



WA Students Attend Young Enterprise

A group of Year 10 students (*Mohamad Salam Perez, Fuhad Williams, Dylan Kawende & Issac Okusanya*) have taken up the challenge of starting their own enterprise with the support of the Young Enterprise London Group. As part of the programme, WA students went to Westminster City Hall and began by formulating their Business ideas as well as taking part in a series of practical business activities with other schools. The business they create will be “real-life” with insight into the requirements for setting up and managing a business. *Their business idea remains a secret at the moment, but watch*



*this space...*For more information visit www.young-enterprise.org.uk

Ms Bora's Message

This week, I am delighted to report on a successful November examinations season which ended on Tuesday. With almost 100% attendance to all examinations, the Academy was proud to see the positive effects of all our students' hard work.

Students have now grasped the Academy's major focus on numeracy and maths this year and I am proud of the feedback I have received regarding improvements in this area.

As always, please encourage your children to read, revise and practise questions (especially maths problems and past papers) EVERY night on top of any regular homework.

Miss Pond -Sports Teacher of 2011

Miss Pond is the winner of the School Sport Magazine Sports Teacher of the Year 2011, sponsored by Crazy Catch. The category was especially competitive this year but Miss Pond's win is fully deserved.

WA CONGRATULATES HER!

Teaching and Learning Corner

USE OF QUESTIONING:

Since our last OFSTED inspection, we have been prioritising how QUESTIONING is done in lessons.

Purpose of good questioning sessions

- To develop interest and motivate students to become actively involved in lessons
- To evaluate students' preparation and check on homework or classwork completion
- To develop critical thinking skills and inquiring attitudes
- To review and summarise previous lessons
- To nurture insights by exposing new relationships and ideas
- To assess achievement of instructional goals and objectives
- To challenge assumptions
- To expose contradictions

The Things that make good QUESTIONING SESSIONS

- **P**roblem solving
- **R**eflection
- **O**pen mindedness
- **B**ravery
- **L**istening
- **E**xtension
- **M**anners

Parent Governor Elections

We would like to invite you to vote for **two** new parent governors on the ballot sheet distributed with this news letter. The ballot papers need to be returned to Westminster Academy by Friday 2nd December 2011 and placed in the voting box at the reception desk. This is an exciting time at Westminster Academy and it is important that Parents and Carers are represented on the Governing Body; we look forward to receiving your ballot papers returned as soon as possible.

Love Food Hate Waste

Cookery activity at Westminster Academy. This event is for Westminster residents. An example event will include a series of brief (15 -20 minutes) workshops:

- Cooking demo
- Ideas sharing
- Storage quiz/discussion
- Recipe swap
- Food packaging
- Health trainer



The event will last 2 hours and will take place after school on **Thursday 24 November 2011 from 4pm – 6pm**. Activities for children can be provided while parents attend the workshops, using classrooms, or children can attend with their parents.

Participants will be asked to make a contribution of £1 towards this event. In order to secure a place at this, please contact the Westminster Academy School Home Support Parent Advisers:

- Adele Coleman (07984145569 **Orange**)
- Claire Scarborough (07946157509 **Purple**)
- Dina Watanabe (07946153893 **Red**)

****Please note that numbers are restricted to 30 participants****

Opening Minds

Our YR7 students are experiencing a more varied range of teaching and learning experiences appropriate to their learning needs. In YR7 students are learning to develop the competencies (more detail can be found in student planners on p5).

COMPETENCES FOR CITIZENSHIP
COMPETENCES FOR LEARNING
COMPETENCES FOR MANAGING INFORMATION
COMPETENCES FOR RELATING TO PEOPLE
COMPETENCES FOR MANAGING SITUATIONS

Lessons are planned around a particular theme for each term, this term students are learning about their environment. A high percentage of class time is spent on thematic work that focuses on developing skills, competences and knowledge. This term students are learning about the environment.

Community Event

This event will be hosted by the victory youth group (VYG). The purpose is to raise young people's awareness as to where their current behaviour and actions are leading them. The event will feature dance, music and poetry. Also featuring an **EXCLUSIVE LIVE DRAMA PERFORMANCE!**

Time: Saturday, November 19 3pm-6pm.

Location: Rainbow Theatre 232 Seven Sisters Rd Finsbury Park N4 3NX

Cost: Free admission

For more information please see:
Dylan Kawende (YR10)

