

Academy News

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Key Dates

Thursday 1st May – Year 7 and 8 Maths UK Challenge

Monday 5th May – Bank Holiday - School closed

Tuesday 6th May to Friday 9th May – SATS Exams for Year 9 students

Monday 12th May – GCSE AS/A2 Exams begin

Monday 19th May—PTA Meeting at 16:30 at the Academy

Welcome to this Fourth Edition of Academy News

Dear Parents

You may have seen some stories in the news recently about an incident that occurred at the Academy. I should like to reassure parents that the Academy takes a firm stance with regard to bullying and will not tolerate violent assaults by students.

I would also like to correct some inaccuracies that were reported in the press. Academy staff did not telephone the police. The Academy's medical officer did call an ambulance and the police responded of their own accord to that call. It was the decision of the police to arrest some of the students involved. The Academy has taken the appropriate action to punish the students concerned.

I have a duty to ensure that all of the students and staff who attend the Academy can do so without the fear of being bullied or assaulted. I would like to thank the large number of parents who have contacted me with messages of support about this incident. The majority of parents support the Academy in its stance against violence.

Mrs V Ray - Principal

SPORTS NEWS

The Trophy Stayed at Home....



Wednesday April 23rd 2008 saw the first final of the Southwark Schools 5 on 5 basketball tournament played at Harris Academy in Peckham between Harris Academy and Kingsdale.

The game was a fiercely contested battle with the lead in the game changing on a number of occasions.

The game was decided in the final minute with Harris Academy down by 5 points. Ochicu scored a basket to put Harris Academy down by 3. Samuel Rawlings was then fouled and hit two free throws to tie the game and then Asando hit the winning basket to ensure Harris Academy won the cup. The final score was 41 Harris Academy and 39 Kingsdale.

Ms S Simpson – Head of PE

AIM FOR HIGHER GRADES!!

This is a reminder to all parents and students:

Students can revise in school and at home on 'sam learning', 's-cool', 'my maths' and 'BBC Bitesize' to aim for higher grades! The school subscribes to 'sam learning' and the instructions on how to access this site can be found in the library or in the reception area by the school entrance.

Ms J Garba - Teacher

YEAR 9 TRIP

Year 9 students recently enjoyed a trip to the Shakespeare's Globe Theatre to see *Much Ado About Nothing* in preparation for their upcoming English SATs. The production was fantastic and, despite the rain, a fantastic time was had by all! We wish all the year 9s well in their SATs and hope that all their hard work pays off.

Ms C Cox – English Teacher

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Congratulations! to the following students for successfully completing the First Aider Training Course:

Yabom Sesay, Nivaldina Monteiro, Ryan Valentine, Shuhab Uddin, Andre Ribeiro, Christopher Amade, Catarina Fernandez and Uyen Ding Pham

Mr D Faure – Associate Dean

GIFTED AND TALENTED

**Is Genius Born or Is It created?
Why is the universe expanding?
Does fate guide our lives or is everything just coincidence?
Are we a product of nature or nurture?**



Philosophy Café
Open to all Gifted and Talented students
LRC Fri 4-4.45pm
Interested then collect a pass from Me Catchpole
Mon, Wed and Fri Lunch-time. Places are limited so please hurry

YEAR 7 READING CLUB

This year we have started a year 7 reading club that takes place on Tuesdays from 16:00 to 17:00 in HG2 at the Academy. So far we have read 'Truckers' by Terry Pratchett and some Roald Dahl poetry. We have been doing some acting and drawings of what we have read and also watched a video. Our aim is to have fun!



The Year 7 reading club welcomes new members who love reading. Please speak to Mr Mosley if you want to come along.

Mr Mosley – English Department

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The PTFA meeting was held on 28th April 2008 at 16:30. The following issues were discussed:



'Bodyzone': The introduction of 'Bodyzone' was viewed by all as a very good idea. It would be a good way to help build communication with students about sexual health and the ways in which they can protect themselves.

PTFA Meetings: Dates and times of PTFA meetings would need to be reviewed and arranged to more convenient times to enable parents to attend. This could be possibly later in the evening and not straight after school.

Date of next meeting: Monday 19th May at 16:30 at the Academy.

Mr P Blewett - Assistant Principal