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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

## Successful Year 11 Parents' Evening

On the day when the Government published Summer 2008 school performance tables showing West London Academy in the top 1% out of 3,100 secondary schools nationally for CVA, 70% of Year 11 parents and students collected their mock examination certificates at the Parents' Evening on 15th January.

They then met with all of the subject teachers to discuss how their child could further improve their grades. Of the parents/carers that returned the survey forms all had found the evening useful and knew how their child could improve their grades.

The summer examinations are fast approaching, with little more than 10 school weeks until the written examinations start. Revision sessions are already running at the Academy and a brochure with holiday and term time revision sessions will be with you soon. Now is the time for our students to start taking examination preparation seriously!

Thank you to all of the parents and students who came to the evening. If you missed the Parents' Evening and would like to pick up your child's mock examination results please contact Mrs Prior Year 11 SaFE worker or Ms Dussard Year 11 Learning Manager.

### GET FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL!

The books are for a range of subjects and some start with a free book for just ten tokens! Look for the Books for School vouchers in The Times and The Sunday Times.

You can also collect Box Tops vouchers from Nestle cereals and cereal bar products to get even more free books for the school.

The tutor group who collect the most vouchers and hand them in to Mrs Dutton in room 7.4, will receive a small prize! Happy collecting...

## The corridors of power

Year 11 Economics students last week (Friday) visited the Houses of Parliament and the Bank of England museum.

The tour of Parliament started with an introduction to the building and its history followed by tours of both the House of Lords and House of Commons.

Afterwards the group were invited to talk to Ealing North MP Steve Pound,

which ended with Ali having a name check on Sky News the following night by Mr Pound.

Then it was off to the Bank of England Museum where they were given a history of money.

On the way back from the bank the group bumped into Dragons Den presenter Evan Davis, who they managed to grab a quick photo opportunity with.

## Celebrate Year 8's success

Miss White, Mrs Noble and the Year 8 team would like to invite all parents and carers of Year 8 students to a celebration of success across the curriculum on Thursday 5th February.

This informal evening will run from 6-7pm in the Year 7 pod and will include art and DT displays as well as dance, music and drama performances.

Light refreshments will be served and form tutors will be available for an informal chat.

Letters will be coming home this week. Please return the reply slips to indicate if you will be attending. We hope to see you there!

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 IXUS 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.uk> and <http://www.cs.manchester.ac.uk/Digital50/Digital50-AliceCompetition/about-competition/>

**Alice**

By Recommendations Only

Students who are interested should tell their ICT Teachers by the 16th of January. Limited Spaces!!

## Dragon slayer shakes WLA to its roots



The Academy was shaken to its roots when TV star and entrepreneur, Levi Roots, made a guest appearance in the theatre and gave a performance of music and story telling that left the audience of staff and students lapping up, not only his fantastic Reggae Reggae Sauce, but also his tales of enterprising daring!

The star of Dragon's Den took questions from the audience for an hour and gave the students a lesson in how to keep going when things get tough, develop the skills of enterprise and focus on a goal and never lose sight of what you want from life.

Guitar in hand Levi revealed his path to his £8million

pound company from his early start as a young man named Keith who longed to be a musician but who realized that he needed to have another life plan if he was to succeed.

Mr McManus, Gifted and Talented Coordinator and Business teacher who arranged the visit said 'Levi was absolutely fantastic. We have worked hard to develop the enterprising skills in all of our students and having Levi Roots here shows what can be done if people focus on what they want out of life.' It is hoped that Levi will return in the near future to address an even wider audience of star struck staff and students.

# Animal magic at WLA



WLA students were last week treated to the wonders of the animal kingdom with a visit from the Zoological Society London (ZSL) Outreach programme.

During the presentations ZSL presenters (and some of their animal friends!) helped students to learn about animals and conservation, in their local area as well as the wider world.

On show were a polecat ferret, a Madagascar hissing cockroach, snakes, and a variety of other examples including animal bones and skins, which brought home to students the dangers of over-hunting and poaching.

## 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. A substance that is harmful in small dose.
2. Equipment for doing experiment.
3. A study of living organisms.
4. Material that is a poor heat conductor.
5. Measure of hotness of objects.

Your clue for this week is:

1	2	3	4	5
<b>H</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>T</b>

**GOOD  
LUCK!**

The answers for last time were:

1: weathering, 2: asexual, 3: transpiration, 4: endangered, 5: repel

# Attendance Leagues — 1/9/08 - 25/01/09

## Premier League



PERCENTAGES BASED ON ATT. BETWEEN 1/9/08 TO 25/01/09

Position	House Points Total	Form	Percentage %
1	119	7W1	96.7
2	113	7L1	96.3
3	116	7A2	96.2
4	98	8A1	95.9
5	103	10W1	95.5
6	106	10A1	95.5
7	100	10A2	95.4
8	92	7L2	95.4
9	89	8L2	94.9
10	84	7A1	94.6

## Championship



PERCENTAGES BASED ON ATT. BETWEEN 1/9/08 TO 25/01/09

Position	House Points	Form	Percentage %
1	73	9A1	94.8
2	79	10W2	94.6
3	72	11A1	94.4
4	72	8A2	93.8
5	60	8W1	93.8
6	58	11W1	93.8
7	56	11A2	93.7
8	55	7W2	93.7
9	50	9L1	93.2
10	45	9W2	92.8

## League 1



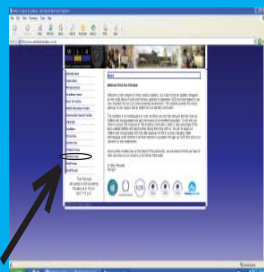
PERCENTAGES BASED ON ATT. BETWEEN 1/9/08 TO 25/01/09

Position	House Points	Form	Percentage %
1	38	8L1	94.3
2	34	8W2	93.6
3	33	10L2	93.4
4	31	9W1	92.9
5	24	11L2	92.9
6	19	11L1	92.6
7	13	11W2	91.6
8	9	9A2	91.6
9	13	10L1	91.5
10	4	9L2	90.5

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