

**YEAR 11 BTEC BUSINESS
IMPROVE YOUR GRADES**

This is a very important time in your child's life in the Academy and as such we would like to extend the offer to your child if they are in Year 11 to return to school following their exams in order to improve their grades in Business.

The BTEC in Business Studies is based on a grading system (pass, merit or distinction) this equates to 2 GCSE grades A*-C. The course consists of doing three pieces of coursework with no examination. Colleges and 6th Forms will view Merits and Distinctions as an indication that your child can do well on a higher level course. Therefore, it is in your child's interest to return to school to improve their work. This will start on 16th June, although it may be possible to arrange attendance before then, however the onus is on your child to arrange this so we can inform the front office to admit them to school.

If you and your child are interested in them returning to school to do this, please ask your child to see their business teacher for a letter. When you receive this, please return the slip at the bottom of the letter to me giving your consent as soon as possible.

**Mr L Beeton: Curriculum Coordinator
Business and Enterprise**

DRAMA SCHOOL VISITS ACADEMY

On Friday 9th May, Rose Bruford College came in to do a workshop for year 10 and 6th form students. We started by discussing what people wanted to do after school and how they were going to achieve this, which really got students thinking. Then we broke into two groups. The first group worked on audition techniques,

how to use their personality to get into colleges and plays. They each told a story and then imitated each other in an effort to learn more about themselves. The other group created short micro-movies and then integrated them into a play. The students took part with enthusiasm and imagination and a good day was had by all. The lecturers from the drama school were so impressed they have offered to return next year!
Ms L Adams – Drama

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The following girls have been selected for the preliminary squad to represent Southwark at this year's London Youth Games in July:



- **Jody Ann Hall,**
- **Faisa Abubakar,**
- **Sarata Kallon,**
- **Tanya Hurrell**
- **Shola Osigbesan**

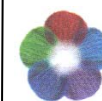
After school on Thursday May 1st Ms Simpson accompanied the girls basketball team to Nike Town to meet with Sterling Muschett and the director of Reach & Teach about their achievements in the sport of basketball and to learn more about using technology to design basketball shoes.

Sarata Kallon was presented with the opportunity to design her own personal footwear because she was awarded with the title of 'the Rising Star for Females' in Southwark for the 2007/08 basketball season. Her personalised basketball shoe is currently being manufactured by Nike and will be presented to her by the end of June.

Ms S Simpson – Head of PE

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Key Dates

- **Friday 6th June – INSET DAY (Teachers training day) No Students in School**
- **Tuesday 17th June – Year 7 reading test**
- **Wednesday 18th June – Year 8 reading test**
- **Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th June – Year 9 History trip to the Imperial War Museum**
- **Friday 20th June – Year 9 reading test**
- **Monday 23rd June – Science GCSE Module Test**
- **Wednesday 2nd July – Year 6 Welcome Morning – 9:00am to 12:00noon**

Welcome to this Fifth Edition of Academy News

Dear Parents,

You may have heard of the tragic murder of one of our students, Lyle Tulloch. Although Lyle was no longer attending the academy he had been a student for three years and was well known and liked by all who knew him. On behalf of the students and staff of the academy we would like to extend our condolences to his family and friends.

Mrs V Ray - Principal

TRIP TO SWANAGE

As part of Geography GCSE coursework, students participate in a residential trip to carry out field work that brings the subject to life.

Students stayed at the Swanage Youth Hostel situated on top of a hill over looking Swanage Bay. Initially the students appeared apprehensive about visiting an area like Swanage, with its clean air a complete contrast to Peckham.

The objective of the field work was to look at why the Isle of Purbeck is attracts tourists. The students engaged in a lot of walking up and down hills, cliffs, and beaches looking, taking in the scenery at one of the most beautiful coastal areas in the UK.

Despite all the walking through fields and pathways filled with animal droppings, the students enjoyed the fresh air and they learnt a lot from this trip. Most of the students wanted to stay longer and are asking "when can we go again"!



**Mr M Kemal and Ms Naidoo
Social Studies**

THE SILVER ARTS AWARD

Students in Miss Cox's English group are taking their first steps on their journey towards achieving a new, nationally recognised qualification: The Arts Award. As we are aiming for the Silver Arts Award, there's much work to be done, but much fun to be had at the same time! All students are working towards making a professional documentary that will be shown at the BFI in July, so to help them on their way they are participating in a number of workshops led by professionals in the industry. So far we have worked with a professional film maker, who showed us what is involved in documentary-making and the art of crafting a good shot and we will soon be going to the IMAX cinema to see a 3D documentary and be participating in an "Acting to Camera" workshop with a professional actor. All of this will hopefully help the students to make some superb films, but more importantly, they will be learning valuable lessons and having unforgettable experiences along the way.



Miss Cox – English Teacher

been providing snacks and beverages to students and staff since September 2005 between 8.00am – 8.25am.

Menu: Hot & Cold filled roll 65p, Toast (x2 + Jam) 60p, Savoury Pastries 70p, Fruit 60p, Cereal 50p, Yoghurt 60p, Fruit Juice from 55p, Fruit Juice Cuplet 40p, Mineral Water 55p.

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The PTFA meeting was held in the Hospitality Suite at 16:30 on Monday 19th May 2008.



The following was discussed at the meeting.

Members were advised that the next PTFA event will involve having a stall in the Academy Fair on Friday 4th July 2008. Mr Blewett is seeking volunteers from parents in order to cover the Summer Fair Stalls. Please kindly spare one hour of your time to support this good cause. If you are interested please contact Mr Blewett on 0207 7034417. Parents and carers are being asked to bring in any items of Academy uniform which they no longer require. The PTFA is also collecting any study or revision books which are no longer required. These will be redistributed to support our student body. There will be literature also available from community groups.

Parents were also consulted about the provision on site of health services from an organization called Bodyzone. The parents present, thought this would be a good idea and it is hoped to organize the provision from September.

The next PTFA meeting will take place on Monday 9th June at 16:30

Mr P Blewett - Assistant Principal

THE ACADEMY BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day, as well as aiding concentration it also provides the body with the essential fuel required to get it through to lunchtime. This time of the day can also provide an opportunity to sit down and prepare for the coming day as well as to socialise and catch up on the previous evening's events in a safe environment. The Academy's breakfast club has



DANCE TRIP

On Friday 9th May, 21 girls including three sixth formers were invited to participate in a danceworkshop 'encouraging women to become active in sports' sponsored by NIKE. The girls were pleasantly surprised when they were greeted by Kelly Rowland of 'Destiny's Child'. She had an open session where she invited them to ask questions and make comments. She took photos with the girls and then went on to perform a half hour concert for them. The girls were delighted and felt special. They all thought that Kelly was lovely.



Ms A Edwards - Teacher

THE SOUTHWARK BOOK AWARDS

Six lucky year 7 English groups have been chosen to have their say in the upcoming Southwark Book Awards! Each class is aiming to read as many of the books competing for this prestigious prize as they can, so that they will be able to vote for their favourite book. To help them make this tough decision, the classes will be participating in a number of activities around the books, including some fun drama workshops led by a professional drama practitioner. This is all leading up to the final Southwark Book Awards celebration, where we will be announcing the winners and celebrating the children's hard work through activities and guest speakers! But this doesn't mean only year 7s in these classes can take part because we're challenging **all year 7s** to read these books (available in the school library) and then share their thoughts about



each book on the website: www.southwarkbookaward.org.uk So get blogging!

Ms C Cox – English Teacher

SUMMER UNIFORM

Just a brief reminder that the school blazer remains part of the uniform during the summer term. Many of the girls have started wearing their summer uniform dresses but they should still wear their blazer. Proper school shoes should continue to be worn as sandals pose a potential health and safety issue.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you want your child to continue to receive free school meals, you will need to return the form your child will bring home together with proof of benefits. Unfortunately, if you do not return the form and cannot prove that you are eligible then your child will not be able to have a free meal at school.

CONTACT DETAILS

If you have recently moved address or changed your contact numbers, especially mobile numbers please let us know in writing immediately. There have been instances lately when we have needed to contact a parent in an emergency because their child was very ill, only to discover the contact details were out of date.

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.