

Academy News

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Key Dates

- **Wednesday 2nd April – Academic Monitoring Day. All Parents should attend with child (for details refer to letter dated 10th March 2008).**
- **Monday 7th – Monday 21st April 2008 - School Holiday**
- **Monday 21st April – INSET DAY (Teachers training day) No Students in School**
- **Tuesday 22nd April to Monday 28th April – Year 11 Mock Exams and GCSE Practical Exams**
- **Tuesday 29th April to Friday 2nd May – Year 10 GCSE Geography Trip to Swanage**

Welcome to this Third Edition of Academy News

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

There will be no school for students on the following days due to Teachers training days.

Monday 21st April 2008

Friday 6th June 2008

TRIP TO SOUTH BANK UNIVERSITY



On Thursday 6th March, 10 students from year 9 were escorted by Mr Tompsett to represent the Academy at an Aim Higher event. The event was organised by Aspire at South Bank University. The day was divided into

four workshops with the main focus centred on higher education at university level.

The workshops focused on employment opportunities for graduates in London, gateways to selecting courses and qualifications, brain based teaching and learning and also provided an opportunity for students to engage with current university students. The 9 representatives from the Academy were Karen Asheni, Michael Brown, Jake Cooper, Stephen Francis, Malundama Lutumba, Christina Newton, Tamica Newell-Marshall, Rachel Rodrigues, Amyna Tran and Victoria Uong. The Academy students interacted well with the Aspire student representatives, played a full and enthusiastic part in all the activities and were a credit to the Academy.

Mr J Tompsett - Student and Communities Manager

TEENS & TODDLERS AWARD CEREMONY

Congratulations to Tony Terry (11GMA), Angela Cobblah (9RAL) and Kerry Scott (9EMS) for completing the Teen and Toddlers course. Pictured below receiving their certificates from Mr Mackie Sheik (a Southwark Counsellor) at an awards ceremony on the 12th February 2008, at Southwark Town Hall.

The Teens and Toddlers programme runs for 20 weeks and involves the teens working one to one with a toddler at a local primary school (St. James the Great RC). The sessions cover SRE (sexual relationship education), anger management, parenting skills and promoting the student's ability to take on responsibilities in life.

The students get the opportunity to gain a National Award in Interpersonal skills at Level 1. It really helps teens to make individual decisions and gives them a real sense of achievement.

A new group has just begun the course and I look forward to sharing more good news towards the end of the academic year in July.

Ms Ansine - Learning Mentor



UK MATHEMATICS CHALLENGE

Seven students from Year 10 received national recognition for their performance in the UK Intermediate Maths Challenge held at the Academy in February 2008.



Congratulations!

Dominique Manshadi (10YSM) achieved a Bronze award certificate and also gained the best results in school. A further six students also achieved the Bronze award certificate.

We are expecting our Year 7 and Year 8 students to exceed these results when they enter the UK Junior Maths Challenge in April. Mr Froggatt has been running a lunchtime club to find the team that will enter the prestigious UK Maths Team Challenge later this month. I am looking forward to reporting more successes from these contests in the very near future.

**Mr G Clarke - Curriculum
Co-ordinator for Mathematics**

CONGRATULATIONS!!



EMAAN ALI in Year 11 has gained 91% in the Module 3 Health and Social Care exam in the January 2008 sitting.

This is the highest grade that has ever been achieved for this module, since the beginning of the course. We are looking forward to overall excellent results from her in August!!!

**Ms J Connell - Health and
Social Care Teacher**

HAIRDRESSING DAY OF RECOGNITION

On Valentines Day, 14th Feb, the hairdressing students (below) had a day of recognition and reward. The hard working hairdressing students enjoyed a day that highlighted their achievements and personal development. Everyone was rewarded for their efforts in a range of categories, from attendance and punctuality to skills and assessments.

A Hair and Fashion show is being planned for the second half of the Summer term, so watch this space! The hairdressing students are looking for potential hair models. So if you think you would enjoy being involved either as a model or behind the scenes call us now: **Lesley - 0207 358 4989**

Lesley Hoyle - Hairdressing



ATTENDANCE

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.

Ms Barker - Attendance Office

THE PRINCE'S TRUST CELEBRATION

On Monday 17th March Year 11 XL students took part in The Prince's Trust Celebration day and the students took part in various workshops to demonstrate their range of talents. We won prizes in 2 categories:

- Ben Armstrong won a £20 voucher for his work on the graffiti project and showing the best potential out of all the students;
- Ademola Teniola also won a voucher for the best break-dancer on the day.

This day was also the Finals of the Bank of America – "Make your Mark Challenge". We were among the finalists for this challenge from all of the XL clubs in London.

The students had to present their projects to a panel of judges, one of which was a very successful entrepreneur and another was a managing director from the Bank of America.

The judges were very impressed with the students' presentations which took the format of the Dragons Den television series and they were said to be the most innovative and professional from the group.

The XL students walked away with a Trophy as well as a cheque for £200.

Mr D Faure - Associate Dean

UPDATING STUDENT RECORDS

If you have recently moved address or changed your contact numbers, especially mobile numbers, please contact the school immediately with your new details in writing.

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The PTFA meeting was held in the Hospitality Suite at 4:30pm on Monday 10th March.



In this meeting parents were invited to bring their concerns to the table and the following issues were discussed.

Homework: there was a general consensus that although homework is set, it is still inconsistent. Mr Blewett explained that homework is scrutinised in departmental reviews and students are expected to record their tasks in their diaries.

Mr Blewett's feedback on issues arising from the student voice questionnaire with a particular emphasis on student perceptions on feeling safe at break and lunchtimes was as follows:

Good behaviour and effort should be rewarded. Parents agreed to consider what forms of reward may enthruse students more effectively and to report back at the next meeting, which is on Monday 28th April at 4:30pm.

Mr P Blewett - Assistant Principal

LOST PROPERTY

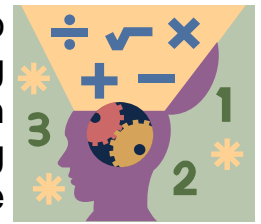
We currently hold a large amount of lost property. This will be displayed in the Dining Area near the Attendance Office on Thursday 3rd April 2008 between 1:10 to 2:00pm

Please encourage your child to look for any lost items. Any remaining items will be disposed.

Ms A Graham - Front Office

ENHANCE YOUR MATHS SKILLS

Students from Year 7 to Year 9 currently working between Level 5-8 can attend a six week training course. The course will be held on Saturday mornings between **9.00am and 10.30am** at Bacons College. Course fees are £45 per student per six week course. Entry criteria is level 5 or above.



Students from Year 10 to Year 12 currently working at Grade D or above can also attend a six week training course held on Saturday mornings between **11:00am and 12:30pm**. The course is also available for students wishing to re-sit GCSE's. Course fees are £45 per student per six week course.

For further information or if you wish to register please contact Helen French on 02072371928 or email to french@baconsctc.co.uk

Courses are held at:

**Bacons College
Timber Pond Road
Rotherhithe
London
SE16 6AT**

SPORTS NEWS

Attention all Basketball Players!!!

Are you male or female and want to play basketball?

Basketball training sessions are now taking place on TUESDAY MORNINGS before school.

Come and play, practice and get better.

Training starts at 7.30am SHARP.

The first session was on 26th February 2008.

Come to Compete!!

Ms S Simpson - Head of PE