future so watch this space!

The Academy is producing Blood Brothers this term and hairdressing students will be working back stage with the team to provide hair styling for the actors, everyone is looking forward to it.

The salon is open for all hairdressing services – the students **NEED** clients to be able to perfect their hairdressing skills on. All students are fully supervised at **ALL** times; creating and producing fantastic looks for their clients.

We offer Styling (setting and blow-drying), Cutting, Colouring (including Highlights), Perming/Relaxing and all forms of Plaiting/ Cane Row.

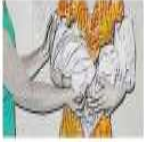
This is where you come in . . . call us now on 0207 358 4989 for more details and our opening times. You will be amazed with our fantastic facilities and skilful students. Come along and see the salon and the students, have your hair styled and tell your friends, family and colleagues about us.

Ms Hoyle - Subject Leader

Lost Property

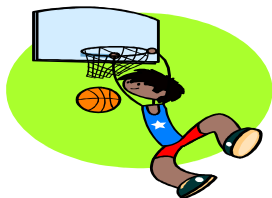
We currently hold a large amount of lost property. This will be displayed in the Dining Area on Friday 15th February 2008 between 1:10pm to 2:00pm. Please encourage your child to look for any lost items. Any remaining items will be disposed.

Ms A Graham - Front Office

<p>Parent Teacher Association</p> <p>PTFA Meeting Monday 14th January 2008</p> <p>Venue: Hospitality and Catering Suite</p> <p>Time: 4:40 - 6:00pm</p> <p>Agenda: Work Directions</p> <p>The group welcomed Anouki Llangantilekeke from Work Directions who represents an agency aimed at supporting single parents who live in Southwark who want to find a job.</p> <p>They offer the following service: Help to find jobs, write a CV and prepare for interviews. Free use of the internet, computers and phones for job hunting. Financial assistance to help you start work. Expert advice on the in-work benefits you are entitled to.</p> <p>Call Anouki on 02073783800/07515580085 to book an appointment with one of our friendly advisors.</p> <p>Next meeting will take place on Monday 11th February at 4:30pm.</p> <p>Mr P Blewett - Assistant Principal</p>	<p>Student Council Report</p> <p>In the Harris Academy at Peckham there is a voice for the students and that voice is the Academy Council. As school representatives we take the ideas of other students and present them in our meetings which get carried on to the Principal Ms Ray. As class reps we take various activity which help improve our school facilities. We hope to achieve many ideas or trying to make the school a better place. We organise events in order to raise money for charity. We meet each half term with Mr Blewett. At the end of term we had a non-uniform day and raised money for the charity.</p> <p>Aysegul Hulus - Student (8VFO)</p>
<p>Ruby House</p>	<p>Jade House</p> <p>In order to celebrate progress, improvement in behaviour and academic success in Jade house, both students – Sarja Dampha 11 DMO and Daniel Bello 10 ECL, were given two tickets each to go to Madame Tussauds’s museum over the Christmas holiday.</p> <p>Mr O Curcio - Associate Dean</p>
<p>Congratulations!!! Ibrahim Siddique (7WGI) - Winner of Spelling Bee Competition 2008.</p> <p>Ms Burrows - Literacy Dept.</p>	<p>Harris Academy @ Peckham Presents,</p> <p>Blood Brothers</p> <p>A story of fraternal twins who are separated at birth. Their lives are worlds apart until destiny brings them back together.</p>  <p>Performance Dates and Time:</p> <p>Wednesday 6th February 2008 at 7pm in the Main Hall</p> <p>Thursday 7th February 2008 at 7pm in the Main Hall</p> <p>Friday 8th February 2008 at 7pm in the Main Hall</p> <p>Ticket Prices: £5 Adult £3 Children and NUS holders</p>
<p>Attendance</p> <p>If your child is absent from school or is going to be late for whatever reason, please telephone the school as soon as possible. Punctuality is very important and students must arrive to school on time. The school day begins at 8:30 am. Thank you.</p> <p>Ms Barker - Attendance Office</p>	

Sports News

Sporting Forthcoming Events:



Wednesday 6th February: Sports Partnership Boys 3v3 Basketball Tournament, Venue - Harris Academy at Peckham

Tuesday 12th February: Sports Partnership Boys and Girls 3v3 Volleyball Tournament, Venue - Harris Academy at Peckham

Wednesday 27th February: Breakfast Basketball Club starts at 7:45am in the Sports Hall. Students from all age groups are welcome. This club is being run by Reach and Teach and is free.

Congratulations!!!

Reece Placid (7AMC) is gifted and talented in the sport of Table Tennis. He is currently rank 3 in South East of England and 9th in the UK.

Tharek Ahmed (11EMR) has been granted a position by BPCCC to attend the UKCC Level 1 Cricket Coaching Course organised by Surrey Cricket. This opportunity has been given to him as he is regarded to be a gifted and talented person and this is a wonderful opportunity for Tharek to achieve this Cricket Qualification.

Ms Simpson - Head of PE

TERM DATES

Academic Year 2007 - 2008

Term	Start Date	Finish Date
Spring 2008	Wednesday 2 nd January	Friday 15 th February
	Monday 25 th February	Friday 4 th April
Summer 2008	Tuesday 22 nd April	Friday 23 rd May
	Monday 2 nd June	Tuesday 22 nd July

School will be closed on the following days: (No pupils in school - see below)

Spring Half Term:

Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February 2008

Friday 21st March 2008 (Good Friday)

Monday 24th March 2008 (Easter Monday)

Spring Bank Holiday:

Monday 5th May 2008

Summer Half Term:

Monday 26th to Friday 30th May 2008

Staff Training Days (INSET) - No Students in school:

Monday 21st April 2008

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH!!

Perhaps the most precious thing we can leave is vision.

If you require any copies of our School Policies or Publication, please fill in the slip below and return it to the school.

Please return to the School Main Office, via your child.

Parent/Guardian name:

Pupil name: Tutor Group:

Policy/Publication Topic: