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Friday 21 October

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Monday 24 October -  
Friday 28 October

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Monday 31 October

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Monday 7 November

**INSET Day**

Friday 25 November

### Macbeth

Ms L Landon

On Friday 14 October students from Walthamstow Academy performed a thirty minute version of *Macbeth* at the *Kenneth Moore Theatre* in Ilford.

The thirteen Year 10 performers were taking part in the largest youth drama festival in the United Kingdom - *The Shakespeare Schools' Festival*.

The group fused drama, movement and drumming in their performance which was warmly received by the audience.

The students, who rehearsed under the direction of Ms Landon, Mr Gill, Ms Ward and Ms Coe, also received assistance from a professional director as part of their preparation for the show. After their performance he commended them on their use of physical theatre and excellent display of team work.

Congratulations to all who took part!



Cast members of *Macbeth* rehearsing

## Catering - Controlled Assignment

Ms A Gallagher

Catering students at the Academy recently undertook their practical controlled assignment.

The Year 11 students' task was to produce a range of four dishes showing an inventive use of fruit and vegetables in just ninety minutes. Marks were awarded for skills shown, taste, presentation, organisation and hygiene.

The results were impressive. Ms Skae joined the group at the end of the task to sample the culinary delights.



Sharnel Constable-Thornton

## Academy of Ancient Music

Mr P Axford



Students with James Golob at Cadogan Hall

A group of Year 10 GCSE Music students from the Academy visited Cadogan Hall in Sloane Square on Wednesday 12 October to witness the UK debut of the Japanese violinist Shunsuke Sato.

The students, who were guests of the Chair of Governors James Golob, watched the virtuoso give a dazzling performance of Paganini's Violin Concerto No.2 in B minor, "La Campanella", Op.7 accompanied by the Academy of Ancient Music orchestra.

## Year 6 Open Evening

Ms R Ward

We had over 700 people attend our open evening for year 6 students on 6 October. As usual the academy looked brilliant with lots of our students demonstrating lessons throughout the building. The stars of the evening were the year 7 speakers who expressed how they felt about being at the academy and what their favourite aspects are, they are pictured here receiving certificates in assembly for their excellent work and bravery in speaking in front of so many people.



Year 7 students receiving their certificates

## Message from the Principal

As I read this edition of the Walthamstow Academy newsletter it really brings home to me what a rich extra-curricular life our students have. From visiting or performing in the theatre to representing their tutor group, from watching a debut performance at Cadogan Hall to participating in a Young Chef competition – there are plenty of opportunities for our students to enhance their cultural, moral, social and spiritual selves.

I was lucky enough to have been at the Kenneth Moore Theatre when our Year 10 group performed Macbeth. Sitting in the audience with a number of our staff and students, I felt a great sense of pride that our students were there on the

stage in front of us, being brilliant, being professional and being so highly skilled.

I was also there when the winners of the Lionheart Challenge were announced. They represented the Academy, their teams and themselves brilliantly, working well together using real life examples, helping to develop an understanding of the skills needed in the world of work. My special congratulations to Precious, who won a prestigious award for being exceptional on that day.

For those of you with children who have exams coming up: some students have received invitations to come to half term revision and catch-up sessions at the Academy, so do please encourage attendance. In addition and for other year groups, a revision or homework timetable is a helpful way of ensuring that your child makes the most of their half-term break. That is as well as ensuring that they spend time with you resting, playing and being a family.



Emma Skae—Principal

## Design Technology

Ms J Jafar & Ms A Jorge

There has been much to celebrate in Design Technology this half term.

Laura Bracegirdle (8D) has risen to the challenge of new skills in a calm and well organised manner. She has produced excellent work and was an outstanding ambassador for the Academy at Open Evening.

Hannah Lacey-Rae (9A) has shown excellent effort and achievement.

Ms Jafar's and Ms Jorge's Year 10 Product Design Class have worked hard with 100% focus in and out of lessons.

Congratulations to: Qasim Ali, Adnan Awan, Syeda Bukhari, Anthony Dyson, Jack Griffiths, Kamran Hussain, Bilal Javeed, Sakina Kapasi, Omar Khenouche, Andy Kifani, Farouse Madougou, Hayder Morsel, Raviraj Ravishanker, Numan Safi, Simas Safonovas, Aloisio Santos, Danish Sarwar, Abdikarim Sheek, Raj Sriskandaraiah, Mohsin Yousaf, George Abrahams, Iyaz Butt, Kieran Cooke, David Cox, Abel Dumitru, Brandon Ferrari, Amanut Gul, Nathan Johnson, Kirithan Kandasamy, Piriyan Kandasamy, Waheedullah Kazemi, Zanas Liubysys, Abdul-Moize Mahmood, Kulan Mohamed, Emmanuel Onatoye, Hasan Raja, Marek Straburzynski, George Surridge, Gerda Sverubaite, Georgia Tuckfield & Kirsty Wilson.

## Tutor Representatives 2011-12

Tutor Group	Councilor	Councilor	Form Captain
7A	Joshua McPherson	Saskia Christonstomou	Charlotte Yeo
7B	Bobola Omyoinmi	Malvin Baja	Alice Struthers
7C	Farida Alhassani	Yasmin Eercan	Abrar Ayman
7D	Rhys Barrow	Aisha Hussain	Babita Madan
7E	George Steel	Jamael Senior	Jade Healy
7F	Jada Freeman	Matthew Zeferino	Talani Griffith
8A	Melissa Cleary	Sakariye Abdillahi	Adam Aliane
8B	Sabrina Bouhafis	Jibril Mohammed	Destiny Smith
8C	Mohammed Ahmed	Hassan Ley	Harjinder Jagdev
8D	Busola Fakoya	Jay Ucuneff	Tyrese Reid
8E	Natalia Toro Salazar	Sherwin Holder	Elias Martin
8F	Shallamay Samuels	Guy O'Neill	Cayle Peynado
9A	Hannah Lacey-Rae	Charlie Topping	Jack Clayton
9B	Mustafa Ahmet	Terri Millward-Burton	
9C	Yasmin Lee-Cummins	Luke Kerwin-Lewis	Cherryrose Crane
9D	Ugne Gudelyte	Shaki Banton	Amy Cooper
9E	Terayah Latty	Harry Smith	Parhys Hodge
9F	Mikel Baja	Meryam Benaichouche	Sohrab Sedeqi
10A	Eboni Senior	Makay Walker	Ben Clarkson
10B	Mert Ercan	Hannah Alexander	Zach Aliane
10C	Muktar Abdullahi	Moses Lima	Ali-Haydar Akici
10D	Youcef Arribet	Sabba Asif	Ty Brooks
10E	Iyaz Butt	Endri Quashi	Moncef Djibli
10F	Dare Jean-Pierre	Precious Azuinye	Gloria Asante
11A	Pareis Carbon	Owais Ahmed	Khai Heirs
11B	Nilima Munbodh	Keanu Rattray	Laylah Grewal
11C	Sintshia Ramazani	Alex Lotz	Jordan Forbes-Morris
11D	Jada Thornhill-Kuteyi		Ugne Drazdauskaite
11E	Ronaldo Foster	Chinyere Grant	Carl Palado
11F	Mariam Khan	Iliyasu Garnvwa	Clarice Ward

<b>Environment</b>	<b>Charity</b>	<b>Sports</b>	<b>Specialisms</b>
Corbin Kane	Charlee Veasey	Rosharn Roswell	George Popa
Azraf Ahmed	Carla Harris	Tianna Martin	Jonty (Tuan) Burah
Zarah Khawaja	Krystal Boothe	Khader Kasim	Abdallah Ali
Alphie Richards	Filip Lukas	Deniz Alici	Mohamed Rebbouh
Najima Nure	Shandy Bell	Shakai Stanbury	Mohammed Ali
Rodi Taze	Alexandar Cubra	Khyra Wilson	Blenard Ademaj
Karin Mouhon	Milan Cubra	Katarzya Szczur	Hicham Sekkout
Mohamed Kasim	Biktyar Saaed	Kamal Kasim	Faaeq Mohammed Faisal
Megan Wilson	James Johnson	Marcel Taylor	Kyle Rattray
Joshua Iton	Laura Bracegirdle	Jaden Clarke	Nasteha Mahamed
Jordan Briggs	Danyaai Qadeer	Jordan Christostomou	Umar Noor
Tariq Sorhaindo	Daniel Tamasauskas	Cayle Peynado	Sherifat Adeniyi
Jada Tennial-Clemetson	Daniel Spires	Keanu Lovelace	Erica Correa
Tyler Warren	Mustafa Ahmet	Lee Eldon	Earta Gurrta
Reece Lindsay	Mohammed Abbas	Danyal Malik	
Jimmy Martin	Chase Hawkins	Nina Kakosova	Simeon Nelson
	Steven Nobrega	Thomas Young	Sadia Farooq
Ahsan Khademi	Aqsa Bibi	Nicole Khan	Najima Hamud
Raviraj Ravishanker	Imran Mohamed	Wahib Alawi	Raj Sriskandarajah
Sabrina Richardson	Danish Sarwar	Jordon Small	Jenny Baalbaki
	Sujitha Thavaselvam	Andy Kifani	Omar Khenouche
Ayub Hassan	Natasha Walsh	Taj Matthews	Kamran Hussain
Numan Safi	Waheed Kazemi	Kimberley Rodrigues & Aloisio Santos	Adina Mihaila
Naz Ley	Brandon Ferrari	Ryan Biagioni & Su'Di Khalif	Sakina Kapsi
Lillian Burder	Oshane Findley	Timor Farazi	Alexander Roffey
Luul Hassan	Charlotte Dowling	Amari Pitter & Jamie Voong	
Zubair Safi	Loredana Mogosan	Amber Murray	Santana McKenzie
Jerome Carter	Sonwabile Matjie	Andre Brown	Keziban Sahnaz
Rashmi Uddin	Firdus Javeed	Freddie Branson	Shana Smithmattis
Gentian Rexha	Nazima Abdillahi	Connor Gardner	Nathan Johnson

## WorldSkills

Ms J Colledge

On Friday 7 October Year 10 students from the Academy visited the *WorldSkills* exhibition at the ExCel centre in Docklands.

*WorldSkills London 2011* was the largest ever international skills and careers event. Students were able to meet top employers and get specialist careers advice to help them make considered decisions in the future.

The event was just one part of the Academy's Year 10 *Work Related Learning* programme which also includes Professional Interview Day and Work Experience.



## English News

Mr J Clayton

Students in the English department have been very busy this half term. Several Year 11 students shared their thoughts and feelings about the Academy with Year 7 classes. Their presentations were thought provoking, inspiring and full of tips on how to have a successful life at the Academy.

A group of Year 7 students, nominated by their teachers for excellent effort, visited Hillyfield Academy to present advice to Year 6 students. They represented the Academy excellently and should be extremely proud of the work they produced.

As part of their work on George Orwell's novel *Animal Farm*, Year 9 students were treated to a university style lecture by Mr Bell-Brown about Russian history. The lecture encouraged students to think about complex ideas such as communism and how this is represented through allegory. It was hard to believe they were only Year 9 with the levels of concentration and effort they all showed.

The department is extremely excited to have national debating championships come to the Academy to train our students as part of the *Debate Mate* programme. Students can sign up now for the club which starts in November.

## Lionheart Challenge

Mr T Ogbe

On 17 October the Academy held its fourth *Lionheart Enterprise Challenge*. Teams were given a brief and had to produce a Business Plan and Presentation. *Lionheart* business coaches supported students throughout the day. Teamwork is the Specialism Skill this half-term and this was clearly evident in the excellent work by our Year 10 students. Skills were developed by students in numeracy, literacy, presentation, time management and leadership. The winning team will take part in the regional finals, which last year were held at the Emirates Stadium.



## Rotary Young Chef Competition

Ms A Gallagher

The internal heat of the Rotary Young Chef Competition will take place this term. The event is open to any student from Year 9 or above. The two best entrants will then represent Walthamstow Academy in the area finals in February 2012.

Students will have 1½ hours to prepare a one course meal for two people costing no more than £4.50.

Any students interested in taking part should give their name to Ms Gallagher.

## PE T-Shirts & WA Satchels

Ms S Bhangoo

We have been notified by the suppliers of the Academy PE T-Shirts that they will not be able to meet the half-term delivery. They hope to have stock with us for the first week in December. We apologise for any inconvenience caused and will let you know as soon as they are with us.

Our new Walthamstow Academy Satchels are now in stock priced £5.

## Arts Award

Ms S Jamieson



There are currently over 40 students completing the Bronze Arts Award qualification during ME Time.

The students choose an art form (Art, Music, Drama or Dance) and spend time improving their skills before teaching these to other students.

Bronze Arts Award is a nationally recognised qualification after which students may continue on to Silver and then Gold.

## Lost Property

From November we will be operating a new system for lost property.

Items found in the Academy will be handed into reception.

Students will be able to claim their belongings at the end of each day.

Items not claimed on the day they were lost will be available to pick up on Friday afternoon between 3pm – 3.30 pm.

Any items remaining in lost property on the last Friday of the month will be disposed of or given to charity.

## Fantasy Football

Mr A Modoni

The Maths department is running Schools Fantasy League Football. This is a great opportunity for students to practise their managerial and tactical skills through making the right transfers in order to receive maximum points.

The uptake this year from students and staff has been amazing and it's still not too late to register (see Mr Modoni for details).

It is not often that everyone in the Academy gets to compete with each other. So let the games begin!

## Half Term Sessions

Mr P Singh

There are a number of Sessions running at the Academy during the half term break. Students will have been informed by their form tutor if they are required to attend.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 10	Maths (am)	Maths (am)			
Year 11	Maths (am) Science (am) Maths (pm) Drama (pm)	Maths (am) Science (am) French (pm) Spanish (pm)	English (all day)	Drama (all day)	Music (am)
Year 12		Biology (all day)			
Year 13				Biology (all day)	

## PE Stars of the Week

Mr G Matthews

Each week one student from each year group is awarded PE Star of the Week for aspirational reasons including hitting a high level, excellent effort in lessons or performing well for an extra curricular team.

Congratulations to the following students who are the first to receive PE Star of the Week.

Year 7 - Alphonse Richards, Deniz Alici Year 8 - Georgia Sullivan, Shukri Carush,  
Year 9 - Tenisha Small, Keanu Lovelace Year 10 - Kennaya McKenzie, Moncef Djibli Year 11 - Doreen Omosanya, Masoud Mohamed.

## Gardening Club

Ms A Stevens & Ms G Mistry



Students from the WA Gardening Club have been spending their ME Time sessions brightening up the environment of the Academy.

The green fingered students hard work this half term has included the replanting of the pots in the entrance foyer.

Ms Stevens described the students as “...enthusiastic, motivated and dedicated”

## Boot Sale at Walthamstow Academy

Ms M Kerr

The Academy held its first Car Boot Sale on Saturday 1 October in our car park. Our next Boot Sale will be on Saturday 5 November. Pitches cost £5 and can be booked in advance by contacting the Academy. Set-up begins at 8.30am and the boot sale will be open to the public between 9am-2pm.

All of the proceeds made from these events are split between the Academy, Haven House and ACLT - Bone Marrow and Blood Donation.