

# Canons High School News

'A High Performing Specialist School' (DfES 2006)



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## - MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER -

### Year on Year Improvement

The Government has just published the Performance Tables for last year for every school, and these can be accessed via the Department for Children, Families and Schools website. These tables made extremely positive reading for Canons High School. We are delighted that the number of students achieving 5+ passes at grades A\* - C has risen to 60%. We are particularly pleased with the progress we have made in increasing the number of students who achieve 5+ passes at grades A\* - C including English and Maths. Year on year comparisons show that this figure has risen from 42% in 2006 to 44% in 2007 and now an excellent 49% in 2008 – our best ever results.

Our Contextual Value Added score, which measures the progress made by students between Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 4, places us third amongst all other high schools in Harrow.

In addition, our overall attendance figures have improved and place us in the top 20% of similar schools nationally for attendance. I would like to thank parents for their support in our drive to improve attendance.

We believe we are doing very well as a school, but we are not complacent. We are doing everything we can to ensure that every student makes very good progress.

L. Rowlands

### Year 11 PTCE

A reminder to all parents of Year 11 students that the Parent Teacher Consultation Evening is being held on Thursday 22nd January from 5.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

Ms Callender HOY 11

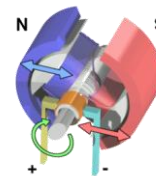
### Motoring in Science Club

Last Wednesday 15 Year 8 and 9 students looked at the effects that a magnet has on current flowing through a wire. Using this principle they then went on to build their own DC electric motors, the same that are used in cars, motorbikes, DVD players and even the London Eye.

The next science club will be on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January – all Year 8 and 9 students are welcome.

Mr Connolly and Mr Jones.

Congratulations to Martin Robles-Foley, 9PM, for getting the correct answer to what was in the rocket from a recent newsletter.



### CAREERS MORNING

The Year 11 students will be taking part in a Careers morning on Tuesday 20th January. Representatives from various professions along with specialists offering advice and guidance on CV writing and career choices will be in the school running information sessions and workshops.

Those career options represented include the Police, the Legal, Medical and IT professions, Finance, Government, Leisure & Hospitality, the Army and of course, Teaching.

From the large choice offered the students have all been able to select the sessions which most appeal to them and will therefore be able to participate in a personalised careers event.

A lot of enthusiasm has been shown for this careers morning from every direction and it is sure to become a regular event at Canons High.

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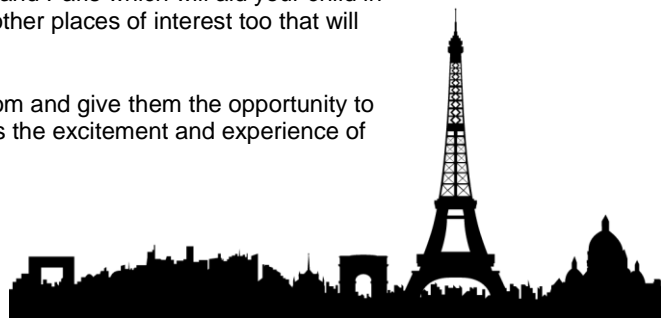
## PARIS TRIP Year 8 - June 30th to July 3rd

There has been such a wonderful and enthusiastic response towards the trip and I am very pleased to be able to let you know that we have now been able to add an additional 18 places for Year 8 students who might otherwise have missed out.

This is an educational trip centered around the use of ICT at Disneyland Paris which will aid your child in their ICT GCSE Coursework and the exam. There are plans to see other places of interest too that will cover geography and languages.

This trip is sure to enhance what your child has learnt in the classroom and give them the opportunity to connect school studies to the real world in another setting, as well as the excitement and experience of visiting another country and capital city.

For further information please contact  
Ms Campbell,  
Head of Year 8



## Parents Evening for Year 8

There will be a Year 8 Parents Teachers Consultation Evening on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April.

Nearer to the time your child will be given an appointment sheet so that you can book appointments to meet all the subject teachers who teach your child.

This is the time to see how your child is progressing in individual subjects. All the staff and I look forward to seeing you then.

**Ms Campbell**  
HOY 8.

## Congratulations

Dawid Augustynski (8NS) has made very good progress in English Induction lessons and has now been moved to Post Induction lessons.

Well done Dawid! Keep it up!

**Mrs Dey**  
EAL Teacher

## ATTENDANCE

5th – 9th January

8GG	93.5%
9HT	91.5%
10SM	91.2%
11SB	92.5%

**Congratulations**  
**8GG**

## Year 11 Graduation 2009

A reminder for all parents and students that the balance for this year's Graduation needs to be paid by the end of January.

The total amount is £30. To pay, or if you have lost your letter, please come and see me in the library.

**A. Franklin**

## Library News – 'Readathon 2008'

Thank you to everyone who took part in 'Readathon 2008' last year. In total we raised over £100 for CLIC Sargent and The Roald Dahl Foundation. These two charities work with young people in Britain suffering from cancer, Hodgkin's disease, leukaemia, epilepsy or acquired brain injury.



The winners of the 'Penny Jar' competition were 8NS who raised a massive £54! I shall be buying them cakes & biscuits for their next Form Party!

Thank you to all the tutor groups - the following was raised :

<b>8JG - 86p</b>	<b>8NS - £54</b>	<b>8KS - £10</b>	<b>8NG - £5</b>
<b>8BR - £16</b>	<b>8GG - £16</b>		

**A Franklin**  
Librarian

## - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY -

Tue 20th - Year 11 Careers Morning  
Thu 22nd - Year 11 Parent Teachers Consultation Evening 5.00pm  
Fri 23rd - Year 9 Passport Day – trips to Bucks University

