

Canons High School News

'A High Performing Specialist School' (DfES 2006)



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A message from the Headteacher

The performances of the musical *Fame* on Wednesday and Thursday this week certainly were nights to remember with audiences being treated to vibrant and highly entertaining shows. *Fame* proved to be a perfect showcase for the wide variety of acting, singing and dancing skills of our talented pupils at Canons High School. The success of the production was down to considerable hard work, commitment, endless enthusiasm and a fantastic team effort, so thank you to all pupils and staff involved. Particular thanks must go to Miss Macnamara, Mr Morrow and Mr Patterson.

Congratulations to all pupils and staff involved and thank you to family and friends who came along to support the evening.

L. Rowlands



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Canons R'n'B group entertaining the audience at Gig in the Park this summer.

Youth Achievement Award 2007

The Prime Minister, Mr Gordon Brown, sent a special letter of greeting to the Youth Achievement Award finalists last Thursday 29th November.

Canons High School's R'n'B Group were one of four finalists in the Musician/Band of the Year Award. They were given the privilege of closing the gala presentation with a 15 minute performance. Their professional delivery stunned the entire audience.

The evening was hosted by ITV commentator Nicholas Owen, who also praised the R'n'B groups performance.

Emeritus Professor of Education at Kings College Trains Canons Teachers!

Professor Paul Black, the Emeritus Professor of Education at Kings College in London, came to Canons High School on our INSET Day on 26th November to inform teachers about the research findings he has gathered both in this country and abroad. Professor Black told us how approaching assessment for learning in a way that encourages pupils to think more carefully can raise standards.

Professor Black had us analysing some classroom questioning and classroom dialogue to help us understand the most effective ways to make pupils think and stay engaged throughout a lesson. Peer assessment and self assessment, where pupils put themselves in the position of being a teacher themselves and advising others about how to improve their work, was another strongly recommended strategy that the Professor made.

Teachers were all very interested in what he had to say. We will be sharing assessment ideas, observing other teachers, leading seminars and coaching each other to make sure that the recommendations have the most impact on pupils' learning.

Mr Chowdhury said, "This is the best training that we have undertaken here for a long time. It was really good."

Ms Stuart

LAST DAY OF TERM - Pupils will finish school at 12.30pm on Wednesday 19th December

SPRING TERM - Pupils return to school on Thursday 3rd January at 11.10am.

Theatre in Education

Last week Year 9 enjoyed a performance from the Theatre in Education group about teenage relationships and those they have with their parents. Comments included:

“It was really fun”

“The bit about domestic violence really made me think”

“I much prefer learning in this way”

“The actors were really good”

I would like to thank all the teachers for giving up their classroom teaching time and the Year 9s for their exemplary behaviour during the performance.

Mr Litchfield—Head of PSHCE

Year 10s lose in Middlesex Cup

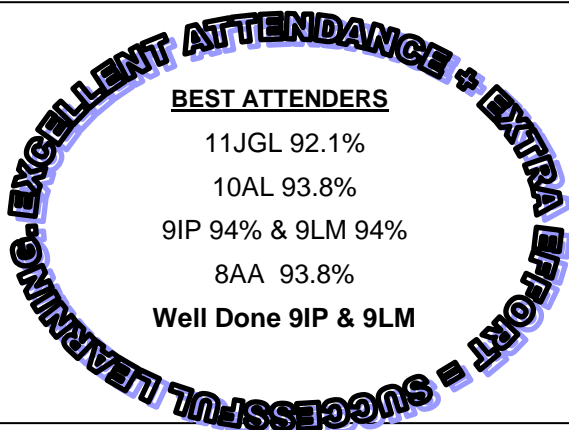
For the first time in ten years Canons High School entered a team in the Middlesex Football Cup. Sixty schools across the county entered the competition, with Canons confident of doing well. After the first two rounds Canons had comfortably disposed of their opponents however, in their quest to reach the quarter finals, we failed to beat Barnhill Community College, even though they were the weakest side we had faced. Maybe it was nerves or pressure, but during the first half the boys played without fluency or cohesion, and conceded a soft goal. The second half was much better with Canons dominating the game. But we, though several near misses, never scored. The team was disappointed inevitably, but players are looking forward to representing Canons again next year, and winning!!

Talent Fest

Next Thursday Canons High School’s Young Enterprise is running a talent show in the hall at lunch time from 12:40 to 13:10. Each act is allowed 2 minutes maximum.

All performers pay 30p and each member of the audience pay 40p. To find out more details for performing please go and see Ibi in 10MS

Ibi Femiol 10MS (Young Enterprise)



A Short Cut to Success

Two of Canons High Schools bravest teachers put their lives in the hands of local barber John Chrysanthou and had their month old beards shaved off for a public audience. Mr Morrow (from Harrow) and Mr Connolly (from near Barnet) had been growing their beards for the month of November for charity, with the proceeds going to Terrence Higgins Trust. In total £100 was raised.

The actual removal was carried out in the hall in front of a large audience of students at lunch time. It was a close shave but he finally managed to get the job done. There were a few hairy moments, however the operation had to be considered a complete success, with both gentlemen leaving considerably lighter than they had entered!

His first scalp was Mr Connolly who looked nervous but relieved at finally having his whiskers removed. Mr Morrow looked far more confident and said afterwards “I think I’ll probably miss the beard! Several people have told me it suits me, and have even said that I look a bit older with it, around about 25!”

The overall success of the whole event can be summed up with these students quotes: “I want to grow a beard one day so I can look as cool as Mr Morrow!” (from a boy in year 10); “I think it’s a good idea, I wish I didn’t have to shave” (said one boy in year 8!); “I think Mr Morrow’s beard suited him, but Mr Connolly’s was ginger!” (said one observant student in year 9).

From Mr Morrow

Non-uniform day

On Friday 30th November Canons High School had a non-uniform day. Students had to pay £1 to wear casual clothes. All proceeds went to the Mayor’s cancer charity, Children in Need and worlds Aids Day - Terrence Higgins Trust. In total we raised £512. Thank you to all who participated.