

# Canons High School News

*'A High Performing Specialist School' (DfES 2006)*



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## A message from the Headteacher

### School Governing Body – Election of Parent Governors

There will shortly be two vacancies for governors directly elected by the parents. You do not need to be an expert in education to be an effective governor, but you do have to want to help our school to be the best it can be. Support and training are available to help you get to grips with your role.

The election is for a period of four years and those eligible to stand are the parents or guardians of students who are currently registered at this school. The commitment of a governor at Canons High School involves attendance at four full governing body meetings per year. Governors are also expected to be a member of one of the operating committees that meet twice each term. It is anticipated that governors will support a number of key events in the school calendar.

A letter inviting nominations and outlining the election process will be attached to the Newsletter next week. If you would like to know a little more about becoming a parent governor please get in touch with Mrs Rajula Mehta (Canons High School) who is a parent governor and has an understanding of how the governing body works. Please think about taking on the job, or suggesting someone who will do it well. We need committed parent governors, people who want to make a positive difference to the life chances of our students.

Lynn Rowlands

## Open Evening at Canons High School

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September we held our Open Evening for the families of prospective Y8 students. This evening was the chance to show ourselves at our best and send out messages to the local community about what we have achieved and about where we are heading as a school.

The evening proved to be a great success. Our Y10 students were fantastic in ensuring parking was efficiently organised and that parents were warmly welcomed and registered. Our Y11 and sixth form students were excellent as guides, and most of the comments of praise I received from parents were for these students in showing the school in a positive light.

Many students from Y8 and Y9 chose to help out in classrooms to show to the families of Y7 children how well they learn at Canons High. These students and all of the teaching staff did a fantastic job of informing parents and involving students. The Science department offered children the choice of handling insects or being electrocuted, while in Religious Studies the visitors helped to grow a belief tree and in Music they were treated to a performance by our Steel Pan band. All subjects played their part in persuading over two thirds of our visitors to be **more likely** to choose Canons High School for their children than when they arrived.

A packed hall listened intently as Ms. Rowlands talked about the excellence that can be found in all areas of the curriculum and achievement of students at Canons High School. She promised parents, however, that more was to come as the school works towards being consistently in the top 10% of schools across the country for academic achievement.

In total 170 students played some part in ensuring that the evening was so positive and I would like to thank parents and carers who also contributed by sending them to us looking their best and who dropped them off and picked them up again at the end of the evening.

If you did not manage to attend the Open Evening but would like to see what persuaded one parent to write, "You are making so much progress!" and another to comment that, "You have shown us a whole new side to Canons High School" then please contact the school to organise a visit at your convenience.

Keven Bartle  
Deputy Headteacher

Please collect the tokens from boxes of Nestlé cereals and bring them to the Library.

The more we collect the more free books we can apply for.



Collect tokens from Nestlé  
Cereals

Post tokens into the school  
collection box in the Library  
before 31 March 2009.

Adele Franklin  
Librarian

### A message from the Science Department

Congratulations to Sadegh Khosh Zaban who has made it through to the second round of the British Physics Olympiad. If he is successful he has the opportunity of representing Britain in the International Physics Olympiad held in Mexico in Summer 2009. Well Done.

Mr Connolly  
Science Department

### ATTENDANCE

8BR-100%

9HT-97.1%

10CW- 97.8%

11SI- 98%

**Congratulations 8BR**

### A reminder to all Year 11 Parents

Parent teacher consultation evening is on 08<sup>th</sup> October from 5pm. Further information will be available in due course via the students.

Ms Callender  
Head of Year

### Year 11 Football team

Last Tuesday the Year 11 Football team continued their winning ways against Park High at Whitchurch playing fields. This was not the team's best performance, however they did manage to grind out a 1-0 win that means that they have never lost to Park High!

The boys, who were extremely tired after the match against Park High, faced Fortismere in the Middlesex Cup. They played very well in the first half and were leading 2-0 at half time. Fatigue played a huge part in the second half and they conceded 2 goals which took the game into extra time and then penalties. All penalties were scored for both teams until the 5<sup>th</sup> penalty for Fortismere when Sam saved it with a dive to his left. Herve just needed to score for us to win the match and he shot his penalty at his keeper. Rashid missed his penalty and that meant Fortismere when on to win the game 7-6 on penalties.

Ms Callender  
PE Department



### Cycling

British Cycling UK have been running a series of mounting bike training for students in school to promote cycling in school. They are set a number of gruelling races which the students have enjoyed. They are also encouraged to wear protective equipment to ride the bikes and join the local cycling clubs if they are interested. After the success of the British Cycling team in the Beijing Olympics students can start cycling and aim to represent their country and who knows we may have our next gold medalist here at Canons High School.

Ms Callender  
PE Department



### LET GROW

Morrisons currently have a scheme in place to encourage schools to collect for gardening equipment... One voucher is given for every £10 spent and are available from 15<sup>th</sup> September until 06<sup>th</sup> November, please collect the vouchers and bring them to the library

Ms Franklin

