

# Canons High School News

*'A High Performing Specialist School' (DfES 2006)*



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## A message from the Headteacher

### Our superb ambassadors

Last week our RnB group, Ibilola Femiola, Jessica Samuel Daniela Da Fonseca accompanied by Mr Mackie and Mr Patterson, played in assembly at Stag Lane Middle School. I was delighted to receive an email from the Headteacher, Mrs Evans, who was full of praise for our students and said her staff and pupils felt "awe and wonder" as a result of their "superb" performance.

I would like to record my immense thanks and congratulations to all our students and staff who contribute to our school in such a positive manner. In recent weeks I have received many comments from visitors to the school who have been hugely impressed with the warmth and professionalism of the welcome they have received from our students. Although we know these things already, it is wonderful when other people tell us!

**L. Rowlands**

## A Level Biology trip to the Natural History Museum

Naturally Educational - Years 12 and 13 went to the Natural History Museum as part of a Biology trip to learn about taxonomy and diversity of species. This provided both direct relevancy to the specification and enrichment. Thank you to all the people who helped, especially Mr Jones.

**Mr Meigag -Science Teacher**

One of the best days of my life, we got to hold specimens collected by Charles Darwin on the Beagle voyage and specimens collected on Captain Cook's trips to Australia. A real piece of scientific history! Wow! I can't wait to go again next year.

**Ms Brown -Science Teacher**

The trip was incredible. We got to see preserved animals that I have never even seen in books, up close. I also got the chance to see specimens that were made by Charles Darwin.

**Chanka Ranatunga 12BW**

The trip to the Natural History Museum was fascinating and extremely interesting. The best bit of the trip was the animal graveyard in the basement of the Darwin Centre. We saw a giant squirrel and a piece of the whale found in the Thames.

**Janice Constance 12JGb**

I didn't feel comfortable with 4,000,000 dead things around me, but the trip was still fantastic!

**Sajjad Parpia**

The trip to the Natural History Museum was fabulous. We got to see so many dead species! The best part was when we saw the big squid and the snakes. The day was very interesting and we enjoyed it very much.

**Hemal Parmar, Jancy Sivam and Subangy Kathirkamarasa**



## International Day

The PE department organised a very successful international day for the pupils of Canons High School. Throughout the day we taught an activity that we don't offer as a part of the National Curriculum.

The activity we offered both the boys and girls is called 'KABADI'. This activity is a very traditional South Asian rural sporting activity. Mainly India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Afghanistan and other neighbouring countries play against each other in Asian Championships.

Most of our pupils have never played this sport but they took part actively and enjoyed it thoroughly. In future, we will offer this to our pupils as an extra-curricular activity.

**Mr Chowdhury**  
Head of PE



## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

It is important that all students attend school each day and are punctual. Absences from school undoubtedly have a detrimental effect on pupil's progress and attainment. As a school, we work closely with the Education Welfare Officer who visits the school regularly and meets with school staff to monitor and provide support to students to maintain regular school attendance.

Authorised absence is where the school has either given approval in advance for a pupil of compulsory school age to be away or has accepted an explanation offered afterwards as satisfactory justification for absence.

All other absences will be treated as unauthorised.



### REMEMBER:

- If you are absent then your parents/carers **MUST** telephone the school by 8.30am on the first day of absence to let us know why you are not attending school.

You **MUST** provide a letter from your parents/carers on your return to school explaining your reason for absence.

- Please ensure that advance requests for leave of absence from school are made in writing to the Head teacher detailing the **exceptional** reasons for the absence and the dates concerned.

- Please ensure that routine medical appointments are made **out of school hours or during holidays**, where possible. Please advise the school in advance of appointments and provide confirmation in writing.

- If there is an ongoing medical issue, please make the school aware, this can be in the form of a letter from the GP/Hospital.

- If you are late for school then you **MUST** come to the main office to sign in.

If you do not have a note explaining your absence then your lateness will be unauthorised and a letter will be sent home.

- If you are late twice or more in one week without a note of explanation then you will receive a Year Detention of up to one hour which will take place the following week as advised by your Form Tutor/Head of Year.

**Please contact the school if you have any questions or concerns regarding attendance and punctuality or would like a copy of the School Attendance Policy.**

**Mrs O'Grady**  
School Attendance Officer

### Reminder to all Parents

School will be closed for staff training on Friday  
17<sup>th</sup> October 2008

### Reminder to Year 11 Parents

Sixth Form Open Evening is on  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm

### Football

Year 11 played a difficult match against Rooks Heath. In previous years we have scored over 12 goals against them and hoped to do the same again this year. Unfortunately this was not to be the happy ending to our season and we ended up losing the match. However, over the past 4 years we have lost only 5 matches and were unbeaten in 2 years, making this my most successful team ever. Well done to every single player over the past 4 years, it has been a pleasure to be your coach.

**Ms Callender**



