

Academy News

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Key Dates:

- **Thursday 3rd July - Year 11 Prom - 18:30-22:30**
- **Friday 4th July - Summer Fair - 10:00-14:00**
- **Wednesday 9th July - Year 10 Work Experience**
- Year 6/7 Parents Evening - 17:00-18:30
- **Thursday 10th July - Academic Monitoring Day on allocated times**
between 12:00-17:30
- **Thursday 17th July - Oscars - 19:00-21:00 at the Harris Academy at**
Peckham Main Hall
- **Friday 18th July - End of Term Students finish - 12:15pm**

Welcome to this Sixth Edition of Academy News

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have enjoyed reading about the achievements of our students in the newsletter. Although this is the last edition this academic year, the newsletter will be published again, on a monthly basis, next year so please look out for it.

I would like to remind you that term ends on **Friday 18th July 2008** and students will leave the premises at 12:15pm. The new term starts on **Friday 5th September 2008** with students returning as follows:

Year 7 - Friday 5th September 2008 at 08:30am

Year 8 and 9 - Monday 8th September 2008 at 09:50am

Years 10 and 11 - Monday 8th September 2008 at 08:30am

Years 12 and 13 - Wednesday 10th September 2008 at 08:30am

The timings of the school day will

change from the beginning of term, a note of the new timings is given on the back page of the newsletter. Please help us by encouraging your child to get to school in good time every day.

If you have any feedback about the newsletter or suggestions for improving it please contact Mrs M Patel on mpa@peckhamacademy.southwark.sch.uk

Best wishes for a peaceful summer break.

Mrs V Ray - Principal

International Schools Award



Since the summer term this year, the Academy has taken steps towards becoming an Internationally recognised

school. Over the coming year we are confident of being accredited with the full International Schools Award. Last month a group of students participated in the Bridges to Africa event (see pictures). They walked over bridges in central London equal to a 10km sponsored walk! The money raised from the walk will be sent to build schools in Uganda. This term will also see trips abroad to Wales and Spain. The summer fair will have a particular international flavour this year with distinctive international food stalls. Students will be bringing in traditional dishes from around the world to showcase at the fair.



Mr B Matin – International Links

Congratulations!



The Harris Academy @ Peckham staff, students and especially the Technology Faculty are very proud to share their excellent news with all students and parents and to congratulate

Jenny Voong on her achievement in the Textile coursework which was exceptionally outstanding.

Jenny's GCSE coursework folder was chosen by the AQA Exam Board to be used as a case study to demonstrate

how the Assessment criteria of the Textile Specification can successfully be met. Her coursework folder will be used as part of the AQA GCSE Design Technology course for use in secondary schools and colleges.

Also, Nelson Thornes the educational publishing company, are currently working with AQA to develop a series of books and on line resources to help support the AQA GCSE Technology students and teachers. They have adopted Jenny's coursework to be featured in their DT books for the new courses starting in 2009. I am very confident that there are more students in our Academy and in the Harris Federation who, with the right guidance and motivation, will produce more exceptional coursework.

Last but not least, may we extend our thanks to Jenny's textile teachers; Ms Mashonga and Ms Smith. Congratulations.

Mr M Khalaileh – Technology Teacher

SILVER ARTS AWARD UPDATE!

Year 9 pupils in Miss Cox's English group are working towards achieving a new, nationally recognised qualification: The Arts Award. To help them achieve their goal of making a documentary that will be shown at the British Film Institute in July, the class have been working with a number of professionals in the film industry. Recently they had a cinematographer come and speak to them, along with a 15 year old film maker who showed them that great films can be produced by teens,

as well as an actress who showed them what is involved when acting to a camera on the big screen! We also went on a trip to the IMAX to see Deep Sea, a 3D underwater documentary... check out the students' reviews that have been published on the website: www.yoodoo.org.uk!

Miss C Cox- English Teacher

XL CLUB

On Friday the 2nd of May, Mr Blewett and Mr Faure took 10 students to the Dunstable Flying Club in Bedfordshire.



The club was founded in 1934 and is the oldest in Great Britain. Each student flew up to 3000 feet for 20 minutes and each took control of the aircraft. Mr Blewett in particular faced



his demons in terms of a fear of flying by completing 3 loop de loops which has a gravitational

effect of 3'G's which means that your body weight is tripled for a few seconds. Thanks to the Princes Club for their financial support.

The XL Club demonstrates their commitment to Aiming High.



Mr P Blewett – Assistant Principal

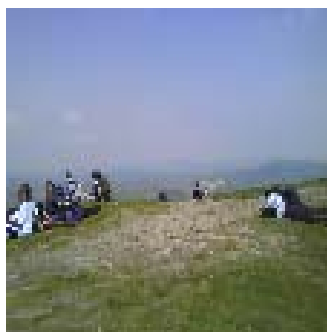
TRIP TO LLANGATTOCK WALES

The World Challenge Trip to Llangattock Wales was from 12th to 16th May 2008. 42 Year 10 students climbed



mountains and had a long walk up the 2000ft Sugar Loaf Mountain, which is the highest point in the beautiful black mountains.

Students experienced rock climbing, canoeing, orienteering and bush craft which involved making a shelter and building a fire in the wild. Thank you to Mr Blewett, Ms Elsby, Mr Van Rooyen and Miss Blewett who accompanied the students for the week



and to the Jack Petchey Foundation for their financial support which enabled such a marvellous week to take place.

Mr P Blewett – Assistant Principal

HARRIS FEDERATION ENGLISH EVENT

Five of our Gifted and Talented year nine students represented Harris Academy at Peckham on Friday 20th June at a special English Event. Serifat Kareem, Billy-Ray Doyle, Phillip Nguyen, Victoria Uong and Stephen Francis worked alongside students from all the other Harris Academies to produce a media news broadcast. Our students worked really hard to prepare for this event and on the day produced some outstanding contributions. Well done, Y9s.

Mrs D Fletcher – English Teacher

EMERALD HOUSE NEWS

Wahida Miah of 10SSI has been selected to represent Emerald House at a Leadership conference this summer. She has been selected for her positive attitude and commitment towards her education as well as her exemplary behaviour in lessons and around the school. Well done Wahida.

Nivaldina Monteiro of 10SSI has had a very busy summer term achieving a certificate in First Aid as well as participating in a gliding trip as part of her XL course. Congratulations on your achievements, Nivaldina.

As part of their PSHE program the year 10's have been taking part in a course on domestic violence. The course aims to raise awareness of the issues related to domestic violence with the students.

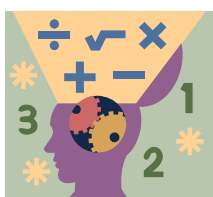
In the second half of the summer term we look forward to seeing Emerald house students and their families at the Summer Fair. There will also be Year 7, 8 and 9 trips to reward those students who have made a positive contribution to life at the Academy this academic year.

Ms E McLeod and Ms E McArthur

UK JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE

Congratulations!

The Harris Academy at Peckham was very successful in the UK Junior Maths Challenge held in May, with a record 22 students from years 7 and 8 achieving certificates, including four students



reaching the top gold standard. The top performance in the whole Academy was from Ibrahim Siddique 7WGI whose score of 84 earned him gold and best-in-school certificates. Golds were also awarded to Stephen Alabi of 7TFR and Sameer Mahmood 8OCK and Joshua Kearney 8PLA. The Academy also received 7 Silvers and 11 Bronzes, a truly exceptional performance.

Mr G Clark – Head of Mathematics

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Reminder of the new timings for The School Day as of September 2008:



08.30am 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)

Uniform can be purchased from the following stores:

-White Hall Clothiers

77 Camberwell Road

London

SE5 0EZ (Tel: 0207 6396580)

-APT

26a Rye Lane

London

SE15 5BS (Tel: 0207 6396580)