

## Year 10 “do the double” in Athletics

After taking the Athletics League trophy the Year 10 boys had the opportunity to complete the double at the Waltham Forest Schools Borough Championship. Again the team was missing some key personnel because of work experience but Mr Mercer managed to get a team together at the last minute. All competed well and ensured that points were collected in the majority of events. A consistent performance from all ensured that Year 10 ended the season with two trophies. Well done to all who represented the team. Also well done to the Year 9 team that finished third in the competition. Students in other year groups gained medals throughout the day making this a very successful competition for the Academy.



Sports Day 2010



### Medal Winners:

Year 7 Girls: D. Oafawokan (Bronze, 100m), H. Garnvwa (Silver, Hurdles).  
 Year 8 Girls: G. Tuckfield (Gold, 800m) S. Khalif (Silver, 1500m), N Makande (Bronze, 200m), J. Ibekwe (Silver, Discus).  
 Year 9 Girls: A. Murray (Bronze, 800m and Javelin) T. Sorinolo (Bronze, High Jump)  
 Year 7 Boys: L. Grant (Gold 800m), K. Rexha (Gold, Discus), S. Miah (Silver, 100m).  
 Year 8 Boys: I. Butt (Gold, Javelin and 300m), W. Alawi (Silver, 1500)  
 Year 9 Boys: E. Sedeqi (Silver, 800m), C. Woods (Silver, Shot Putt), A. Chrisostomou (Silver, 1500), O. Findley (Bronze, High Jump).  
 Year 10 Boys: Borough Athletics Champions (League and Cup), I. Figueirido (Gold, 400m and Bronze Triple Jump) F. Sedeqi (Silver, Javelin), S. Sarfo (Silver, 200M), A. Coley-Lawrence (Shott Putt, Silver)

## Sports Day

Held over two days and with the sun shining brightly, all students participated in the Academy Sports Day either as athletes or spectators. It was a very colourful event as many students wore colours and made banners to represent their tutor group. Field events occurred on Thursday and Track on Friday. During the two days many records were broken and students across forms and years received medals to take home and show parents. Well done to the staff for their continued support for the PE department and thank you to Mrs Ferguson and Mr Mercer for organising such a wonderful event.

Mr Paul Bardouille, PE Teacher

## Languages Café 2010

23 of the pupils who have opted for Languages next year were invited to participate in Languages Health Café during activities week. Pupils reflected on menus of their choices in French and or Spanish. They wrote out a shopping list in the target language and cooked about 20 French and Spanish dishes from scratch. They prepared complex dishes like paella, spanish omelette, ratatouille, tarte Tatin, onion soup, chocolate gateaux, fu yung, chocolate mousse and many more.

They also experienced a unique french cheese tasting activity which was finger licking for some!!

Our star group was Taofikat, Elena, Sharon and Tashana, whose presentation of their final dishes was exquisite.

And our star pupil is the talented linguist Alex Lotz who although he's not formally doing languages next year was allowed to participate. We hope he will be doing Spanish GCSE as an extra curricular option – any other pupils please feel free to join us. His presentation of food was outstanding and his confidence in the kitchen was contagious. He has opted to do Food Studies next year and we know he'll do them proud too.

Well done to this proud team of young linguists for developing their linguistic and culinary skills to our taste buds' delight.

### The Languages team



## Prison Me? No Way!

I was supervising a Year 8 group during period five on a Tuesday afternoon in the hall. They were listening to a session on anti-social behaviour which focussed on practical things that the pupils can relate to, such as looking after the environment, not throwing sweet wrappers on the floor and being nice and courteous to the neighbours. It was very interactive as it involved men in their official uniforms as policemen, the use of props, acting and role play which kept the students engaged and interested. After the session when I asked some of my students what they learned, they replied that it made them think about the things they do without even thinking about the consequences. Overall, I thought it was a very successful session.

Mr Mohammad Abdullah  
 Business Studies Teacher



## Uniform Shop

New Year 7 students uniform collection:  
 Monday 9 to Friday 13 August 2010

Years 8-11 students uniform collection:  
 Monday 16 to Friday 20 August 2010

The shop is open between the hours of 10:00am to 12:30pm and 1:00pm to 3:00pm (cash or cheques only, no credit cards)

Ms Carol Harrichand  
 Director of Business & Administration



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# Walthamstow Academy NEWS

The best in everyone

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## Walthamstow Academy hosts BAFTA National Competition.



Walthamstow Academy hosted the launch of a new national competition for BAFTA young game designers. Six ULT academies took part in the competition to create plans, write and illustrate ideas for a new video game. Walthamstow Academy had ten teams working on winning the competition. Alex Lotz, Mohammed Webb and Malek Lounis had the opportunity to present their team's work in the final presentation and will find out later on this year if they move into the next round. If they go on to win the competition a prototype will be made of their game and they will have the opportunity to work with the EA Games studio and Brightlight.

Among special guests present were Julian Scott (Chairman of BAFTA Young Game Designer), Benedict Aurora (NESTA), Tim Hunter (Head of Events BAFTA), Harvey Elliot (VP of EA Games and Brightlight) and Matthew Lewis (Ambassador for the competition, Neville Longbottom in Harry Potter films). Brightlight, EA Games and Abertay University were all represented too.

Mr Paul Bardouille, PE Teacher



Actor Matthew Lewis

“The launch of the BAFTA's Young Game Designers was a fantastic day; the students were great and were all very proactive and keen to get involved.”

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 22 July 2010  
 End of Term  
 (Students dismissed from 12.10pm)

Friday 3 September 2010  
 Year 7, 12 and 13 Start of Term

Monday 6 September 2010  
 Years 8 - 11 Start of Term

Check your End of Term Letter for start times.

## Business , Maths , Science News

### In Business with the Olympic Games

During the week 21-25 June, Walthamstow Academy took part in its very first Specialisms week. The aim of the week was to promote the specialism subjects and raise their profile.

*In Specialisms Week, I learnt about how to make, save, and use money. I learnt this through a variety of activities which include: speaking to a few people working for the Mybnk Company. The Mybnk Company was telling us about how to spend money. They did this by a mixture of games and role-plays. Overall, I would say I enjoyed their performance and they definitely converted a lot of us to support them.*

*The most important thing I learnt was about credit cards and loans. These methods of borrowing have different advantages and disadvantages. The main advantage of a loan is that you do not need to pay as much interest as you do with a credit card. I learnt a lot and hope I hope that this activity will be repeated in future.*

**Adam Tracy, 8E Student**

On Monday 21 June, we took part in the Maths Olympics. We did a range of fun games based on Maths. We were given certificates and prizes if we won the games or showed good team work. Also we got tokens for sweets if we behaved well. Our group won a certificate for winning the game 'Bash Dem Numbers', where you had to jump, clap or duck, to a multiple of 3, 4, 5. I would definitely want to do it again!

**Cherryrose Crane, 7C Student**

*In Specialisms week I was one of the few chosen to participate in a special DT project. What we did was make benches and plant pots that would hopefully stay in the school until we leave Year 11. After the project we went to lessons where we took part in specialisms activities. If we were good, we got specialisms tokens. I got nine!*

**Kadell Symmons, 7A Student**

Specialisms week was great because we got to do a range of activities such as some people got to do a DT and cooking project. Also the Maths Olympics were really good. We had to unscramble maths words, work with cubes, solve problems, make a tall tower and also make a poster about specialism week.

**Rahemma Sadiq, 7A Student**

### Specialisms Week

During Specialisms Week, all the students in Years 8 & 9 took part in Enterprise Activities. The students were well motivated and enthusiastically completed their group tasks. They liked the idea of a 'real life' challenge they had to solve themselves. These programmes were run by Young Enterprise who brought life coaches in to the Academy as well as local Business people.

#### Personal Economics Programme

The students worked in groups and had to take part in role plays and played games teaching them how to organise their own personal finances in the future. They also developed their confidence and presentation skills by having to present their own work.

#### In Business with the Olympic Games

In groups students had to investigate the Economic aspects of the Olympic Games and their effects on the local area. Students could relate to this as the Olympic Games are being held locally. They had to look at the effects of the games on certain areas such as Housing, Retailers, local Employment, Transport Network etc... They also had to develop a product or service that could benefit the Games from a different scenario given to each group.

We look forward to running lots more events next year, as so many of you have requested, but please feel free to see any of us to add any more ideas.

#### Tunokan Ogbe, Subject Leader:

**Business and Enterprise**

**Stacey Blanch, Curriculum Leader:**

**Maths**

**Kafilat Agboola, Curriculum Leader:**

**Science**



*During a Business and Enterprise session in the hall, we studied a variety of different real life situations and got to build our own product which we advertised and presented to the other teams. We also learned different interesting facts about the Olympics. We did quizzes and answered questions for points.*

*We then met a representative from Waltham Forest Borough who talked about what they were doing for the Olympics. We were in groups and our theme was "Entertainment." The product we made was an air balloon for the opening of the Olympics. We also got to play card games to gain points.*

**Aaron Kah, 9E Student**



On Wednesday 23 June 2010, there was a Business and Enterprise workshop for 9Y. We were all placed in the hall and were put into groups of about 4 or 5. We were then given our first task which was to think "outside the box." It was a game to earn points for your group. Then we had to play a game of cards and match them to earn even more points for our group.

Our second task was to produce a product and present it to our audience for points. We were given a certain amount of materials and certain amount time to come up with an amazing product. Our job was to persuade our audience to buy the product.

Our third task, which was after lunch, was to produce a poster to inform young people about the Olympics 2012 and whoever came up with the best poster would receive extra points.

**Shanika Clarke, 9F Student**



Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support this academic year. We are very proud of the Academy and the achievements of our students. We do everything we can to make sure students are proud to come to the Academy and that we bring out the best in every single one of them.

I would also like to publicly thank all our teachers and support staff who have worked tirelessly to make sure our students do the very best they can and are supported in reaching for the stars. We set very high targets for our students because we want them to fulfil their dreams and the ones that you have for them.

I wish you all a fantastic summer with your families and look forward to seeing you in September

Best wishes

**Ms Emma Skae BSc BEd MA NPQH  
Principal**

### Cycling Trip

We went on the cycling trip on Tuesday 29 June 2010. It was really good fun. On the way there we stopped at Springfield Park. We cycled down the canal which was lovely. We stopped at the park for a break and to eat our lunch. Some of us played rounders and some of us just chilled on the grass for a chat.

Going cycling was such a great experience because we were with all our friends and some of us had never done anything like that before. I had so much fun, it was really good. We all enjoyed ourselves.

**By Lisbeth Godfrey, 8B Student**

### Cycling review

I really liked the cycling trip as I enjoy riding bikes and the route that we took was a very good route. We were able to choose to go with our friends and as we rode along the canal, we all had a lot of fun. For the first part we drove behind the River Lee, and then we were driven to the Tottenham Marsh where we stopped for a break. We pushed on ahead and saw breathtaking views. We then stopped at Victoria Park which was cool because some of us had never been there before. We all had a good time and enjoyed ourselves.

**By Vicky Burder, Year 8 Student**

## Learning Resources Centre News

#### Activities week

Year 7 Creative writing workshops  
The students of Year 7 had a fun day learning how to write creative stories with 2 professional authors. Helen and David Orme have published over 300 books including the very popular *Boffin Boy* and *Siti's Sisters* series.

Each tutor group had a chance to partake in the workshops and boys and girls were split up to work in different groups.

"It was very interesting having a famous author come and talk to us about writing stories" Chase Hawkins, 7D Student

"I liked the books the author had written and the things he taught us about writing stories have made it easier for me to write stories of my own"

Vinoth Chandrasegaram, 7D Student

"The author told us how to start a story and develop characters. I enjoyed it a lot."

Armand Manzenza, 7A Student

#### Year 7s learn about local history

Peter Ashan, the Learning and Outreach Officer for Waltham Forest Council's Museum, Gallery and Archives Service, came to visit students in the LRC on Monday 29 June to talk to Year 7s about local history. The students were able to handle objects, look at historical maps and find out about local historical events.

#### Year 8 trip to Vestry House Museum

A group of Year 8 students visited Vestry House Museum on Wednesday 30 June and were lucky enough to be able to sit in the lovely garden to receive a talk from Peter Ashan. He told them about Black History in Waltham Forest and they were able to handle historically important objects and find out about important people. Students then had a chance to look around the museum and draw pictures of objects related to the slave trade.



Academy Prom 2010

#### Book Fair

The LRC has been holding another book fair to give students a chance to top up on their books for summer. It has been going very well with lots of students interested in the wide selection of books, the funky stationary and the variety of posters available. Especially popular in this book fair were the Jacob and Edward posters from the movie *Twilight*, the car and football trivia books and the Bart Simpson book. Unsurprisingly no one wanted an England team poster.

The book fair made just over £400 in sales, earning the LRC £120 in commission to spend on lots more books for students to read.

#### Readathon

Readathon is a charity which runs the UK's biggest sponsored reading campaign. Children raise money for charity by reading books and getting sponsored for it. The money raised goes to two organisations, the Roald Dahl Foundation and CLIC Sargent. CLIC Sargent supports children and young people with cancer. The Roald Dahl Foundation spend their money on offering practical assistance to children and young people in the areas of neurology and haematology.

All students have to do to take part is sign up with Ms Barker, decide which books they are going to challenge themselves to read and get sponsored. They have until 13 September to read as many books as they can and raise as much money as possible.

Visit [www.readathon.org](http://www.readathon.org) to find out more information.

**Ms Kathryn Barker  
LRC Manager**

The Year 11 Prom was held on Friday 25 June at The Academy. Almost all of Year 11 attended and looked fabulous. They arrived at 7, took hundreds of photographs, sat down to eat their specially requested hot buffet at 8, voted for their King and Queen, gorged on the chocolate fountain and danced until 11. It was a lovely evening to celebrate a lovely year group completing all their hard work towards exams.

Prom King Saif and Prom Queen Sara are seen here after being awarded their sashes. Other awards were: Dwane as the Prince, Hattan as the Princess, Ivo was best dressed boy and Vivianna was best dressed girl.

Now we are looking forwards to their exam results in August.

**Ms Rachel Ward, Vice Principal**