



## Westminster Academy has 'Got to Dance'

On Friday 21 October, as a treat on the last day of school before the half-term break, the WA Got to Dance competition will be held in the playground. A stage will be erected and students can warm-up during lunch time or take advantage of the open stage.

The competition starts at 1:40 pm and runs through to 2:30 pm with results announced at 2:45 pm.

Students in Years 7-9 are eligible to perform and will win points for their House teams. Also performing at the event will be The WA Cheerleaders and The WA Dance Club Girls. To register for the competition see Mr Lubi.



## Ms Bora's Message

As we approach the end of term, I have some good news and bad news. The good news is that teaching and learning in the Academy has improved and I am delighted with the large number of students who are displaying such mature attitudes towards their studies and who will be attending holiday classes.

However, I am sad to announce that I have had to make a number of permanent exclusions this term for students who have brought banned items into the Academy or who have treated staff badly.

Please discuss our five values (HEART) of honesty, effort, aspiration, respect and trust with your children. Discourage them from bringing in banned items such as firecrackers. Possession of fireworks leads to permanent exclusion. Instead, encourage your children to aim high through reading, revising and practising questions (especially maths!).

I look forward to seeing you at Progress Review Day on Tuesday 1st November—happy holiday!

## Teaching and Learning

### Preparing your independent study timetable

Before half-term, most of our students will have prepared their independent study time ready for the start of exams in November. In order to maximise the time they have, here are some useful questions to consider on this subject:

1. Can I outline exactly what I need to study ?
2. How much time should I spend on independent study a day/a week?
2. Can I analyse different examples of study schedules and pick one that suits me?
3. Can I identify any barriers to independent study?
4. How can I turn wasted time into extra time to study?
5. Can I design my own independent study schedule?

Should any student wish to share his/her experiences on this with others, please email Ms. Bjelica on [bjelica@westminsteracademy.biz](mailto:bjelica@westminsteracademy.biz)

## Progress Review Day is on Tuesday 1 November

Progress Review Day will take place on Tuesday 1 November between 9am-3:30 pm. This is an excellent opportunity for parents to meet their child's personal tutors and discuss their academic progress, development and targets.

Parents must attend with their child for a twenty minute appointment with the personal tutors. Parents can request a specific appointment time by emailing their child's tutors by 21 October 2011. Students must wear full school uniform for their appointment.

Outside the appointment with the personal tutor, students should spend the rest of the day studying and revising. The library will be open for any students who have finished reading their library books over the half-term and need to select new books.

GCSE exams are starting in November and it is vitally important that parents are confident both about how their child is performing academically and specifically what they can do to help their child improve their performance at school.

## Gifted and Talented update

The past few weeks have been busy for Y10 students who have not only completed application forms for UCL's prestigious 'Saturday School', but are also currently applying to attend the 'October half term school' at UCL. The October half term school is a series of one day events and activities which give students the opportunity to use the skills they learn in lessons in school in a real-life context. Y12 and 13 students can also apply for the scheme – if you want any more information

please see Miss Brooks and Miss Fox, or check out the 6<sup>th</sup> form notice board in the Global Café.

Debating club is now running for all year groups. Y11, 10 and 9 will take place on Thursdays at 4.30 in room 122 and Y7 and 8 will be on a Friday lunch time in room 122. We have lots interesting and topical debate-themes planned, so make sure you turn up to the clubs to see what it is all about!



**Academy Sport**



### October Holiday Programme

Four days packed of activities ranging from:

Football, Tennis, Basketball, Dance Attack, Edutain, Parkour and Trampolining.

Prices from £ 1 a session, times vary depending on sessions.

**Monday 24th—Thursday 27th October**, pick up a registration form from reception today!

All Information on our sessions including times and prices can be found on our website:

[www.westminsteracademy.net/Activities.php](http://www.westminsteracademy.net/Activities.php) or by calling 020 7121 0642