



Inspectors Praise Progress at WLA



On Wednesday HMI visited the High School to look at the progress made since the full Ofsted inspection in September 2006. They concluded that:

- * **Students continue to achieve well**
- * **Students are very mature and reflective**
- * **Attendance rates are higher than the national average**
- * **There is clear evidence of improvement at Post-16 with a broader range of courses available and many opportunities for students to participate in activities**
- * **There has been good progress in improving behaviour**
- * **Students feel safe and like the fact that there are staff visible all the time**
- * **Students value the high level of interest staff take in their personal development and academic achievement**
- * **There are excellent systems in place for the use of data**

Once again, this very positive inspection is a credit to all the hard work of everyone in the High School and the support of our parents. We are committed to making further progress and in ensuring that our students achieve their potential and are able to take advantage of the excellent opportunities available in the Academy.

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Get your answers in to Mr Gaza by Wednesday 12th December 2007. Each weekly winner will be entered into a draw at the end of term for a fantastic prize.

1. Enzymes which speed up the breakdown of carbohydrates.

2. The process of slow change in living organisms over long periods of time as those best fitted to survive breed successfully.

3. The reproductive cycle in women controlled by hormones.

4. A reflected sound that can be distinguished from the original sound.

5. Sounds made up of groups of waves of random frequency and intensity.

6. A large wave caused by an underwater earthquake or volcanic eruption.



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1	2	3	4	5	6

Last weeks answers:

1 aqueous 2 neutral 3 inert 4 monomer 5 accurate 6 lime water

C hristmas C hild S hoebox A ppeal

Thank you to all parents who support their children bringing in contributions for the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox appeal. Because of these generous contributions, we were able to send off 9 goodie filled shoe boxes wrapped in Christmas paper.

Poetry Competition winners!

Well done to everyone who entered the National Poetry Day competition. There were over forty entries and deciding on the winners was very difficult! Everyone who entered a poem will be receiving a certificate which will be presented before the end of term.

Congratulations to Farah, 8W2, who won first place. Her poem is printed below along with the names of the other competition winners. To collect your prize see Ms Zacharia in 7.2.

1st Place = Farah, Year 8, with her poem 'I am a Dream'

2nd place

* **Nicole – Primary Ash Class**

* **Kacion – Year 8**

* **Corina – Year 9**

3rd place

* **Louie – Year 7**

* **Kajal – Year 8**

* **Melissa – Year 8**

* **Shabnam - Year 9**

* **Karishma – Year 9**

* **Praveen – Year 9**



I am a dream,
But I have lost my heart,
My wings have become weak,
You're tearing me apart.

I am a dream,
You're killing me slowly,
With your harsh and hurtful words!
I try to show you the right path,
But nothing seems to work.

I am a dream,
I come to you at night,
Showing you sweet memories,
And a glimpse of the world I want:
Perfect and full of harmony.

I am your dream,
I'm nice when you're nice,
But when you're bad I'm evil,
I make you cry, make you scream,
And when I think you hurt others,
I give you a horrendous dream.

I am your dream,
But don't take me for granted,
I don't give a second chance,
So do it now and do it right,
For I can show you that the future is bright.

I am your dream,
Embrace me for I am the right path,
I want your lives to be bright,
Leave the hatred and violence behind,
And follow my shown light.

I am a dream,
Heart of ruby and body of gold,
Precious but affordable,
So make the most of me.

I am a dream,
Yours only!

XL Club Christmas Bazaar

XLClub 2006 wish to thank all parents and staff who supported their Christmas Bazaar on 21st and 22nd November which was a great success. Each member enjoyed organising and actually running it and hoped that everyone is pleased with their purchases. They managed to raise **£125** and are hoping to buy a football or ice hockey game with the money.