

Canons High School News

'A High Performing Specialist School' (DfES 2006)



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A message from the Headteacher

We were delighted with the high turn out for the Year 11 Parent Teacher Consultation Evening (PTCE) last week. Next week on Thursday, 7th February is the Year 9 PTCE. We are looking to improve attendance even further to nearer 100% for each year group. If, for any reason, you are unable to attend please let the Head of Year know so that an appointment can be re-scheduled for a different time.

Earlier this week two engineers visited the school site to carry out some annual checks. It was their first visit to Canons High School. They told us that they had been to around thirty schools in the last two weeks and that, out of all of the schools they visited, Canons High School was the tidiest and had the best behaved students. Well done!

L. Rowlands



Sixth Form Trip to Parliament

Last week sixth formers studying Law and Government and Politics visited the Houses of Parliament where they went on a guided tour of both the House of Commons and the House of Lords. This was arranged by local MP and Home Office minister Tony McNulty. The students went into the chambers of both Houses and were given an insight into parliaments importance, history and traditions.

It was a visit that everyone enjoyed and we will certainly be going again next year.

Mr Green

Young Enterprise Trip

On Tuesday 29th January five directors from The Young Enterprise course went to Hatch End High School to watch a competition between other Young Enterprise companies.

"It was a great experience and it helped us come up with a lot of new and interesting ideas for our company" said one student.

Special thanks to Ms Callender for taking us.

Speak Out Challenge

On Thursday 24th January we went to Nower Hill High School to compete in the 'Speak Out Challenge'. We arrived at 16:00 and took part in a 2 hour workshop to warm up for the actual competition. We had something to eat and then began the challenge. Blessing spoke about the love of football while Mini spoke about a near-death experience.

Overall, the winner was a girl from Nower Hill and second and third place went to the two girls from Bentley Wood. Even though we didn't win we had a lot of fun meeting new people and reuniting with old ones.

It was a great experience which we are sure will benefit us in the future.

Blessing and Mini 10AT

Valentine’s Day Poetry Competition

February 14th will soon be upon us. To celebrate this most romantic time of year, Canons High School will be running a poetry competition to celebrate.

If you have a particular way with words and would like to take part, you will need to place your entries in the Valentine’s box in the library. The closing date is Monday 11th February and the winners will be announced on Valentine’s Day. There will be prizes for first, second and third place.

Mrs Kavanagh

Funded early education
for your three and four year olds
for Summer term 2008

If you have a child aged three or four years old by 31 March 2008, you will be entitled to receive nursery education funding for a part time place of up to five, two and a half hour sessions per week.

Ask your pre-school or nursery for details.
If your child is not already attending a pre-school setting and you would like details of local childcare provision please phone the Children’s Information Service on:
020 8416 8416
(Please note there may be a waiting list at the pre-school or nursery of your choice.)

As well as the funded places Day Nurseries may take children from a few months old and pre-schools from two years old - please call the CIS for more information.

SureStart **Harrow COUNCIL LONDON**

Year 11 Reminder

Students statements of entry have been issued, please check they have been entered for the correct subject/tier and their personal details. If there are any changes they should be authorised by the subject teacher and returned to the school office by Friday 8th February.

EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE + EXTRA EFFORT = SUCCESSFUL LEARNING

BEST ATTENDERS

8MM – 95.8%
9IP – 96.8%
10AS – 94.4%
11JG – 94.1%

Congratulations 9IP

The Spanish A*-rmada

Picasso, Paella, Tapas, Juande Ramos and Real Madrid were all topics on the menu as Canons High School sent a group of its highest flyers to a GCSE Spanish conference on Tuesday 29th January.

The objective of the seminar was to stretch the more able students and help to teach them some useful tips for their revision.

Several different speakers presented the various sessions throughout the day and provided useful words of advice and wisdom. The students were riveted as the fascinating speakers entertained the audience with Powerpoint Presentations, speeches, role plays, videos, comedy sketches and some audience participation. All of this more than lived up to expectation and made the whole event a highly memorable occasion that will hopefully drive our students on to lots of wonderful grades in the final exams in June.

The success of the day can perhaps best be summed up by the following quotes:

“Mr Gomez (*the first speaker*) was highly entertaining. And his daughter was really cute!!!” *said a girl in 11BW*

“It was better than expected. As conferences go this one really was good” *said one year 11 student.*

“I’m now confident I can go on from here and get an A* in Spanish. I hope I can go on do an AS Level in Spanish at Canons” *said a boy in 11BR.*

“I was very impressed by the professionalism and variety that the conference offered. I think it will prove to be an invaluable experience in the long run and I look forward to attending again next year” *said Miss Patel.*

“¡Estaba absolutamente fantástico, pero no tan bien como la historia!” *said Mr Morrow having brushed up on his Spanish throughout the day.*

Lots of thanks to Mrs Grindrod and Mrs Patel for organising the event.

Mr Morrow

Baby News

Congratulations to Mrs Pandya-Arepalli and her husband on the birth of their daughter Anya. Mother and baby are doing well.