

Canons High School News

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Message from the Headteacher

Canons High School students to perform at Glastonbury in June 2009!

I am delighted to report that our talented students have won an international competition and, as first prize winners, will perform at the world famous Glastonbury Festival in June 2009. This is an outstanding achievement.

The contest, called 'Peace of Art', invited young people to use their creativity in any art form they wished, to imagine a world without war and violence. The inspiration for the contest was the life of the Nobel Peace Prize winner, Professor Sir Joseph Rotblat. The awards ceremony was held to celebrate what would have been his 100th birthday. Over 180 young people entered the contest from all over the UK and even from as far afield as Russia, Australia and the USA. This Newsletter contains full details of the event. Particular thanks to Mr Patterson, Head of Music, for motivating our students to achieve such high standards.

Recently there have been so many causes for celebration at Canons High School. I feel so very proud both of our inspirational and dedicated staff, as well as our highly talented students.

Parents' Forum

I would like to remind you that our first Parents' Forum will meet on Thursday, 27th November at 6pm. The focus for our first meeting will be: Developing the vision, values and aims of Canons High School. At this time of rapid change, the staff have been working on our vision for the future development of Canons High and for continuing success for our students. I am very keen to develop a shared vision for the future of the school with parents. If you are interested in attending, please let me or Jackie Brennan know or email admin@canons.harrow.sch.uk.

L. Rowlands

Honour for Canons High School at two awards ceremonies

During half term break in February 2007, a group of Canons music students assembled in the old music room to compose a song about anti-knife crime. At the time, London was experiencing an alarming increase in youth crimes of violence with some of the students having personal links to a local victim. Within hours they had recorded the guide track that would become the song, "Walk Away".

Last week those students were awarded several major prizes including Golden Citizenship awards by the Mayor of Harrow. They also won first prize in the music section as well as the top prize, "Communicating the Message" at the international "Peace of Art Awards" at London University. By the end of the day they had won £500 and had been handed a personal invitation by Geoff Martin, Programme Manager for Glastonbury, to perform their song at the world's top pop music festival, Glastonbury 2009. Sarah Laarous, Marzuq Williams and Chileshe Kangombe wrote the main lyrics and melody with contributions from Chris Monos and James Patterson.

Also receiving awards at the Peace of Art ceremony for their role in composing/performing songs about peace were former Canons High music students, Eve and Kaliopé Florides, and Kamyar Delkosh Navaz. Eve Florides performed a most professional rendition of Kaliopé's, (her sister's composition) "Cause of You", the R'n'B team joined Sarah to perform "Young Hearts" (their joint composition with Eurovision winning composer, Steve Glen), while Kamyar's outstanding work for orchestra, "War and Peace" was performed to a multi-media slide presentation. James Patterson and Chris Monos also received awards for their participation in the projects as musicians.

All of the above students, including those who helped out with performances last Tuesday have brought great honour to our school, as well as representing a most worthy cause for world peace.

Mr Patterson
Head of Music

A busy week for our Music department!

GOLDEN CITIZENSHIP AWARDS FOR MUSIC CONTRIBUTION

Four of our former students and one of our present 6th form students were presented with Golden Citizenship awards by the Mayor of Harrow at a special ceremony last week, in recognition of their outstanding contribution to youth crime prevention through their music compositions, "Walk Away" and "Young Hearts". Most of the students made their valuable contribution while studying GCSE music at Canons High in 2007. As part of the ceremony, the alumni and current R'n'B singers, Jessica Samuel Yr.10 and Daniela Da Fonesca Yr.11, performed the work for the assembled official guests in the Harrow Council Chambers last Monday evening, 3rd November.

Receiving the award were Sarah Laarous, Marzuq Williams, James Patterson, Chris Monos, and Chileshe Kangombe . Their contribution was unique, as Canons High School was the only school to receive Golden Citizenship awards in music.



Pictured amongst the other Golden Citizenship Awardees are Marzuq Williams, Sarah Laarous and Chileshe Kangombe

Comments from students in 8KS who were in the audience last Tuesday at the Peace of Art Awards

"On the 4th November at the awards, I learnt that anything is possible if you just put your mind to it."

Daniel Daggett 8KS

"Tuesday taught me that anyone can do anything if they just try, nothing is impossible. Students just like us rocked out at the show last week!"

Fatima 8KS

"On Tuesday 4th November two classes went to see our school perform and win. They were so amazing and they taught me a lot, especially that I can do anything if I believe. Canons were amazing!!

Rachel Eccleston 8KS



Year 11 students, Daniela Da Fonesca, Natasha Vekaria, Zarah Matin; Year 10, Jessica Samuel; and Year 9, Laura Mistry and Shikhar Rostogi



Remembrance Day

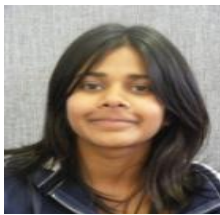
Several students from Canons High played a key role in the annual Remembrance Day march and ceremony at Hendon war Memorial stone this week to pay homage to the many lives lost in battles defending our Nation. Jordan Patterson was chosen as part of the Guard of Honour, while fellow Hendon Squadron Air Cadets Laurent Elliot, Abigail Shanks and Kayleigh Mills took part in the march.

Meanwhile classes at Canons High observed the traditional minute silence at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.



Election of Head Boy and Head Girl

Congratulations to Krippa Jakharia and Hemal Parmar of 12JG who have been elected as Head Girl and Head Boy. We hope they will enjoy this experience and responsibility and feel that they will represent the school proudly. Many thanks to Naomi Lazaroo and Harsh Shah for their excellent service this year.



Krippa Jakharia



Hemal Parmar

Ms Millar
Deputy Headteacher

ATTENDANCE

8BR – 97.1%
9MM-95.2
10SM - 93.1%
11Si – 89.6%

Congratulations 8BR

Review Day – Coming Soon

Canons High School will hold the next Review Day on Tuesday 25th November 2008. Students are expected to come in with their parents for their appointments with their reviewer.

By now you should have received a letter with your appointment time. If not, please ask your tutor as soon as possible.

We look forward to seeing you on review day!

Mr R Morrow



Friday 14 November

Children in Need

On Friday 14th November Canons students brought their bears into school to enjoy a day of education, and contributed 50p each to the BBC Children In Need appeal. Thank you to everyone who took part.



Mr Jones with Hamley



Students from 8BR



Ms Brown with Monkey



Students from 8BR