

Canons High School News

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Message from the Headteacher

As we start the new term, the exam season is well and truly upon us. Our Hall seems to be in constant use with our Year 12 and 13 students taking AS and A2 exams and many of our Year 11 students taking Science GCSE module exams. I would like to remind parents and students in Year 10 that their exams will take place during the last two weeks of this term, that is, just nine weeks from now. Also, following the abolition of the national Key Stage 3 SATs, we would like to inform parents and students in Year 9 that formal end of key stage exams in English, Mathematics and Science will take place in the Hall during the week beginning 22nd June. Other subjects will carry out assessments within lessons.

We are very pleased to welcome the following new members of staff to Canons High School this term:

Mrs P. Mesoudi Assistant Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator
Ms L. Sappl Teacher of Humanities
Mr K. Thakral Director of E-Learning (ICT)
Mr A. Stevens ICT Technician
Mr D. Fowler Office administration (Department Assistant)

I am delighted to report that Mr C. Wells, Head of Design Technology, is making good progress following his recent surgery. Mr F. David will be teaching his classes until his return.

We would like to wish all of you a very happy, healthy and successful 2009.

L. Rowlands

ATTENDANCE

15th -19th December

11JC - 92.3%

11GJ - 92.3%

10IP - 93.5%

9HT - 95%

8GG - 98.3%

Congratulations 8GG

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who brought their bears into school on 14th November and donated money. We sent £116 off to the charity.

A. Franklin
Librarian



Notification of Road Closure

We have been notified by the Queensbury Residents Association that Bridgewater Gardens leading into Turner Road is going to be closed this week, Monday to Friday, between 8am and 5pm for road resurfacing. Please remember this when picking up and dropping off students

Princess Diana Award:

Canons High School is delighted to announce that Priya Patel 11SB, Susan Jounus 11SB, Vino Suseetharan 11SB, Disha Patel 11SB, Yamindi Wickramaarachi 11SI and Shawkat Kohestani 11AS have been honoured with the Diana Anti-Bullying Award. This national Award publicly recognises the work that young people of all ages do to combat the problem of bullying in schools and communities.

The above students have been chosen for the Award because of the commitment and dedication they have shown to the Peer Listening Program at Canons High School. Each year a group of 20 Year 10 students are trained as Peer Listeners by the counselling organisation Relate. Students develop their listening and mentoring skills through this program to help out younger students who are being bullied or experiencing difficulty at school or home. The students who have received this award have excelled in their role as peer listeners and have made a positive contribution to the school environment. Congratulations to all the Award winners.

Miss Macnamara

From the Year 11 Peer Listening team six people have won the Princes Diana Award. This award establishes them as excellent Peer Listeners, who really can help stop bullying and help make the school a better place. The six people who won the Princess Diana Award are: Susan Jounus 11SB, Vino Suseetharan 11SB, Disha Patel 11SB, Yamindi Wickramaarachi 11SI, Shawkat Kohestani 11AS and Priya Patel 11SB. We would all like thank Miss Macnamara, who has helped us achieve this Award.

Priya Patel 11SB

6th Form Building Update – January 2009

The new 6th Form building is now really beginning to take shape.

Work on the new 6th Form building has continued to progress at speed since the last update in the Autumn Term. The steel structure for the main building is now in place and the floor planks for the first and second floors have been laid. Site staff worked throughout the Christmas Break to complete foul and storm drainage work, to minimise disruption to the school.

The photo below illustrates the types of heavy machinery involved in the construction process – this included a 90 tonne crane which was used to erect the steels! The building will be completed in mid-July.



View from the front



View from the rear

International Evening

Canons High School held its latest and greatest International Evening on the 17th and 18th December to celebrate the diverse and multicultural talents of students across the school.

The evening was a huge success with acts ranging from singing to dance, from acting to rock n roll! The audience were entertained by the magnificent acts and were left calling for more by the end.

All the acts were terrific but worth a special mention were Zarah and Electron, the Paper Dolls (Levi, Channel, Monica, Naima, Yasmin, Kejeni) and the year 11 Drama students (with their hilarious impersonation of everybody's PE teacher!)

Special thanks should go to Ms Macnamara, Mr Morrow, Mr Patterson and Miss Shukal for all their hard work and dedication before, during and after the event.

The success of the evening can probably best be summed up by the following quotes:

"Probably the best International Evening CHS has ever seen" – member of SLT

"I didn't know we had so much talent at CHS" from Emily Jeavons – administrator

Dear parents,

We have signed up for a great new collection scheme that could provide us with lots of new books for the School Library, and we would like your help.

From January 11th, Books for Schools tokens will appear every day in The Times and The Sunday Times. We can exchange these tokens for free books of our choice from a catalogue of 170 titles.

There will be 12 tokens printed every week. Please collect as many tokens as you can and give them to your child to bring into school.

Tokens can be deposited in our special collection box which will be in the Library.

Thank you.

A. Franklin
Librarian