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West London Academy's weekly newsletter, Informing Parents and Students of Academy events

Year 11 Parents' Evening Thursday 17th January 2008

If you are a parent of a Year 11 student you should have received a letter inviting you to Parents' Evening on Thursday 17th January 2008. On this evening you will have an opportunity to discuss your child's progress with each of their subject teachers, find out their mock results and how they can improve their results in time for their exams in Summer.

You will also have the opportunity to purchase subject revision guides at a greatly reduced cost in comparison to high street retailers. For just £16 you will be able to buy five books that will help your child to improve their grades in English, Mathematics and Science. This fabulous deal, only available as a set, has been put together to match the examination board and tier your child is studying for. It is a really great deal so be sure to purchase the book set to help your child reach their potential.

If you missed the Post-16 Open Evening there will be another opportunity for parents and students to get advice on the Post-16 courses on offer and the application process.

The evening starts at 5:45 p.m. and the last appointment will be at 7:40 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you on this important evening so that we can continue working together to help all of our students be successful.

Notice for Parents of Year 10 Students

On **Tuesday 15th January**, after sitting their Science module examination, Year 10 students will be dismissed at the earlier time of **3:30 p.m.**

Win an IPOD

With our attendance last year the highest ever for WLA at 93% we are delighted to announce a new raffle for students who gain 100% attendance and punctuality during the Spring Term. Eligible students will be entered into a draw for a chance to win an IPOD. There are two to be given away, plus vouchers for the runners up. Check out the Plasma Screens for more information. Good luck!



New Clubs and Projects

Are you looking for a new club or project to get involved with in 2008? Look no further as there are a variety of new clubs and projects starting up this term. By joining clubs you get a great opportunity to gain extra knowledge outside of class time and you can also get extra help with your work. **There will be a more detailed description of each club in next weeks NEWS WEEKLY.**

WLA Film Club: Every Wednesday from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. in 7.1. See Ms Downton for more information

English Gifted and Talented Club: Starts lunchtime today and every Friday in 7.5. Available for Years 7, 8 and 9. See Ms Wilkins for more information

Northala Fields Project: Be a part of a team to produce a mosaic at the top of the largest mound on Northala Fields (by the A40, Target Roundabout). All students are welcome to participate and there is no ongoing commitment so you are able to just drop into different sessions. Please see Ms Taberner for more information.

After School Sports Clubs: There have been some changes to the sports clubs timetable. It will be printed in next weeks news letter but in the meantime check the Plasma Screens for the updated version.

THE SCIENCE

CORNER

Get your answers in to Mr Gaza by Wednesday 16th January 2008. Each weekly winner will be entered into a draw at the end of term for a fantastic prize.

1. A yellow-green coated wire used to connect the metal case of an appliance so that it cannot become live.

2. Cancer of the white blood cells

3. Rain that contains dissolved gases produced from the burning of fossil fuels

4. A gap between neurones where the transmission of information is chemical rather than electrical.

5. A group of specialised cells all carrying out the same function.

6. A chemical compound that changes colour according to the pH.

7. Meat eater.



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Prince's Trust

Year 10 Prince's Trust students are on a trip to Twickenham Rugby Ground on Thursday. They begin RFU training on Wednesday with Dan Leek to prepare for the Tag Rugby Festival on 25th February. We wish you all the best of luck.

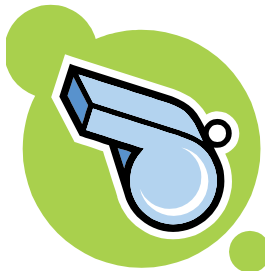


Important notice-

Temporary Changes to start of the school day



From Monday 14th January the whistle will be blown at 8:45 a.m. instead of 8:50 a.m. in the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds. Due to the cold weather it is now taking a bit longer to get over 400 children into the building to be registered, and the start times for the first lesson is gradually getting later and later. By blowing the whistle earlier we can get pupils registered on time so that lessons continue to start at 8:50 a.m. as stated in the Primary prospectus. Please help us to start promptly in the mornings by ensuring that your child is in the playground, with all the appropriate equipment, by 8:45 a.m. at the latest. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



Lost Property

Please ensure that all your child's clothing is named permanently and clearly with their full names. Could you also remind them it is their responsibility to look after their own belongings and encourage independence as it is a vital life skill. Thank you.

After School Clubs

The Primary School are going to trial a new system for parents to register their child's interest in after school clubs. This development is in response to a number of queries and comments from parents on the current system.



Starting this term, parents will be given their opportunity to register interest in a particular club by coming to the Primary Hall to sign up on the relevant club sheet. All the sheets for new clubs starting this term will be in the hall on Friday 18th January and Monday 21st January between 7:55 and 8:30 a.m. and again after school.

Feel free to come in and sign up.

Letters about each individual club will then be sent out to those who have signed up and places will be allocated on the basis of how quickly you return the attached permission slips.



Please note: Some clubs will be continuing from last term and you will not need to sign up for these.

KS1 & KS2 SATs

On Monday 14th January at 9:00 and 9:45 a.m. there will be a meeting in the Primary Hall for parents of Year 2 children about when the KS1 SATs will be held. There will be a creche facility available for parents who are unable to make alternative care arrangements for babies and toddlers.

The meeting for parents of Year 6 children about KS2 SATs will be held on Monday 14th January between 2:30 and 3:15 p.m. in the Primary Hall. There will also be a creche facility available for parents who are unable to make alternative care arrangements for babies and toddlers.

Please try to attend as it will make a big difference to your child.

Welcome Back!



We hope that you had a restful holiday and are ready to work hard this term.