

Canons High School News

'A High Performing Specialist School' (DfES 2006)



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A message from the Headteacher

I have been very pleased with the improvement in attendance and hope that more pupils will be rewarded with 100% attendance certificates this term.

This half term, we ask for your support to further improve punctuality and uniform in order to ensure pupils are prepared and ready for work so that teachers can focus on our key purpose, namely learning and teaching.

Uniform

Canons High is a uniform school and we expect pupils to look smart when they come to school, every day and all day. The vast majority of pupils adhere to the dress code, take great pride in the way they wear their uniform and are a credit to our school. We need all parents to support teachers in creating a positive learning environment. We want to minimise confrontation and maximise learning. During assemblies this week I gave pupils the following reminders about the high standards we expect:

Plain, black shoes should be worn. Trainers are not part of our uniform and therefore should not be worn in school, apart from during PE lessons or playing football during the lunch break. From Monday, any pupil wearing trainers will have to exchange them for a pair of plimsolls for the day. Their trainers will be returned to them at the end of the day. Anti-bacterial spray will be used to ensure the plimsolls are hygienic for each new wearer.

Coats and other outdoor clothing must be left in lockers during the school day and must not be worn around school. Coats can be worn at lunchtime only. All outdoor clothing must be removed before entering a classroom, so confrontation is avoided. If a student fails to take responsibility for this then item will be confiscated until the end of the day.

Blazers must be worn around school. They may be removed within the classroom, with the agreement of the teacher.

I have reminded pupils that our staff are here to ensure high achievement in learning and not to monitor their dress! It is crucial that the majority of our pupils are not being negatively affected by the poor choices of the minority.

Punctuality

Punctuality to school is an important part of self-discipline and is essential for good time management. We have become very concerned about the high number of pupils who arrive late for school.

Pupils need to arrive at school before 8.50am when registers are taken. Any pupil who arrives after 8.55am will be marked late and given detention by the Form Tutor. A pupil who arrives late twice in a week will be given a thirty minute year detention, with an hour being given to pupils who arrive late on three or more occasions.

I would like to thank parents and carers for their continuing support. It is by working together in partnership that we can ensure that our pupils achieve their very best.

Young Chef Rotary Competition

Before half term two students, **Adam Mead** (10AS) and **Joshua Opondo** (10AS), took part in a Young Chef Competition. These two outstanding chefs battled hard against students from other schools. We are delighted to report that Adam came 1st and Joshua came 3rd. The Judges were extremely pleased with their cooking. Adam will go through to the next round at Westminster Kingsbury College.

“Well done” to both wonderful cooks! All the best to Adam for the next round.

Ms Moore



Adam with the Mayor of Harrow

“Excellent Attendance “

Our **congratulations** to the following students for reaching an outstanding accomplishment in achieving 100% attendance last term.

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| Sabhana | Khapangi | 8AA |
| Narmatha | Pathmanathan | 8AA |
| Misam | Merza | 8AB |
| Sita | Halai | 8MM |
| Abiran | Kalatharan | 8MM |
| Roshni | Kerai | 8MM |
| Edrit | Saraci | 8MM |
| Dilaksan | Thillaithevan | 8MM |
| Rupal | Laxman | 8MP |
| Monica | Vanatwala | 8MP |
| Bethany | Adeeko | 8SA |
| Damini | Hirani | 8SA |
| Hares | Nouristani | 8SA |
| Sakana | Vilvarasa | 8SA |
| Pratik | Dudhaiya | 9BP |
| Komal | Rana | 9BP |
| Jananni | Balaskandan | 9CW |
| Heather | Chambers | 9CW |
| Mathura | Balachandran | 9IP |
| Jananthan | Mahendran | 9KK |
| Anusuya | Rathimohan | 9KK |
| Vinesh | Tailor | 9KK |
| Nikita | Waghela | 9KK |
| Sandeep | Kerai | 9LM |
| Anojan | Sarvalogathayaparan | 9LM |
| Vibhakar | Sri Kandakumar | 9LM |
| Joseph | Darko | 9NP |
| Dimple | Ramji | 9NP |
| Shirley | Sandford | 9NP |
| Payal | Patel | 10AL |
| Papishan | Pathmanathan | 10AL |
| Dilkhush | Vasta | 10AL |
| Kalpana | Balaskandan | 10AS |
| Minel | Lalji | 10JC |
| Komal | Patel | 10JC |
| Sam | Poorfaramarzi | 10JC |
| Ali | Vahedi | 10JC |
| Birju | Haria | 10MS |
| Anand | Vekaria | 10MS |
| Susan | Jounus | 10RC |
| Priya | Patel | 10RC |
| Vinoyini | Suseetharan | 10RC |
| Bansari | Haria | 10WH |
| Subangy | Kathirkamarasa | 11BR |
| Fahim | Mohammad | 11BW |
| Pooja | Shah | 11BW |
| Vishnu | Govindassamy | 11GG |
| Abiraa | Kalatharan | 11GG |
| Sil Jun | Lau | 11GG |
| Shilla | Norouzi | 11GG |
| Darshan | Patel | 11GG |
| Pearl | Prashar | 11JGL |
| Pramod | Kulatilleke | 11KS |
| Quays | Nouristani | 11KS |
| Sonal | Shah | 11LD |
| Sayali | Mandke | 11SG |
| Pooja | Raichura | 11SG |
| Darshini | Ramnauth | 11SG |

Library Chess League

Congratulations to **Maria Sandler** for winning 1st place in the Library Chess League.

A. Franklin



Exclusive grant for development and composing for the performing arts

Canons High School's Music Department this week received payment for £3,500 as an exclusive grant for composing, developing, performing and recording a world music/fusion song. The project involved working with former Eurovision composer Steve Glen, as part of the Youth Opportunity scheme to encourage cultural and racial integration in the UK. From October to December 2007, a committed team of musicians across all years at Canons High worked on the lyrics, as well as devoting many hours to rehearsal before performing the work at the Harrow Council Youth Question Time in the Civic Centre on 11th December.

The composition, "Young Hearts, Young Minds" received high praise from the Harrow Council. The entire project was professionally filmed as it developed, and is currently in final production stage to be screened as a documentary in the near future. The song enlisted the R&B choir, the rock band, steel pan and African drum groups, Indian Music Tutor Mr. Veejay Jagtap on sitar, as well as orchestral tracks developed on computer by the composer.

Steve Glen, who has composed over 30 international hits, is so impressed by the work that he plans to release the song on CD. The recording production took place in the music room with Mr. Patterson and Mr. Glen taking joint production roles. The students were able to use new professional quality recording equipment that was partly funded by the previous "Operation Blunt" grant of 2007.

Mr. Patterson
Head of Music Department

Half Term School Excursion

23 Year 11 students attended the Harrow 'Aiming for Excellence Revision School' during half term. The event is jointly organised with Eton and Harrow on the Hill Schools.

Mr Connolly
Gifted & Talented Co-ordinator.

Eversheds: Law Trip for the Sixth Form

A group of students were sent to represent our Sixth Form at a talk by Eversheds Law firm, to discuss the many routes available to a career in law. It was an informative evening where the students had an opportunity to interact with working solicitors from Eversheds.

Work experience at a Law firm is essential to kick start your Law career so it is best to get started now.

"We gained a real insight into the world of Law. It was very interesting." said one student.

R. Patel

Young Enterprise

On Valentines Day, our Young Enterprise students sold roses to spread the word of **Love**. Many people bought the roses and the special deliveries were a great success.

Sorry to the people who are still confused about who gave them the roses!

We are delighted to report that we made around £200.

We would like to thank Mr Rutter, Ms Callender and Mr Rehman for their support.

Special thanks should also go to Ibilola, Sajjan, Mihir, Saloni and Adam who organised the event.

By: Saloni Joshi 10JC



Year 11 Prom at Masti's 2008 Thursday 8th May 2008

576 - 582 High Road, Wembley (020 8782 2252).

The lower basement of the restaurant has been booked for your exclusive use from 8pm and the evening will end at 11.30pm. The evening will cost £10 for which you will have a 3-course meal, but you will need to bring some money to pay for soft drinks. There will be a DJ playing the best of Bollywood, Bhangra, RnB & Hip Hop. Please complete and return the permission letter which you should already have received, or come and get a duplicate from the library. **The full amount is due by 14th March 2008 - places are limited.**

Ms Franklin

Year 11 Graduation

Just a reminder that the deposit was due some weeks ago, and the balance needs to be **PROM ANTIS** paid by Wednesday 5th March 2008

For duplicate letters and to pay your money please come to the Library.



The Adidas Mini London Marathon

Sunday 13th April 2008

The event is open to boys & girls with an opportunity to compete in age category races: 11-12,13-14, 15-17. You will complete against three home countries (Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales.) and 10 selected county teams. The route will trace the last part of the famous Flora London Marathon route finishing at the Mall.

For a chance to qualify and more details, please contact your London Borough Team Manager by visiting the Adidas Mini London Marathon Website: www.minimarathon.co.uk

VENUE

Local trial at:
Harrow Recreation Ground

Sat: 1st March 2008

TEAM MANAGERS

Dennis Orme
(020 8429 1461)
or Ben Rawlings
(020 8420 9692)

WORLD BOOK DAY

THURSDAY 6th MARCH 2008



To celebrate this annual event

All students will receive a £1 Book Token which they can spend any time between 3rd & 30th March on any book or audio book worth £2.99 or more. Tokens can be spent at any bookshop or used in the new 'Cover to Cover Book Magazine'.

The Library will be running a World Book Day Quiz – a fiendishly difficult Harry Potter Quiz. I am going to E-mail all of you the quiz or you can come and pick up a quiz sheet from the Library next week, return it by Friday 14th March – you may win the prize!

Why not do it with your tu,tor or tutor group?

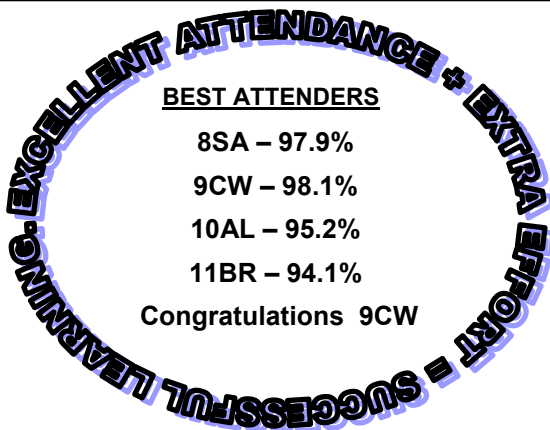
During PSHCE, lesson 3 next week on WORLD BOOK DAY 6th MARCH, I shall be conducting a survey to discover what is THE current favourite book at Canons High School & who is THE favourite author.

Will it be Meg Cabot, Roald Dahl, J K Rowling or Jacqueline Wilson this year?

All staff will be asked to nominate their favourite book of the *last year* and from this I shall be producing my annual "Staff Recommended Reads" book list – so please contribute.

If you would be willing to be photographed with your favourite book – please come and see me in the Library.

Ms A Franklin



SPORTS CYCLING RIDERS SUCCESS

Congratulations!

In the girls under 14 age category, the overall victory went to **STEPHANIE MAY (Year 9)** of Hillingdon Slipstreamers.

Newspapers reported that Stephanie is undoubtedly the most improved rider among the girls, and also she has increased her confidence for race distances and speed cycling.

Reminders for your Diary:

Yr 10 Science Modular exams on 5th March & Yr 10 Parents Teacher Consultation Evening on the 6th March 17:00 hrs