

Canons High School News

'A High Performing Specialist School' (DfES 2006)



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A message from the Headteacher

Attendance Matters!

I am delighted to report that following my request last year for us to focus on attendance, there has been an improvement. Currently our whole school attendance is almost 93 %, a significant rise on this time last year. Nevertheless I think we should be doing even better. I ask for your continued support in encouraging your child to attend regularly. As I am sure you are aware, a high level of attendance is vital if your child is to achieve their potential. Even half a day absent from school every few weeks adds up and reduces the chances of your child fulfilling their potential and meeting their aspirations when they leave school. A pupil with 90% attendance will miss almost half a year of their education during their time at Canons High School. Research suggests that pupils who have an attendance figure of 95% or more are 80% more likely to achieve their target grades in SATs, GCSE and A Level examinations.

We want to work closely with parents/carers to build on this improved attendance record. Please help us to reinforce the message that attendance does matter.

L. Rowlands

Clothes Show Live 2007

A group of Year 11 and 10 students went to the annual Clothes Show event at the NEC Birmingham in December 2007. The Clothes Show is a great event where you can shop till you drop and collect freebies.



The atmosphere was brilliant and it was very busy. On the trip we saw a fashion show showing men's and ladies wear. The show was well choreographed, with excellent music and the models were all stunning. The audience members were in their element with teenagers screaming. I forgot to take my ear plugs!

The exhibition hall was crammed with companies selling their products including make-up, footwear, clothes, accessories and drinks.

The Clothes Show is a great place to buy those Christmas presents or just to treat yourself. It

is on every year at the NEC for 4 days. Watch out for this year event, go and treat yourself go with friends and have fun. Each day there are celebrities walking around, unfortunately we just missed Shayne Ward.

Ms Campbell

Dates for this term

22-23 January - Sixth Form Conference

24 January - Year 11 PTCE

7 February - Year 9 PTCE

Parent & Teachers Consultation Evening Thursday 24th January 2008

5.00 – 8.00pm

On Thursday 24th January 2008 Canons High School will be holding the Year 11 PTCE. This will be the time for you to discuss with teachers the progress of your child.

All Year 11 students have been given an appointment sheet, so please ensure they start booking appointments to meet the subject teachers, preferably before Wednesday 23rd.

On the evening we will be handing out the Harrow Collegiate application form and talking about our Sixth Form here at Canons.

We look forward to meeting you.

Miss Campbell
Head of Year 11

13 February—Year 9 Upper School Courses Evening.
(this is a change of date and a letter will be sent home)

18 - 22 February - Half Term

6 March - Year 10 PTCE

21 - 24 March - Easter Bank Holiday

27 March - Year 12 PTCE

7 - 18 April - Spring Break

21 April - Staff Training

22 April - Summer Term Starts



We are pleased to report that the eagerly anticipated refurbishment of the school canteen was finally completed this week.

If rumours were to be believed this multi-pound renovation of one of Harrow's premium food and drink services was designed to bring the schools catering facilities into the 21st century.

The new services include a full redecoration of the interior of the café in a brand new modern and sophisticated colour scheme (electric lime and apple white blossom), and a name change designed to reflect the Café's professional and contemporary feel.

The staff and students at Canons are clearly very pleased about the rebranding as illustrated by the following genuine quotes:

"I like it" said several members of Canons Staff

"Electric Lime is my favourite colour, as well as my one of my favourite foods" said a year 9 student.

"I feel the new rebranding is going to prove to be a significant step forward in our business like approach for students and staff alike" said the assistant to the School Manager

Thanks a lot to premises manager's team for all their hard work in making the café look so trendy!

By Mr Morrow

Emergency Closure procedure:

Note to all parents

Please be aware that in case of severe weather there is sometimes the possibility of the school having to close. In the event of an emergency closure a notice will be put on our website informing parents. The headteacher will aim to make a decision by 7.30am and to post the notice promptly. We would be grateful if you did not ring the school office as our staff may not be in school.

To check if the school has closed please visit our website - <http://www.canonshighschool.org.uk/>

Safety on the School Site

The school entrance on Shaldon Road gets very crowded at the start and end of the day. In order to ensure pupils leave as safely as possible we ask parents to drive slowly and safely when entering and leaving the site. Please do not drive onto the school site between 3.25 and 3.45pm.

Thank you for your support

Geography Trip

On Monday 15th January 2008, Mr Williams' second Geography class were taken to the Institute of Education in central London. We went by tube and it took about half an hour to get there. When we went in the room, we were greeted by David, who showed us the effects of erosion on cliffs, longshore drift and how rain gets from the sky back to the rivers.

We did several activities which were really interesting. One of them included the group putting houses along a cliff in a tank of water and building defences so the cliff wouldn't be open to the powerful waves made by a big paddle. The experience was very useful and really helped us learn more about the subject.

Sajith Sriwickramasekaran

Science Club

On Wednesday, students from our Science Club indulged themselves in a thrilling experience of making ice bulbs, creating cola explosions and making kebabs out of balloons. It was a great success and the students enjoyed themselves very much, especially when trying to poke kebab skewers into a balloon without popping it! An attempt was also made to create a fountain using Coke and Mentos. This was a really splashy moment!

"Science club is amazing. You do all these weird things and its nothing like boring old class experiments" said a keen science club attender.

Enjoy the fun of science at our Science Club, which is held every Wednesday in Mr.Connolly's room (Sc1) after school and run by Sixth Form students.



(no sellotape used)

Naomi Lazaroo (12JG) and Roshni Shah (12JG)

Additional INSET day

The Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) has issued a new Key Stage 3 curriculum and requires schools to have an additional INSET day to prepare for these changes. The day is to be taken between January 2008 and July 2008. We will inform parents of the date as soon it has been decided.