



# The Sonar

Your fortnightly update from West London Academy

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## ...On top of the world... looking down on creation

With the roof fully on the Arc (new Nursery, Reception and Year 1 building) and much of the brickwork at the rear of the Arc completed, the roofers have now started work on installing the various membranes to make the vast expanse of sloping roof water tight. The electricians and heating engineers are working on the first fix installation and the internal partition dry lined walls will be well underway by the end of this week making each space even more recognisable.

At the other end of the building the electronic roller shutter to the large storage facility along the rear access road has been installed, all power is connected and the process of fitting out the interior is poised to commence ready to decant the shipping containers that have served as the storage facility for the past five years. Once this is completed, probably by half term, the shipping containers can be removed from the visitors' parking area and that space reopened for evening Community Sports Centre parking.





Behind the Learning Curve the final stage of preparing the foundations to take the large concrete slab which the Quad will stand on are nearing completion. The water main which was hit before Christmas has been diverted to avoid any further possible risk and the first sections of the wooden CLT frame are due on site from the factory in Austria at the end of the month. The new additional lift shaft base has been prepared and the building for the air source heat pump which controls the temperature inside the Theatre is being completed so that the system can be reconnected early next week.

The very dry weather has continued to help speed the building programme on and last term's new build progress, together with the fortnightly updates, can be viewed via the time lapse cameras at <http://www.westlondonacademy.co.uk/TimeLapse.htm>.



## WLA receives grant to run bicycle-related activities

During the previous term the Academy held a number of bicycle workshops that were very well attended by pupils. In recognition of the number of pupils across the Academy who cycle to school, Mr. Dyal applied to Transport for London for a grant to help run after-school bike clubs. We are pleased to say that he was successful in his application and Transport for London is issuing West London Academy with a grant of £3000 in the near future to run bike clubs. Once the funding is received we will notify pupils when the club will be running.



## WLA's Uniform Policy

The uniform policy includes the following information:

- Jewellery is not to be worn – apart from flat, plain ear studs (no jewels or gems) – maximum of one in each ear
- No make-up or nail varnish should be worn
- Hair should be of a natural colour and should be cut no shorter than a grade 2 with no patterns cut into the style. All long hair should be tied back during practical lessons
- Hoodies and caps are not to be worn in or around the Academy

Recently there has been an interesting selection of coloured nail varnishes and enhanced nails on display in the high school. Checks have been made and students asked to remove nail varnish. Enhanced nails must be removed at home that evening. Students will be sent home if they have incorrect uniform.

## Year 9 Success Pathways Evening

Thursday 19th January 2012

All Year 9 parents and students are invited to the Year 9 Success Pathways Evening which will be held on **Thursday 19th in the theatre. There will be two presentations at 6pm and 6.30pm.**

After this parents and students will have the opportunity to talk to staff about their preferred course selection.

Success Pathways booklets and preference forms will be distributed as well as individual pathway information on which course is most likely to provide future success.



## Primary Christmas Fair raises funds for link school

A big thank you to everyone who attended the Primary Christmas Fair. The event was a huge success and raised £1362 that will be donated to our link school in Ethiopia, Maksegnit 2 Elementary School.

The money will go towards buying much needed basic essentials such as tables and chairs for the students to sit on during lessons. Thank you to all the staff and parents who gave up their own time to help make the event the success it was.



An example of a classroom at Maksegnit



A lesson taking place

## January Exams 2012



### Week 2: 16th - 20th January

Mon 16 Jan	14.00	GCE ICT Unit 1	12.1
Mon 17 Jan	09.00	D&T: Product Design	12.1
Mon 17 Jan	14.00	History B Unit 1	Theatre
Mon 20 Jan	14.00	Geography Unit 1 F/H	Theatre

### Week 3: 23rd - 27th January

Mon 23 Jan	14.00	Business Economics	12.1
Mon 24 Jan	09.00	Biology Unit 2 F/H	Theatre
Mon 24 Jan	14.00	Geography Unit 2 F/H	Theatre

### Week 4: 30th - 31st January

Mon 30 Jan	14.00	Physics Unit 2 F/H	Theatre
Mon 31 Jan	09.00	D&T: Product Design	12.1
TBA	TBA	GCE Applied IT	12.1

The following two adverts are in relation to an Enterprise competition being run by the Business Studies Department:

### WLA's VALENTINE'S SPECIAL

*Are you in a relationship? Do you like somebody, but you are waiting for the right time to show it? Do you just want to show your admiration for somebody?*



Then here's your chance to be a part of West London Academy's very own Valentine's event. It consists of two days split into two, Years 7-9 receiving Valentine's gifts (roses & chocolates) on Thursday 9th and Years 10 and 11 receiving the same gifts on Friday 10th of February. Remember to make an order with either myself (Cory 10W1) or Antone, Kayode, and Jake (all from Year 10) for what you want to be delivered and to whom. Alternatively, we can deliver gifts you have bought yourself, if you would like it to be delivered to that special someone for a small fee. We also thought of another creative idea for you to declare your admiration, by recording a message and have it on plasma screens around the WLA for one day only.

You can either pick up your gift from Reception or the Sandwich Bar, as it being delivered could be quite embarrassing and you can save a bit of money. If you are interested, there will be posters, as well as a price list available so you can start making your orders. Finally, I must advise you that this offer is conditioned by availability, as there is a limited amount of stock that can be supplied, so make your orders as quickly as possible.



If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact one of us in the Year 10 Enterprise Team who will be happy to help.

*Valentine's Day is fast approaching...*

*Metalheart can provide a service to ensure that the one you love receives, chocolates, flowers or a personalised message on the WLA plasma screens in the Pods.*

*Watch this space for further information about prices and specials offers. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of our advisors:*

*Jade and Rida - 10A1*

*Silvia and Shabnam - 10W2*

*What better way to send a gift.*

*Your secret, is our secret.*



**Don't forget to check your child's LAP Records on the WLA website: [www.westlondonacademy.co.uk](http://www.westlondonacademy.co.uk)**

# HALF TERM February 2012 Activities

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10.00-11.15 <b>Climbing</b>	10.00-11.15 <b>Golf</b>	10.00-11.15 <b>Climbing</b>	10.00-11.15 <b>Golf</b>	10.00-11.15 <b>Climbing</b>
11.30-12.30 <b>Table Tennis</b>	11.30-12.30 <b>Table Tennis</b>	11.30-12.30 <b>Trampolining</b>	11.30-12.30 <b>Trampolining</b>	11.30-12.30 <b>Indoors 5 aside football</b>
12.45-1.45 <b>Football</b>	12.45-1.45 <b>Indoors 5 aside football</b>	12.45-1.45 <b>Football</b>	12.45-1.45 <b>Table Tennis</b>	12.45-1.45 <b>Table Tennis</b>

### Term Time High School PE & Sport Clubs:

PE & SPORT CLUBS	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Breakfast Club 7.45 - 8.30am</b>			Athletics Year 7 - 9 with Mr Reynolds		
<b>Lunchtime Club 1 1.15pm to 2.00 pm</b>	Girls 4 Girls in Sportshall with Ms Marjanov		Table Tennis in Sportshall with Mr Daneshi	Badminton in the Sportshall with CSC staff	
<b>After School Club 1 3.30 pm onwards</b>	EBC in Sportshall with Mr Daneshi	Yr 7 Football Training on ATP with Mr Thomas	Rugby All Years on Grass or ATP with Mr Reynolds	Yr 10/11 Football Training on ATP with Mr Edwards	
<b>After School Club 2 3.30 pm onwards</b>		Yr 8 Football Training on ATP with Mr Squires	Fitness in Fitness Suite with Ms Hernandez	Yr 9/11 Football Training on ATP with Mr Bird	
<b>After School Club 3 3.30 pm onwards</b>		Dance All Years in Dance Studio with Ms Kusi	Netball All years in Sportshall with Ms Lim/Mrs Collins/Ms Harvey/Keshia	Fitness in Fitness Suite with Mr Squires	
<b>After School Club 4 3.30 pm onwards</b>		Table Tennis in Sportshall with Mr Daneshi	Table Tennis in the Theatre with Mr Bird	Girls Football All Years on ATP with Ms Lim	
<b>After School Club 5 3.30 pm onwards</b>				Trampolining in Gym with Mrs Collins/Ms Harvey	
<b>After School Club 6 3.30 pm onwards</b>				Basketball in Sportshall with Ms Marjanov & Mr Dunscombe	

### New schools join West London Children's University

The Children's University continues to grow nationally and locally with two new member schools joining West London Children's University. These are Woodend Academy and Maple Cross JMI and Nursery School. Staff from these schools joined in Children's University training at WLA last week.

This will enable West London Children's University to further develop and increase the number of public Learning Destinations in the local community and London itself. Several local destinations are already being targeted and increased links with the local Learning Partnership will hopefully also bring more CU members on board.

For more information on public Learning Destinations, click on: [www.nationalchildrensiversity.co.uk](http://www.nationalchildrensiversity.co.uk). This will give you information on what is available all over the country as well as in the local area – great for weekends and holidays.



### Dance your way to your next CU award!

Another new Learning Destination is now available to Children's University members. Eclipse Dance Productions which offers weekly and also holiday sessions at local sports centres is the latest in the growing number of learning destinations.

From ballet and musical theatre to jazz, Bollywood, street dance and hip hop, Eclipse caters for a variety of dance styles. Dance is a great way of keeping physically and mentally fit and helping to improve your way of life by improving your speed, strength and energy. It will lead to increased confidence and encourage new friendships.

Eclipse believes that dance should be open to all, not just those lucky enough to have natural talent. Eclipse welcomes people of all abilities to come and learn to dance with us. The staff are committed and many have West End theatrical experience which they are happy to share with new members.

For details, please look on the National Children's University website under West London, where you can also find details of all other local learning destinations to visit during the holiday and at weekends!

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



### Humanities HW Club

Wednesdays 1.15-2.00pm Room 8.4

Open to all year groups

Come and use the resources in a quiet room!

### New Year New You Family Fair

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2012

12pm – 4pm

FREE

Fun day for the whole family to kick start the New Year

- Free smoothies and goodie bags
- Free face painting and fun arts and crafts activities for children ages 0- 11
- Free health and beauty treatments and tips including free massage
- Free taster sessions in Zumba, yoga and art.
- Free beginners computer training sessions
- as well as information and advice for you and your family in areas such as debt, health, family well-being, careers, courses and much more.



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