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# News Weekly

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## International Baccalaureate at West London Academy

West London Academy has been accredited by the International Baccalaureate Organisation to start teaching the IB Diploma from September 2009. The Academy will run the IB Diploma alongside the A-Level and BTEC courses already offered. Our current Year 11 will be the first cohort to be able to choose between the IB Diploma, A level and BTEC and students from other schools can also apply to join our Further Education Centre to continue their post-16 studies at West London Academy.

The International Baccalaureate (IB) is a prestigious and demanding diploma programme designed for highly motivated Sixth Form students. The IB Diploma provides a rigorous pre-university course and is recognised by universities around the world. Since its creation in 1968 the IB qualification has earned a reputation for rigorous assessment and is highly regarded by the world's leading universities.

The driving force in our decision to offer the IB Diploma and undergo the rigorous assessment required to meet the standard to deliver it has been our belief in the educational philosophy of the IB Diploma and the choice it will offer our students. The aims of the IB Diploma Mission Statement are firmly embedded in the structure of the programme. Key elements of this ethos are enquiry, intercultural understanding and becoming an active, compassionate and lifelong learner. This compliments commitment of West London Academy and our ethos in ensuring genuine breadth of opportunity for our learning community.



The International Baccalaureate (IB) offers high quality programmes of international education to a worldwide community of schools. There are more than 664,000 IB students at 2,423 schools in 131 countries.



## CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Christmas From Around the World

This event will take place on Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th December from 7-9pm. Tickets are available in the Year 10 Pod at break time for a suggested voluntary contribution of £1. It promises to be a wonderful evening for everybody, so please come and enjoy yourself.

### SCIENCE CORNER WITH PROFESSOR WEEKLY



Good Morning Class! Time for your weekly quiz again!  
As always get your answers into Mr Gaza by Wednesday for your chance to win a fantastic prize at the end of term!

1. Overuse of weedkillers and pesticides can cause this in the environment?
2. A third wire found in a device or a plug?
3. A device that protects the appliance and its user from a current surge?
4. The number of groups belonging to the vertebrates?
5. A mixture of different fuels which can be separated by fractional distillation?

Your clue for this week is:

1	2	3	4	5
P	E	F	F	CO

**GOOD  
LUCK!**

The answers for last time were:  
1: allotropes, 2: solid, 3: circulatory, 4: observation, 5: thorax

## Notices

- Uniform shop is open every Wednesday from 3.30pm - 5pm
- High School breaks up for Christmas holidays – Thursday 18th December at 1.15 pm
- Congratulations on the decreasing number of lates – new sanctions are proving to be effective
- Congratulations to Year 7 – they have had the highest attendance every single week in the high school since September
- Need a new pencil, rubber, ruler or pen? Head to the Reprographics and Communications Centre where these and many other items are available to buy for just 15p!

**MyBnk**  
My Money, our future.

**MyBnk has opened its doors!**

**When:** Thursday Lunchtime, **Where:** Portacabin, **Why:** You can save money every week or take out loans for money-making, world-changing activities.

**Come talk to the MyBnkers every Thursday!**



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# PRIMARY NEWS

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## Windy, Rainy, Muddy Fun!

On the 9th of November Year 6 went on an amazing outdoor activity trip to Kingswood. They arrived at Kingswood at 4:30pm and settled down in their bedrooms for an hour as it was so cold and windy outside!

Each day they had seven activities. All of the activities were excellent but the ones that stood out included caving, archery, leap of faith, fencing and laser quest.

Each day was brilliant and everyone had a lot of fun. A few of the tasks were quite muddy and eventually everyone ended up quite dirty.

In leap of faith they had to climb up a ladder onto a wooden pole and then climb up to the top. When they got to the top they had to jump onto a metal triangle, it took a lot of courage but almost everyone managed to do it.

When caving all were given a helmet with a head light so that they could explore a very dark and wet cave! When they entered the cave everyone had to crawl on the sandy floor because the cave was really small. It was really dark and perfect for a game of hide and seek in pitch black.

Later in the week there was an archery competition.



Sushma won with a score of 25 which included one bullseye.

After a very tiring week everyone was sad to leave Kingswood, but all had a fantastic and active week and would recommend it to anyone.

**A big thank you from Year 6 to Janice, Mr Bromwich, Mrs Edwards and Mr Hammer who gave up part of a precious weekend and a whole week of evenings to accompany them to Norfolk last week. Although the weather was quite cold, a great time was had by all and all the children succeeded in various challenging activities.**

## Notices and Reminders

- Parent's Evening is on Monday 24th November between 4pm – 6.30pm and Thursday 27th November between 5pm – 7pm please make sure that you have booked your appointment. If you have not yet booked an appointment please contact the Primary Office and an appointment will be made for you.
- Reminder – trainers are **not** permitted during the school day. If your child arrives in trainers they will be changed and your child will be given plimsoles to wear. All school t-shirts and sweatshirts must have the school logo on them. These items can only be purchased from the primary office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday's between 10am – 4pm.
- Dinner money must be paid at the start of the week, we no longer supply envelopes. You must put the date on your envelope with your child's name and class.
- Rising 5 application forms must be returned to the Primary Office by Friday 5th December.
- PSA Christmas Fair, Wednesday 10th December, 2pm – 6pm. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Contact the PSA via Primary Phase Office. Help set-up, cover a stall, tidy up **!!!Any amount of time would be appreciated!!!**