

Canons High School News

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Message from the Headteacher

SATs - In October, the government announced the abolition of the national SATs for 14 year olds. This unexpected news followed the poor organisation that occurred this summer with many results arriving late. At Canons, Year 9 will still have end of year exams in English, Maths and Science. Further details, including the timing of the exam week, will be published once the format has been agreed.

Uniform reminder - Please check and encourage your child to follow the uniform code, as stated in the Student Planner. Please support the school by ensuring your child has, and is wearing, the correct uniform as they leave for school in the morning, then staff will pick up any issues when the children arrive. In particular, I would like to remind you that:

- All pupils need an outer coat, but this should not be a hoodie.
- Shoes should be leather or leather-look, canvas plimsolls or trainers are not suitable school wear

At Canons we place high emphasis on uniform and appearance. We would like to thank parents for support with this ethos.

Staying Safe

Now that we are in the midst of the long, dark evenings, please can we remind parents and carers to stress to all pupils the need to stick to well-lit roads and pathways when travelling to and from school and to avoid secluded and unlit areas.

AQA GCSE Physics / Science Exam

Some Year 10 and 11 parents will be aware that there were mistakes in the printing of the answer sheet for the recent physics exam. Below is an extract from the letter we received from the exam board:

"We spent some time analysing the answer sheets and question papers that were returned to us and we have established that it is possible to identify the responses candidates intended – whether they used the question paper to submit their answers, the answer sheet itself or a combination of the two. After looking at several thousand individual candidate responses, it is clear that we are in a position to mark the test responses accurately and issue results as scheduled on 15 January 2009.

Of course, I fully understand that, despite all this care, there will be some candidates who will be unhappy with their results and who will feel that the error did not allow them to achieve their full potential. Once results are issued, any candidate who is unhappy with his or her result will be offered a free re-sit opportunity in a future series.

To protect the interests of candidates who, their teachers believe, were adversely affected, and for whom the published results on 15 January 2009 are not an accurate reflection of their expected performances, we will set aside the issued results for those candidates and issue an estimated result based on their performances in their other units when they have all been taken. We will issue estimates where they are higher and you have indicated that the candidates were disrupted but cannot, for whatever reason, take advantage of the free re-sit opportunity."

We now feel confident that none of our students will be disadvantaged by what happened.

Ms Wilkinson
Assistant Deputy Headteacher

International Evening

Tickets for International Evening on Weds 17th & Thurs 18th Dec are on sale now from the Library, priced at £5 for CHS students and adults, and £3 for small children.

Adele Franklin
Librarian

Canons High School Library

Reader of the Month for November



8KS Ryan Masters

9MM Abiran Kalatharan

10LM Vibakhar Srikandakumar

11SB Susan Jounus

Adele Franklin
Librarian

ATTENDANCE

8KS – 97.8%

9MM – 95.2%

10KK 87.1%

Congratulations 8KS

Textiles Club

Every Wednesday 3.15 – 4.30

Learn to make a garment from start to finish

Miss Campbell

Friday 12th December 2008

In the Hall - Lunchtime

Mr Connolly & Mr Morrow

**will be having their hairy legs waxed
to raise money for St. Luke's Hospice**

Please come along and share their pain!

Donations at the door - please give generously.

Thank you

DECISIONS! DECISIONS!

The Year 10 Life Skills group are learning about decision makers in our community. As an important decision maker in our school is our Head teacher, so we asked Ms Rowlands if she could come in and give us an insight on the decisions she makes in school.

All the students were armed with a list of questions they wanted to ask her. High on the agenda were: Why do we have to wear school uniforms? (a familiar moan especially from year 10 and year 11) and also why students are not allowed to carry mobile phones!! Ms Rowlands explained that she is not able to make all the decisions by herself and indeed it is our school governors who make the final decision on what *uniform students wear*. Other decisions such as our current building works are made together with Harrow Council and the governors. Our School Council, made up of representatives from different forms, is also actively involved in planning trips and curriculum changes.

One of the hardest decisions that Ms Rowlands feels she makes is when appointing new teachers as she knows that teachers are the backbone of a very good school. However she is greatly honoured to be the Head at Canons as she knows that her decisions influence over 700 students.

The Life Skills group would like to thank Ms Rowlands for helping us understand the decision making process in our school.

Mrs Merali

Outstanding Progress

Dawid Pacult 8NS a new student from Poland, has made an outstanding progress in his Induction Course of English and has been moved to the Post Induction (higher) Course. He has made this progress in a very short time. Keep it up Dawid!

Mrs Dey

Day trip to Queens Ice

During Review Day our sixth formers went on a trip to Queens Ice and Bowl in Queensway. It was great to see so many of the students on the ice, skating for the very first time. Many of them came back with bruises, including Miss Millar, with the number of falls they had.

Some of the students bowled and there was an exciting match between Miss Warburton and Miss Singh against Sajjad, Javed, Sandhya, Darshi and Suraj. Of course the students were defeated by the power and the might of the teachers.

It was a great day out and a lot of fun for all. Many students and Mr Patel said that the best moment of the trip was seeing Miss Millar being taken out by a skater and her falling down, bottom first on the ice. It was hilarious!

Mr Patel

