

Canons High School News

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Message from the Headteacher

Every Child Matters

As Ofsted (2007) noted, at Canons High School we provide: outstanding and exceptional care, guidance and support for our students; outstanding personal development and an outstanding curriculum. Since the publication of the report, we have been committed to continual improvement and have been focusing on how we can do even better.

At Canons, we believe that every individual student is important and is capable of making good progress. For us, building personalised learning pathways is the key to the future success of every student. Currently we are reviewing our Key Stage 4 curriculum in order to ensure that we provide motivating and appropriately challenging courses that will help to improve the life chances of every learner at the school.

L. Rowlands

Review Day – November 2008

Canons High School was closed on Tuesday 25th November 2008 so the staff could hold the schools latest Review Day.

The Review Day was started three years ago to provide more consistent and accurate feedback on pupils' progress. It has since evolved into a twice annual meeting between tutors and parents to evaluate the pupil's performance, set targets and discuss improvement since the last meeting.

The attendance for this Review Day was very high and the feedback from the day suggests the experience was both invaluable and worthwhile.

I would like to thank all the parents and pupils for attending, the staff for all their hard work and understanding, but most of all Mrs Rajula Mehta for all her priceless help in making the day what it is.

By Mr R Morrow

Growing fingers at Science Club

On Wednesday 26th the Year 8's enjoyed creating extra appendages on their hands by using latex to model their hands. Though it was difficult to take the latex off once it had set, we managed to get some good examples of extra fingers.

The next Science Club will be the last for this term on Wednesday and we intend to go out with a BANG!

Why not come and join us? Reminder: Science Club is available for all Year 8 and Year 9 students.

Mr Connolly and Mr Jones



Mr Jones trying to remove Hamzah's (8NG) newly-grown hand



Rikesh Solanki (8GG) growing his new hand

Connexions Harrow at Canons High School

My name is Disha Dansingani and I am the Connexions Personal Adviser (Careers) at Canons High School, where I provide information, advice and careers guidance to students in the school. Every student, at some point, may need help with their career choices. For example Year 9's when choosing their GCSE options or Year 13's when deciding what they would like to do after Sixth Form. I am currently working with Year 11 as this is an important transition year for them, where they have to make decisions about their next steps. If you have any queries about the options available to your child, or if you would like to attend a careers interview with them, please contact me at Canons High School on Mondays, Tuesdays or Fridays or on other days you can ring me at the Connexions office on 0208 863 1243. I would also welcome any comments or suggestions about the Connexions service provided within the school.

Disha Dansingani

CANONS BLOW SALVO AWAY!

The staff from Canons High School and Salvatorian High School played a special one-off friendly football match to celebrate the American festival of Thanksgiving.

The match also saw the return of a former Canons favourite Mr O'Leary who had graced the hallowed floor of the school gymnasium for several years before his big money move to 'Salvo'. The game was a highly entertaining affair and a lot of fun with over twenty members of Canons Staff turning up to either support or play in this 'grudge match'. For what its worth, the final score read Canons 10 Salvatorian 8 on what turned out to be a great day for the Canons High School staff 4-a-side football team. The fluent one touch passing of the disciplined CHS team out-manoeuvred, out-thought and indeed out-fought the predictably direct play from SHS. Special praise should go to Mr Jones and Ms Nassar who put in a colossal effort in defence and showed the Salvatorian away team how strong our team spirit, staff moral and wooden flooring really is!

Although the figures need to be confirmed, it is believed that the game was watched by over 4 people worldwide, and so popular was the fixture that discussions have already begun about making having a rematch at some undisclosed time in the future.... (Watch this space!).

Ultimately the result was unimportant, as football was the real winner as the day was enjoyed by all. Special thanks should go to Mr Connolly and Mr O'Leary for arranging the game and we look forward to a rematch in the near future. Thanks to everyone who came along.

By Mr McCalla and Mr Morrow

Poppy Day 2008



Thank you to everyone who donated.
A total of £34.19 was raised.

Adele Franklin

ATTENDANCE

8MG 97.6%
9HT 94.2%
10CW 86.7%
11SI 95.6%

**Congratulations
8MG**

**Answer to last week's quiz
question:**

He was playing monopoly.

Upper School Basketball

The Upper School Basketball Team easily defeated Hatch End 56-25, even though we only had 7 members of the team on show. We dominated the match from start to finish. This follows on from our first match which was against Harrow High, where we were unlucky to lose by 4 points. If we win our next match against John Lyon, we will reach the finals. Come on!!!

Team: Joshua Opondo-Mbai, Shawkat Kohestani, Rokas Zilionis, Eimantes Zvirblis, John Maina, Prince Marampa-Lartey, CJ Scott, Anwar French, Adam Mead.



The Theatre comes to Canons High School

On Tuesday 18th November pupils in Year 9 were taken off timetable to watch a drama production entitled 'Behind Closed Doors'. The drama piece was about relationships and was part of the PSHCE curriculum. As it was an interactive piece pupils were able to take part, ask the characters questions and discuss issues surrounding relationship problems.

Mr Litchfield

The play was about aggressive relationships. Gemma had an aggressive dad and Kate had an aggressive boyfriend. Kate and Gemma were best friends and had each other to talk to. The moral of the play was to find someone to talk to if you are having problems.

Ilhan Mohamed - 9AB

The workshop was about a boy who was trying to have a relationship with a girl, but failed as the girl was helping a friend abused by her dad and then the boy dumped her. The moral was to tell someone if you are getting abused or anything. I thought the play was brilliant.

Ramesh Patel - 9AB

