

# Academy News

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## Key Dates

- **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March - GCSE Science Modular Tests Year 10 and 11**
- **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – January Module Results – AS/A2**
- **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Assessment for Year 10, 12 and 13**
- **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Good Friday Holiday - Academy Closed**
- **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Monday Holiday - Academy Closed**
- **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> to Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Mock SATS 2 Exams**
- **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Academic Monitoring Day (no school but parents attend interviews with child at allocated time)**

## Welcome to this Second Edition of Academy News

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Following the recent consultation about changes to the timings of the academy day. I would like to invite you to attend a meeting to listen to parents views on this particular issue on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 16.00 in the school hall.

By way of a reminder, the proposed new timings are given below. If agreed they will be introduced from the start of the next academic year:

08.30 Students arrive on premises

08.40-08.50 Registration

08.50-09.50 Lesson 1

09.55-10.55 Lesson 2

10.55-11.15 Break

11.15-12.15 Lesson 3

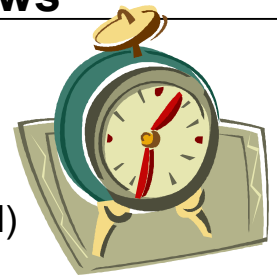
12.20-13.20 Lesson 4

13.20-14.10 Lunch

14.10-14.30 Registration

14.30-15.30 Lesson 5

15.30-17.00 Extended day activities (optional)



Thank you.

**Mrs V Ray - Principal**

## Día Latino at JAGS School

In February Miss Simmonds, Miss Vasjz and Key Stage 3 Spanish students went to James Allen's Girls' School in Dulwich to participate in a Latino Day. There were five professional workshops: *De paseo con el arte* (the art workshop), *A bailar ritmos latinos* (the salsa workshop), *Arriba con el telón* (the theatre workshop), *Vamos a Argentina a bailar tango* (the tango workshop) and *Viaje por España, ¡A bailar flamenco!* (the flamenco workshop). In the flamenco workshop we moved our hands, waists and feet in true Andalusian style! Afterwards, we danced and ate lots of

lovely Spanish and Peruvian food at the *fiesta latina*! It was great to learn there's more to Spanish than vocab and verbs.

**Ms L Simmonds - MFL Teacher**

### **The Trip to Oxford!**

An incredible trip to a destination where great politicians, international minds and some of our greatest teachers studied. I guess this is the dream of many of us, dreams that we thought could not have come true, because of our lack in belief of ourselves for different reasons.

Lord Harris with the help of the Dr Moynihan made this dream come true by giving some Year 10 and 12 students the opportunity to visit one of the greatest and unique universities. The University of Oxford.

On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2008, seven of us from the Academy were accompanied by Mr Cringle to Oxford University where we participated in splendid activities involving some members of the University and had a look around the great city.

To conclude this trip, we would say that it taught us that it isn't who you are that counts, but what you do. So we could all go to Oxford University if we really work!

### **Academy Council Meeting**

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2008**

- 1. Sports Relief**
- 2. International Links**
- 3. Student Voice Feedback**

Students considered a proposal brought by Amber House to support Sports

Relief. To show the local community that the people of Peckham are indeed kind, thoughtful and prepared to help others.

Action: Unanimously agreed students to take back and discuss in House Meetings.

Mr Cringle asked the group to discuss the concept of a Global Village and to bring back ideas to discuss at our next meeting. Mr Cringle will distribute a pack to staff to work with in PSHE and registration time.

Action agreed to report back next meeting.

Pupil Voice feedback:

Mr Blewett read back the initial feedback and asked students to focus on how we can make students feel safer at break and lunchtimes.

**Mr P Blewett - Assistant Principal**

### **Young Business Enterprise Trade Fair**

#### **Congratulations!**

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February the XL students participated in the Young Business Enterprise Trade Fair at the Southside Shopping Mall in Wandsworth. These students have been working really hard on this project and all their hard work is being rewarded. They have also been entered for the National Trade Fair which takes place on the 15<sup>th</sup> March in Stratford-upon-Avon where there will be over 100 Young Enterprise stands competing for a national cash prize.

Congratulations to Jonathan Shaw, Tony Terry, Terry Weston and Andrew

Sewell who have all been awarded the ASDAN Bronze Award.

### **Mr D Faure – Associate Dean**



### **Exams Matter!**

The Modular Science Exams on the 5<sup>th</sup> March 2008 are extremely important. The exams are official GCSE exams and contribute to the overall GCSE grade awarded.

Some Year 11 students will be sitting some of these tests. They are the tests which students missed in previous exams. This will be their final chance to catch up. The Year 11 students involved have been informed.

Can I take this opportunity to remind you that mobile phones and other electronic equipment are not allowed in the examinations room.

Thank you for your support.

**Mr M McKernan - Examinations Officer**

### **UK Mathematics Challenge**

Students at the Academy will be entering the various UK mathematics challenges during the spring. In February the year 9 and 10 gifted mathematicians entered the intermediate challenge, and in April our year 7 and 8 students will enter the Junior Challenge. We are hoping to improve upon last year's excellent results when 21 students were awarded certificates, for winning the best score in



the Junior Challenge (Silver Certificate). Abubakkor Siddique 9MKH and Jordan Senior 8SNA were awarded the Silver Certificate. Mohammed Yousef 11CRE achieved not only the best score but also became the first student in the school's history to achieve the highest honour, a Gold Certificate. I will look forward to reporting on our progress in this year's challenges in the next newsletter.

As well as the UK Mathematics Challenges, Mr Froggatt is currently selecting a team of year 8 and year 9 students to enter the team challenge at Orpington in March. Please see Mr Froggatt if you are interested in representing the Academy in this exciting event.

**Mr G Clarke - Head of Mathematics**

### **Short Story Competition**

Do you like writing stories? The LRC organises a short story competition to celebrate World Book Day (March 6th 2008). It is free to enter and is split into two age groups, years 7, 8, 9 and years 10, 11, 12 and 13. The story should consist of between 50 and 1000 words. There will be a book prize for the best story. Short stories should be handed in at the LRC reception desk before Friday March 21<sup>st</sup> 2008.

**Mr J Charrat-Boutique - LRC Manager**

### **Southwark Uniforms Benefit**

Please find attached to this newsletter the requirements to claim for a Uniform Grant for Year 7 students transferring from Primary School to Secondary School.

## Parent Teacher Association

Due to unfortunate circumstances the PTFA Meeting scheduled for Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February did not go ahead. However, I am pleased to announce that support from Work Directions is still available. If you would like to find out more about the benefits this service has to offer before making a decision Anouki, the Employment Advisor, is based on the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Bridgegate House, 124 – 126 Borough High Street, and is available for a brief confidential chat or if you have already made your decision, to make an appointment call 020 7358 3800 or 0751 558 0085 between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday.

The range of support on offer includes: CV preparation, interview techniques, job search support as well as free access to the internet, telephones and financial assistance to help you start work.

Next meeting will take place on Monday 10th March at 16.30 in the Hospitality and Catering Suite in the school.

**Mr P Blewett - Assistant Principal**



## Free Adult Evening Classes

| Subject                           | Length   | Time          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|---------------|
|                                   |          | (4.30-6.30pm) |
| <b>Motor Vehicle Mechanics</b>    | 10 weeks | Monday        |
| <b>Spanish for Beginners</b>      | 6 weeks  | Tuesday       |
| <b>Hospitality &amp; Catering</b> | 6 weeks  | Tuesday       |
| <b>ICT</b>                        | 6 weeks  | Wednesday     |

(Information Communication & Technology)

All courses are based on site, free of charge and available to people aged 18 or over who live or work in Southwark, or who have a connection (friend, relative or child) to the Academy. For more information and application details drop in to the Academy foyer or contact The Student & Communities Manager on 020 7703 4417 ext 4987 Monday – Friday between 09.00 and 16.00. The courses are none accredited and intended as ‘tasters’ or introductory classes, certificates of merit are available on request.

**Mr J Tompsett - Student and Communities Manager**

## Library Opening Times and Rota

Morning 08.00 - 08.20: All years

Break 10.10 -10.30: Closed

Lunchtime 13.10 - 14.00:

Monday: Year 7

Tuesday: Year 8

Wednesday: Year 9

Thursday: Year 10

Friday: Year 11

Evening 15.40 - 17.00 All years

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:** .....