



The Sonar

Your fortnightly update from West London Academy

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Comic Relief

A collection of photos of all the fun events at WLA last week...

Making a Difference

Inter House Fundraising Week

Monday 14 March - Friday 18 March 2011

We are delighted to announce that the total amount raised during this year's Inter House Fundraising Week is...

£2003.72.

Our charities for this year are Comic Relief and WLA's Link School in Ethiopia.

Many thanks to www.aaf-inflatables.co.uk for helping with these events.



Year 10 Work Experience

REMEMBER to start looking for your work experience places. The sooner you find a placement the better.

Also remember that you are not the only student(s) looking for work experience... everyone in Year 10 in the country is! When you have found your placement return your form to Miss Bowater.

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Banned: Mobile Phones/iPods/Hand-Held and Electronic Games

WLA has a very clear rule that mobile phones / iPods / hand-held electronic games are not allowed in the High School.

This is communicated on a daily basis to High School students. However the number of these out and about in the High School and their use and indeed misuse has reached unacceptable levels prior to Half Term.

A letter was posted home during Half

Term to all families of High School students explaining exactly what the consequences are regarding students and the presence of a Mobile Phone / iPod / Hand held electronic game.

In Brief:

- They will be confiscated and locked in the year base safe.
- Mobile Phones / iPods / hand-held

electronic games will be returned when a parent comes in at an agreed time to collect them.

The use and misuse of Mobile Phones / iPods / hand-held electronic games by students and the amount of time taken up dealing with these issues takes us away from our core business of providing high quality education without unnecessary distractions.

Hayfever Season Is Nearly Here!

WITH Spring weather unfortunately comes the allergy season.

If your child suffers from allergies including hayfever and/or asthma they should take their antihistamine tablets before coming to school if possible.

Also, if they require nasal spray or eye drops please ensure that you order them from your GP. Should they require medicines during the day they should bring them to the Medical Room to be administered.

Asthma sufferers will need to keep their

pumps on them at all times during the hayfever season as they will be taking part in outside PE lessons which could cause problems if the pollen count is high. For more information contact Ms Thomas in the Medical Room.

WLA Primary Phase Attendance League



Position	Class	Total Class Points
1st	Poppy	265
2nd	Daisy	205
3rd	Beech	200
4th	Star	195
5th	Comet	190
6th	Sun	180
7th	Lily	150
8th	Elm	125
9th	Oak	125
10th	Rose	125
11th	Ash	120
12th	Moon	115

Free School Meals at WLA

IN LIGHT of the current economic situation that affects us all we would like to encourage you to apply for free school meals for your child. Application forms are available from the Academy and the criteria is clearly outlined on these.

The application process is strictly confidential and run by the Attendance Team in the High School and the Reception team in the Primary. If your application is successful your child will not be identifiable to any other student or staff member. Arrangements are made for the funds to be directly credited to the student's ID card on a daily basis.

New WLACU Learning Destination

THE West London Children's University (WLACU) is delighted to be working with the PM Gallery and House in Walpole Park, Ealing, to provide children with exciting and innovative art and design workshops.

Available during the half term holiday the project provides artist-led creative workshops linked in with the current exhibition in PM house and gallery.

All materials are supplied - dress for mess! For more details telephone 020 8567 1227 to book a place (available Tuesday to Friday from 1-5pm and Saturday 11am-5pm). A small charge is involved. Workshops are run from 10am-12pm for ages 4-7 and from 2-4pm for ages 5-11.

This is a great opportunity to collect extra stamps in your Children's University Passport.

Contact the WLACU Co-ordinator Jo Chodzko-Zajko for more information on this or any other WLACU events.



WLA Wins National Table Tennis Championship

THE WLA Under 19 Boys' Table Tennis Team has won the National Schools Teams Championship beating Bristol-based Filton College 7-1 in the final.

Congratulations to the boys and their coach Jason Sugrue.

Daniel (Year 14), Tony (Year 14), Daniel (Year 12), Ryan (Year 13), Igor (Year 10) and Tayshan (Year 10).

Winning the title is a reflection of the dedication, determination, perseverance and tremendous talent the WLA team has.

Zumba Classes

Tuesdays 6-7pm in the **Dance Studio** and Thursdays 8-9pm in the **Dance Studio**. Both run by fully qualified Zumba instructors. Great music... great workout... great atmosphere! For more information contact: **0208 842 7930**. email: csc@westlondonacademy.co.uk

Ealing Connexions Service Details

THE EALING Connexions One Stop Shop has now closed and moved to: Young Adult Centre (YAC), Parkview Road, Southall UB1 3HJ. Opening Hours: 1-5pm

Ealing Connexions will also be offering a drop in service at: Perceval House, Uxbridge Road, Ealing W5 2HL. Opening Hours: 1-5pm

During these hours students and parents will be able to call in without prior appointment. For further information contact WLA's Work Experience Co-ordinator Miss Bowater or Connexions Advisor Sonia Aulak. Sonia will still be based at the Academy every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Sonia can be contacted on 0208 842 7933



Adult Education Centre

WLA Adult Learning

We have the right course for you

European Computer Driving Licence Extra

Find your missing piece...



Do you want to know how to gain computer skills that can give you confidence and competency?

One that can help you be more efficient in your existing job and impress your employer, or even the ability to get a new job?

The European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL) is the internationally recognised qualification which enables people to demonstrate their competence in computer skills.

The record breaking ECDL is the fastest growing IT user qualification in over 125 countries.

ECDL is designed specifically for those who wish to gain a benchmark qualification in computing to enable them to develop their IT skills and enhance their career prospects.

Evening Course

Days: Mon & Thurs

Time: 6.30pm - 9.30pm

Cost: £199

For more details on this and other courses please ask at reception, call 020 8841 4511 or log on to www.wlaaec.co.uk

WLA

Notices:

Uniform Shop

THE ACADEMY Uniform Shop is open every Wednesday after school from 3:30-5pm for High School students.

We are delighted to be able to accommodate student requests by introducing a WLA cardigan as a uniform option for £16.50.

You can buy uniform online from WLA by going to: <http://www.parentpayshop.com/schools/3076905/shop.html>.

Non-negotiable items

THE PRIMARY Phase would like to remind all parents that they are not to come into the school building through the playground doors at any time of the day, including after school.

This is for the safety of children and staff. If you do wish to gain access to the school for any reason please report to Reception where they will be able to help you.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents that this includes taking their children into the toilets.

If your child needs to go to the toilet before/after school, then please contact a member of staff and they will be happy to help.

Primary Phase Uniform Policy

ALL PRIMARY Phase pupils must wear a sky blue polo shirt with the Academy logo, grey trousers or skirt and a navy sweat shirt/cardigan with the Academy logo. Grey or white socks only. Pupils must wear black leather polishable shoes (no suede, boots or trainers). Jewellery such as rings, bracelets, necklaces are prohibited.

WLA is committed to 'Customer Service Excellence' and has recently updated our Customer Service Charter

THE RESULTS from the Academy Parent Progress day surveys indicate that 46% strongly agree, 51% agree, 2% disagree and 1% strongly disagree with the statement 'I am satisfied with the level of Customer Service received from the Academy'.

We always welcome feedback about our customer service and our committed to continuing to improve this. We have recently updated our Customer Service Charter which can be found on the Academy website.

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Easter

**West London Academy
Community sports centre
Holiday Programme**

WEEK 1 (Monday 11 April to Friday 15 April 2011)

Monday 11	Tuesday 12	Wednesday 13	Thursday 14	Friday 15
10.00-11.15 CLIMBING	10.00-11.15 CLIMBING	10.00-11.15 CLIMBING	10.00-11.00 GOLF	10.00-11.15 CLIMBING
11.30-12.30 GO KARTS	11.30-12.30 GOLF	11.30-12.30 Trampolining	11.30-12.30 GO KARTS	
1.00-2.30 TABLE TENNIS	1.00-2.00 FOOTBALL	1.00-2.30 TABLE TENNIS	1.00-2.00 FOOTBALL	

WEEK 2 (Monday 19 April till Friday 29 April 2011)

Monday 18	Tuesday 19	Wednesday 20	Thursday 21	Friday 22
10.00-11.15 CLIMBING	10.00-11.15 CLIMBING	10.00-11.15 CLIMBING	10.00-11.00 GOLF	CLOSED
11.30-12.30 GO KARTS	11.30-12.30 GO KARTS	11.30-12.30 Trampolining	11.30-12.30 GO KARTS	
1.00-2.30 TABLE TENNIS	1.00-2.00 FOOTBALL	1.00-2.30 TABLE TENNIS	1.00-2.00 FOOTBALL	

Climbing £3.50 All Other Activities 50p

WEEK 2 (Monday 19 April till Friday 29 April 2011)

For more information or to book a places please contact the Sports Centre on 02088427930
Please note that bookings must be made in advance and the programme is for children aged 8 years and older

The PE & Sport Department needs your help...

IF YOU have any old football or rugby boots that you have out grown or do not use anymore please can you donate them to the PE and Sport department to enable other students to take part in different sporting activities. They would be very much appreciated and used.

Remember Your PE Kit

THE PE and Sport Department would like to remind parents/carers that a proper PE kit is vital to ensure maximum learning for students in PE and Sport Lessons.

Therefore we expect all students to be in full PE kit for all practical lessons, unless there is an appropriate reason for missing items with a note.

Don't forget to check your child's LAP Records

ParentPay and Academy payments

West London Academy offers parents/carers the ability to use the internet to make payments to the Academy.

Using a highly secure website (www.parentpay.com) with a unique user ID and password, parents/carers are able to pay for school meals (cashless system), uniform and music lessons and lots more using your credit and debit cards. This is a free service to parents and there are no additional charges for paying on the internet.

Parents receive a letter containing their

user ID and password as soon as a child is fully registered as a pupil or student at the Academy so that they are able to start using ParentPay immediately.

ParentPay benefits our children and the Academy in many ways not least by removing the risks associated with children carrying cash to school and reducing administration which creates more time to devote to educational support and the smooth running of West London Academy.

Parents/Carers find ParentPay a more

secure, convenient and reliable option for both them and their child. Available 24 hours a day 7 days a week, it provides the freedom to make payments whenever and wherever you like. The Academy still accepts payment by cash and cheque but we encourage as many parents as possible to use ParentPay.

If you require a user ID and password, please contact the Academy finance office on 0208 842 7836 or email them at finance@westlondonacademy.co.uk

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