

STAFF SUPPORT CHARITY EVENT

Mr M. McLaughlin, an LSA within the Academy, participated in a charity event over the weekend. The *Teens Unite Fighting Cancer* is a fantastic charity aimed at improving the lives of young people aged 13-24 with life limiting illnesses. The night raised just over £4000! This amount would not have been possible without the kind donations from the academy community.

The event included a raffle with 25 prizes and Academy staff were fortunate enough to win. Miss O'Riordan won a Luxury Hamper and Mr Reid won an LG K990i Mobile Phone.

Thanks to everyone who supported this worthwhile cause.

Year 10 Basketball

The Year 10 basketball team played their second game of the season against Forest Boys School.

Before the game they seemed fearful of facing such opposition, as during practice they looked organised and well drilled. The players need not have worried as after a slow start they led after the first quarter 10 - 3.

Despite the opposition's best efforts they could not match the Academy's enthusiasm and the defence stood firm. The attack was led by Deividias who had the most assists and points for the team as Walthamstow ran out winners at 27—9. In only Mr Olajide's second game in charge he has instilled a belief that anything is possible.

Mr P. Bardouille
(Learning Manager)

STUDENTS VISIT GLOBAL ICT FIRM

Last month Miss Maduro and Miss Noland accompanied 14 girls from year 10 ICT and 2 year 12 pupils spent the day with a company called Info-Sys. This organisation is a global ICT company based in Canary Wharf. On arrival the group were greeted with refreshments and shown into a large conference room with magnificent views over the River Thames. We were given an insight into the job roles of computer programmers by employees and a tour of the building. As part of the day, the group were able to communicate with female students at the Info-sys campus in India. This was done using Video Conferencing technology: all quite exciting. In the afternoon we were introduced to very basic programming, the students were able to write specific code which enabled them to produce simple graphics by giving the computer the relevant coding. To make it more exciting - a competitive element was introduced. The winners received an Ipod Shuffle each. **Winners:** Shola Parker, Cherelle Pitter and Vera Amade.



Academy students at InfoSys

I Noland
(ICT Subject Leader)

Railway Children

On 4 November, Year 12 & 13 students were privileged enough to be selected to attend the theatre production, "The Railway Children". It not only helped us with our current studies in English and Performing Arts; but also gave us insight into the work that goes on behind the scenes. After the performance we were able to speak to the producers of the play and ask questions. After this the owner of a very famous carriage (which was actually used in the Harry Potter film), allowed us to tour the carriage and experience what it was like to live as someone who was upper class. The social context that the play was based upon helped us to understand the lifestyle and feel apart of the time the play was set in". The



play was absolutely amazing, it really exceeded my expectations. I would like to thank Mrs Elton greatly for taking the time to plan the trip.

Atinuke Phillips (13A)

Wear it Pink!

Thank you to everyone who took part in the *Wear It Pink* day, in aid of the Breast Cancer.

Your efforts raised a grand total of £278.20.

It was a fun and lively day and showed our students and staff commitment to fund raising.

Our next event will be the *Wear it Christmassy* day



on Thursday 17 December. In the run up to the Christmas holidays there will also be a chance to win a nine inch professionally made Christmas cake.



Miss L Landon (Drama)



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Year 11 Mock Exams

29 November

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3rd December

End of Term

17 December

12.30pm

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5 January

Students Shine at Cultural Evening

Walthamstow Academy's Black History Month celebrations culminated in our *Cultural Evening*. The event celebrated the diverse heritage of our community.

Parents, students and visitors, who were encouraged to attend the evening in cultural dress, were able to explore the theme of 'Our Roots' through displays, sampling cuisine from around the world, speech, drama, dance and song.

The special guest speaker, author, Wilfred L Fraser spoke about his childhood



Visitors enjoying the displays in the Agora

in Grenada which he wrote about in his autobiographical novel *The Brotherhood of The Unicorn*.

Highlights of the evening included Layla Ley and Diamond Ogunbadejo's perform-

ance of a section from African Sanctus and Sherwin Holder's self-penned rap, which received a standing ovation.

Miss C Williams (MFL)

Jack Petchey Awards

Congratulations to Chloe Lloyd, Charlotte Dowling, Raifa Rafiq, Jerome Holder, Emmanuel Powell-Clark, Cherryrose Crane, Diamond Ogunbadejo, Megan Vidal (not pictured) & Robbie Fox (not pictured) who won Jack Petchey Young Achievers Awards.

They were presented with their medals at Walthamstow Town Hall on the 17 November.

Our staff award winner was Ms Reyes who was recognised for her outstanding



Walthamstow Academy and Rushcroft School winners

contribution to raising achievement in the English GCSE examinations last year.

We are extremely proud of

all our winners and it was also lovely to see so many parents and friends supporting them.

Ms R Ward (Vice Principal)

Viva Huckleberry Finn

Pupils from Walthamstow Academy visited Kingsford Community School in Beckton to watch a performance of Huckleberry Finn performed in Spanish.

The purpose of the visit was to develop links with other schools and raise the profile of languages within the academy.

Two actors played all of the roles. Here's just a selection of what our students thought:

"I liked the play and I kind of understood what it was about because of the acting not the talking"

Hanan Mohammed (9E)



Academy students outside Kingsford Community School

"I liked the slow motion bit it was effective"

Kennaya Mckenzie (9B)

"They were speaking clearly and they used their body language to help show what they were saying"

Alexander Chrisostomou (10A)

"I liked how they interacted with the audience."

Tyla Maynard 9D

We look forward to coming back to Kingsford Community school.

C Williams (MFL)

Poster Competition

Congratulations to everyone who entered the **Specialism Poster Competition**. Choosing a winner was a tough decision as the standard of all entries was very high.

Winner

Zheni Spasova (7F)

Runners up

Aysha Zubair (7D)

Jack Ennis (8F)

Special Recognition Award

Iveta Hromjakova (7C), Hristo Slavov (7D), Neziya Muhara (7B), Shae Howell (7A), Kirithan Kandasamy (9D)

The winner and runner up both win an IPOD. The winning design will be used by the Academy for all future Specialism notices.

This will be revealed in a future newsletter, so watch this space!

Academy



Science in the community.

As part of our Primary Schools Liaison programme students from Hillyfield School have been visiting the Science Laboratories at Walthamstow Academy and taking part in Science lessons.

The eager students, who attend one lesson a week, have been making fruit batteries and are going to be investigating sound.

Another part of the programme involves members of the Academy Choir performing at local Primary Schools.

Ms M Matin (Science Teacher)



Hillyfield students in the Science Lab

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Life at Oxford

On Thursday 11 November a group of Year 10 students from Walthamstow Academy visited the prestigious colleges of Oxford University.



The day was one of a number of activities organised by Waltham Forest's *Aim Higher* team

The students had the opportunity to meet with undergraduates, attend a master lecture, visit specific colleges and tour the city centre.

The undergraduates gave an insight into life at the university including the pressure of hard work and the pleasure of very active social lives.

After a scrumptious lunch, they attended a lecture on the ancient language of Sanskrit.

The master lecturer impressed the students with his depth of knowledge and the passion that he demonstrated for his subject.

To end the day the students went on a very unusual scavenger hunt. With the use of a camera students had to travel around the town meeting and taking pictures of some most unusual characters and objects.

Thanks to Miss M. Kosciolk, Charlotte, Kyle, Alexander, Rashmi, Jamie, Sameer, Alinur, Emmanuel and Chloe for an enjoyable day. I hope to visit at least one of you as an undergraduate at Oxford in 2014!

Mr P. Bardouille
(Learning Manager)

Message from the Principal



It's been another busy month at the Academy and there have been a host of opportunities to celebrate the achievement of our staff and students.

Our celebration of *Black History Month*, led by Ms Williams, was brought to a conclusion last week with a very successful *Cultural Evening*. It was a fantastic opportunity for our students (and staff!) to showcase their public speaking, singing, dancing and acting skills. We are very proud of our diversity and events like this bring out the best in our community.

Last night Ms Ward and I were privileged to be guests at the *Jack Petchey Young Achievers of Waltham Forest Awards*. The ceremony, which took place at Walthamstow Town Hall celebrates the outstanding achievements of young people from across the borough and included Chloe Lloyd, Charlotte Dowling, Raifa Rafiq, Jerome Holder, Emmanuel Powell-Clark, Cherryrose

Crane, Robbie Fox from the academy. Our staff winner is Ms Reyes for her contribution to raising achievement in English GCSE last year.

There are many forthcoming events for our students including Activities Day on Friday 3 December and the Christmas Fayre (Thursday 9 December). Activities Days, which we run throughout the year, provide students with opportunities to build worthwhile relationships with other members of the academy in a setting outside of the classroom and to develop a range of worthwhile skills.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish every Year 11 student the very best of luck in their mock examinations this month.

Ms E. Skae (Principal)

ENTERPRISE WEEK

Last week students participated in a range of enterprise lessons, competitions and workshops. The aim of Enterprise Weeks are to develop the enterprise skills of young people in different curriculum areas. The lessons and workshops ranged from a trip to an RAF base; making a sofa out of balloons and launching a website selling personalised products (see advert). It was been an amazing week. The table to the right shows just a selection of the activities that students took part in during the week. We look forward to showing you pictures of what our wonderful students have produced and telling you about the profits made.

Tunokan Ogbe (Subject Leader Business and Enterprise)

| DAY | ACTIVITY | DEPT | CLASS |
|--------------|---|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Thu 25/11/10 | Residential Trip to ULT Enterprise Challenge at RAF Shrewsbury | Business & Enterprise | Yr 9 Enterprise Champions |
| Wed 17/11/10 | Launch EJE Spanish Enterprise Project | Business & Enterprise | Yr 12 BTEC National |
| Thu 18/11/10 | Making a Sofa with Balloons Enterprise Challenge | Business & Enterprise | 8SX1 |
| All Week | Launch of 'Market Place' Website selling personalised products made by students | Design & Technology | Various Years |
| All Week | Zoo Project - New and Improved | Maths | All Year 7 |
| All Week | Qualities of Leadership in relation to Charles 1 | Humanities | All Year 8 |
| All Week | Investigate Why/How/What Businesses Advertise | SEN | Various Years |
| All Week | Adapt Ingredients to a Recipe to ensure reasonable Costs | Food Technology | Yrs 7,9,10 |
| | Investigate Food equipment Prices | | |