

Canons High School News

'A High Performing Specialist School' (DfES 2006)



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A message from the Headteacher

Welcome to our first Newsletter of 2008

Our hard-working and committed staff are doing everything they can to ensure that all pupils achieve or exceed their predicted grades. With only 10 weeks before the Easter break, we will have to work hard to ensure that all Year 11 coursework is completed and that pupils are well on their way with planned revision. We will need to keep up the pressure throughout this extremely short term. Please keep up the support at home! It is essential that pupils take note of published GCSE coursework deadlines and work independently at home to complete tasks as they contribute massively towards the GCSE result.

We wish all of you a happy, healthy and successful year.

L. Rowlands

Making Decisions in a Changing World

Canons High School Sixth Form Conference 2008

22nd - 23rd January 2008

Ramada Jarvis Hotel

Canons High School is providing a unique opportunity for all its Sixth Form 'Delegates' to participate in this challenging and inspiring Conference, organised by the school.

A stimulating and informative programme has been put together, including high calibre outside speakers, who will share in their experiences, provide an insight into what awaits our Sixth Formers when they leave us and help our young adults to aim high and fulfil their potential when making their life choices. Sessions will also focus on the importance of developing skills in leadership, teamwork and personal effectiveness.

Canons High School is the only high school in Harrow to organise an event such as this for our Sixth Formers. It is hoped that by providing such a unique and exciting opportunity, in a professional and business-like environment, it will inspire our young adults to make well informed decisions regarding their future career and personal development goals.

As the focus of this event is also very much on team building, developing self confidence and independence, within a supportive 6th Form community, we believe that it is crucial that delegates are able to immerse themselves in this programme over the two day period.

Jay Sean Performance

Jay Sean, one of the most popular Asian R'n'B artists in the world, chose Canons High School as the first school in the country to hear his new recording and music video, "Ride", which will be released in the UK on 21st January. Jay visited a Lower School assembly and spoke to the students about his experiences in the entertainment industry. A former medical student, Jay had recently returned from a highly successful tour of the USA. He concluded the assembly with an exclusive preview performance of his new song. Students from our 6th Form were also invited to the assembly as part of their campus enrichment activities. Jay followed up his performance with a thank you letter to our school, which has become a favourite of his to visit.

Mr Patterson

English Coursework Clinics

The final deadline for written coursework is Monday 25th February 2008

Having problems with coursework?

The English department will provide some extra help. Every Wednesday night the following teachers will be available:

Mrs Morgan Rm 3 at 3:35 – 4:30pm
Mrs Warburton Rm 2 at 3:45 – 4:30pm
Ms Crème Rm1 at 3:35 – 4:30pm
Mrs Kavanagh Rm 4 at 3:45 – 4:30pm

Just a reminder: the five units are:-
Shakespeare, Prose Study, 20th Century Drama, Media and Original Writing.

We all wish you every success in your final exams.

Beauty is the Best!

The Canons High School staff rounded up a terrific year at the school by putting on a fun Christmas panto for the students.

The CHS version of Beauty and the Beast starred Mr Connolly (was very well cast as the Beast), Mr Morrow (looking stunning once again as Belle the Beauty) and Miss Macnamara (smartly dressed up as prince Gaston).

In spite of the lack of rehearsals (and lack of talent!) the show went surprisingly well and received critical acclaim from the students and staff alike.

Here are a few of the comments made by the audience:

“It was excellent and funny, I don’t think I’ve ever laughed as much as when Mr Connolly dropped!” said a student from 11BW

“Probably the best show I’ve ever seen... even better than last years (and that was pretty amazing too!)” said a student in Year 10

“Mr Morrow’s performance really was superb. He has such a commanding stage presence, combined with a comic timing and flair that just makes him so entertaining to watch. Miss Macnamara wasn’t too bad either” said one member of CHS staff.

“I think that the Panto was okay. Mr Connolly remembered most of his lines this year too!” said a girl in year 9.

After the continued success of the CHS Pantomimes, the cast are currently open to offers from Broadway or Hollywood and are looking forward to next year’s Panto already!

By Mr Morrow

Exams Next Week

Don’t forget that the exams next week are ‘real’, external GCSEs and will contribute to students’ final grades. It is very important therefore that students arrive at least 15 minutes before each exam starts, that they have all relevant equipment in a transparent pencil case, and that they are wearing correct uniform.

It is important to remember that during exams students must not attempt to communicate in anyway with other students or turn around.

Students should have fully prepared and revised for these exams, although late night studying is not recommended. All students will need plenty of sleep and good food in order for them to achieve the best possible marks.

Good luck everybody.

Ms Stuart

CHS Talented Show-off’s

Thunderous applause, cheering and clapping were the unfamiliar sounds emanating from the school hall as the crowds poured in to watch the First Canons High School Talent Show. The event was organised by the Year 10 Business Studies students for the Young Enterprise Scheme. The event attracted an array of acts from all different year groups who all had one thing in common, they were all desperate to become be crowned ‘CHS Most Talented Student 2007’.

The lunch time event was set up principally to raise money for charity, but also to allow the students to show off their varied skills for the paying audience. The show got off to a bang with a dynamic dance by Mr Jackson and Zarah Martin (10JC), and the standard did not drop with a succession of singers, dancers, MC’s and creative performers. Special mention should go to Abdulla Abdulla who was unfortunate not to win the event with his outstanding original monologue.

However the undoubted stars of the show were Suraj, Shawkat and Adam with their Burlesque meets Ballroom rendition and Jessica Samuel for her amazing vocals.

I would like to congratulate Ibi Femiola (10WH), Suraj Vekaria (10AL) and Miss Callender for putting on such a successful event.

The following quotes were recorded at the Talent contest:

“I think Jessica was the best ” (said a student from 11JG)

“Some people said it would be a waste of money, but it was probably the best 30p I’ve ever spent!” (said a loud Year 11 girl)

“I can’t believe I didn’t win, I would have if my partner hadn’t have bottled it!” (said one tall anonymous Year 10 student).

Mr Morrow

Date	Exam time	Subject	Groups
Monday 14th January	1.30 - 3.00	ICT	11a9/ITA
Tuesday 15th January	1.30 - 2.15	BLY2H	11sc/a1, 11sc/b1
Friday 18th January	1.30 - 2.15	CHY2F/2H	11sc/a2, 11sc/b2
	1.30 - 2.15	Unit 4 - OCR-A335	11sc/b4
Friday 25th January	9.00 - 9.45	Unit 5 - OCR-A326	11sc/b3