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# News Weekly

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

## Academy in top 1% of schools!

### 72% of WLA students achieved 5 or more A\*-C grades in summer 2008

Yesterday's official government publication of the Key Stage 4 achievement and attainment tables for summer 2008 has confirmed the success of West London Academy's students in the summer examinations with **72%** gaining 5 or more GCSE grades or equivalent at A\*-C. **32%** also gained 5 or more GCSEs at grades C or above including both English and Maths.

The average total point score which students achieved was **486** which means that, on average, each of our students in last year's Year 11 left with just over 12 GCSE or equivalent grades at GCSE grade C.

This is testament to the incredible hard work of the staff and the commitment of the students to their courses and is further evidence that the Academies programme is really helping to make a difference to the outcomes for children.

The government takes into account several aspects which are known to impact on students' results including the number who have English as a second language, receive free school meals or have special educational needs. This measure, known as the Contextual Value Added (CVA) ensures that schools are treated fairly when comparing results so that the different communities they serve are taken into account. The higher the CVA above 1000, the more value

the school is adding to the students. A CVA value of 1000 shows that students achieved what would be expected of them in an average school had they continued to progress at the rate at which they entered the school.

A CVA below 1000 shows that the students have actually not made enough progress over the five years at high school and therefore

little value has been added to their starting point from when they were in Year 7.

This summer's CVA for West London Academy, which measures the value which the school has added to the students from when they came in at Year 7 to when they leave in Year 11, is **1052.4** placing West London Academy in the top **1%** of all state schools nationally.

To make such a vast year on year improvement which the Academy has done since summer 2005 is a considerable challenge



and I would like to thank and congratulate the students, parents and staff for their outstanding work in making West London Academy a success.

The Academy's Key Stage 4 results with year on year comparison can be found on the DCSF Performance Tables web site at:

[http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/performance/schools\\_08.shtml](http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/performance/schools_08.shtml)

## Year 7 Student Council Update

Year 7 Student Council members are going to part of a new and exciting project never experienced before in the Academy.

These students are going to be putting together a Year 7 student library where students will have the opportunity to borrow books, read and return them once they are finished. Students will then be able to exchange them for a new one.

The best bit for you Year 7's is that they will not need to pay a penny, the whole service will be free of charge. The library service will be entirely run by the Year 7 Student Council members for the students of the Academy.

Keep your eyes peeled for more details of the service in the very near future, coming to a year pod near you!

Notice  
Year 9 Options  
Evening will be held  
on  
Thursday, January 22

# Animation Club

There will be an Animation Club For Year 7s starting soon!

In this club you will be designing your very own environment from outer space to underwater cities. You will be animating exciting characters from dragons to knights and aliens to ice skaters.

**The limit is your imagination!**

Members will be entered into a national animation competition with amazing prizes to be won:

**Last Years Prizes:**

**Individual Entries category:**  
 Winners received notebook PCs.  
 Runners-up had a choice of a Cannon XUS digital camera, Apple iPod Classic, or a LEGO Mindstorms NXT robot kit.

**Group Entries category:**  
 Each winning team received an Amazon voucher for the value of £500.  
 Each Runner-up team received an Amazon voucher for the value of £150.

For More Information: <http://www.alice.org> and <http://www.cs.manchester.ac.uk/Digital60/Digital60-AliceCompetition/about-competition/>

**Alice**  
By Recommendations Only  
Students who are interested should tell their ICT Teachers by the 16th of January. Limited Spaces!!



Danni (right) collects her award from Miss Rispoli

## New Year, New Winner

Congratulations to Danni, Year 12, who has been presented with the Jack Petchey Achievement award for December.

Danni has shown increasing maturity in showing her true potential and becoming a role model for younger students and the Academy. She has improved in all areas and is remaining focused in school.

Watch this space to see who next months award winner will be!

# Attendance Leagues — 1/9/08 - 11/01/09

### Premier League

PERCENTAGES BASED ON ATT. BETWEEN 1/9/08 TO 11/01/08

Position	Form	Percentage %
1	7W1	96.4
2	7A2	96.0
3	7L1	95.9
4	10A1	95.7
5	10W1	95.5
6	10A2	95.5
7	8A1	95.5
8	8L2	95.3
9	7L2	95.0
10	7A1	94.8

### Championship

PERCENTAGES BASED ON ATT. BETWEEN 1/9/08 TO 11/01/08

Position	Form	Percentage %
1	10W2	95.0
2	8A2	94.9
3	11A1	94.8
4	9A1	94.2
5	11W1	93.9
6	11A2	93.8
7	7W2	93.7
8	8W1	93.7
9	9L1	93.5
10	9W2	93.1

### League 1

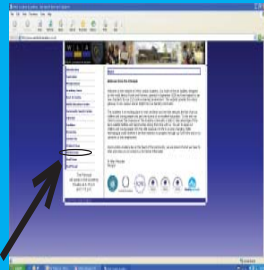
PERCENTAGES BASED ON ATT. BETWEEN 1/9/08 TO 11/01/08

Position	Form	Percentage %
1	8L1	94.0
2	8W2	93.6
3	10E2	93.1
4	9W1	93.0
5	11L2	93.0
6	11L1	92.3
7	10L1	91.7
8	11W2	91.2
9	9A2	90.6
10	9L2	90.5

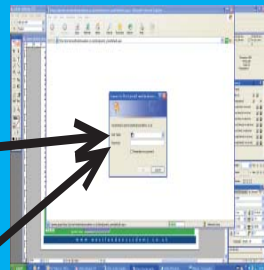
[www.westlondonacademy.co.uk](http://www.westlondonacademy.co.uk)

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To access the Parent Zone the user name is **wla/parent** and the password is **zone**



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