



## Year 12 Students visit Jesus College

On Wednesday 2nd November, three Year 12 students: Ayllin Yassin, Joshua Kachimba and Mimoza Zejnullahi visited Cambridge University as part of a trip with other schools from the borough of Westminster.

The day incorporated an introductory talk about the application process and Cambridge's entry requirements (the 40 point offer for IB being mildly daunting, though not unachievable for our 3 aspiring students), followed by a tour of Jesus College itself and an opportunity to talk to current undergraduates about their experiences at Cambridge.

Lunch took place in the great hall where the students marvelled at the décor and pondered the history whilst enjoying a hearty free lunch.



In the afternoon, the tour spilled out into Cambridge town itself (one student remarking the buildings could have come straight out of the Da Vinci code movie) before rounding off with a tour of Clare College, a panorama of King's College and a final Q and A back at Jesus. An enjoyable day for all!

## Imperial STEM Enrichment

Mimoza Zejnullahi in Y12 has been successful in gaining a place on the Imperial College London STEM Enrichment Programme. This will consist of 11 sessions Monday - Friday. Mimoza will be attending maths and science workshops. In addition she will participate in personal effectiveness training sessions. Each workshop will include the opportunity for individual tutoring.

## Teaching and Learning Corner

Peer assessment is an activity that engages students with the quality of their work and in reflecting on how to improve it. It is not just an exercise where students simply mark their own and other's work.

The key in peer and self-assessment is for students to be provided with valuable feedback. Whilst peer assessment is an opportunity to support develop and challenge each other, self-assessment promotes independent learning.

In practical terms, below are 2 examples of feedback that a student can either give to one self or to another student:

### Feedback 1:

Well Done!

### Feedback 2:

I have included more adjectives, which helped bring the character to life, but my sentence structure is not very varied. I should use complex sentences more.

**Which feedback would you find more useful? Why?**

**Think about this from now on when you mark your own work or someone else's work.**

## Ms Bora's Message

Thank you for continuing to encourage your children to read, revise and practise questions (especially **maths**) EVERY evening—this is starting to make a real difference!

This week, I am making a special plea to parents to help us prepare your child for learning every morning. Please check the **uniform** and **equipment** list in your child's planner. Our **behaviour code** is on our website. Please go through this with you child regularly. We have had an increase in 'playfighting' which the Academy classifies as fighting because of its dangerous nature in a building of 1000 students. There is no excuse for students to handle each other in this manner. Thank you for your support!

# Children in Need Cake Bake Sale

A **HUGE** thank you to all staff and students that helped baking, selling and buying cupcakes on Friday for Children in Need. We managed to raise £125 to help children all over the UK.



The night raised £26,332,334 so



can you work out how much it would have been without WA?

The cake bake sale was organised by Miss Odong, supported by students, the Science Department, Mr Ojewunmi and Mr Farmbrough.

## PSHE Event

Students enjoyed a whole day of PSHE last week. Serious and sensitive topics were discussed. Students commented that they enjoyed the event and found the topics provoked quite interesting debates. The PSHE team are looking forward to planning the next event as soon as possible!



## Governor Elections

Parent Governor Elections continue. Ballot papers need to be returned to Westminster Academy. We are pleased to announce that we are extending the voting period for the Parent Governor elections. The closing date for voting will now be Friday 9th December 2011. Please place your ballot papers in the voting box at the reception desk.

## Year 10 Entrepreneurs

A group of enterprising Year 10 Internship students (Naheed Miah, Fahim Ahmed, Kamil Mahmoud and Saeed Musa) have set up a new company creating greeting cards for the festive season ahead.



The students have set about creating their own business called WACCI – Westminster Academy Creative Card Industries.

As part of the Young Enterprise programme, the students involved have decided upon their company name, objectives, roles and business strategy.

## House Quiz

This week WA held two general knowledge house quizzes in the green room. All three houses sent their brainiest students to compete. The junior quiz was for Years 7, 8 and 9. A close quiz was won by orange, with purple second and red third. The senior quiz, featuring Years 9,10,11, 12 and 13, was next and was of a very high quality. All house captains competed with red house the victors, purple second and orange third. Thanks to Miss Palmer and Mr Thomas for being the quiz masters and Mr Simson for organising the event.

## YELP Mentoring

Year 10 students are taking part in the YELP mentoring/tutoring scheme. The scheme is run by University College London (UCL) with London School of Economics (LSE) and offers free tutoring and mentoring for



students in English, Maths or Science.

This week tutors/mentors visited Westminster Academy.

# Concerned about your child's behaviour or the company that they keep?



**Adolescent Issues Awareness Evening**  
**Friday 25th November 2011 6pm until 8pm**  
**At: The Stowe Centre, 258 Harrow Road, W2**  
**5ES**



City of Westminster

During the evening, we will be covering the following topics:

- **Feedback from previous event on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2011**
- **Section 60-** what does Section 60 mean?
- Implications of being stopped and searched under Section 60
- Stop & Search rights for your children
- **Personal Safety-** Police response and guidance from the Youth Engagement Team
- **Your Choice-** Westminster Councils' response in light of recent local incidents and plan for the future

Free childcare facilities will be provided during the evening if you have children aged 0-8.

Food and Refreshments will also be provided.

*Arabic & Bengali speakers will be present to help facilitate this event.*