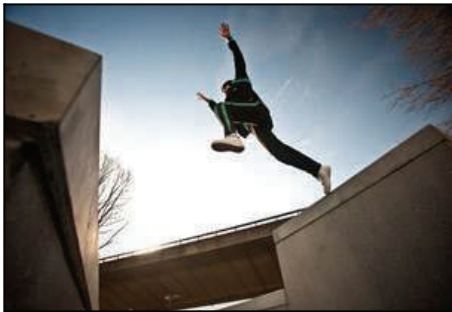




Parkour Park - The World's Largest Dedicated Parkour Facility comes to WA

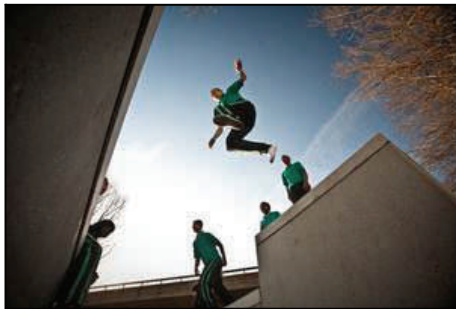
The world's largest Parkour dedicated facility L.E.A.P (London Experience of Art du Deplacement & Parkour) is now **OPEN**.



Parkour consists of finding new ways through the city landscape by scaling walls, jumping down steps and vaulting obstacles. It's the perfect place to practise your

moves in a safe environment.

The launch of our brand new L.E.A.P training facility in London was a huge success, with dignitaries attending from the Lord Mayor's office, the Cabinet office, City of Westminster, Sport England, London 2012 and more, along with a host of press and camera-people.



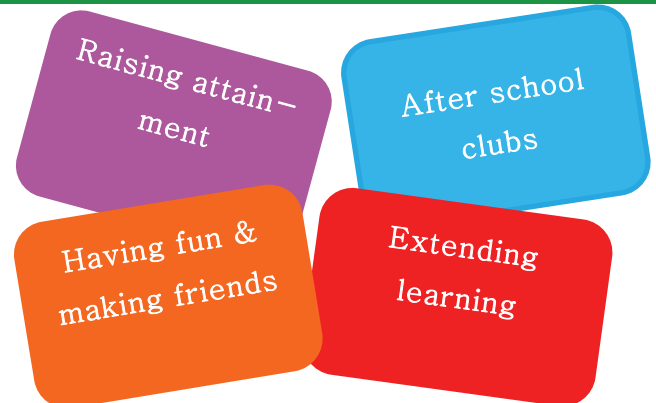
The launch, including an interview with Traceur Dan and some footage of the team showing basic techniques that can be practised at the facility, was also covered by the BBC that afternoon and on BBC London News at 6:30pm.

Prior to the launch we ran some workshops for Academy students on the facility to which the Times Newspaper came, and there is a great shot of the students in action plus an article which is now on the Times website.



Lancement du Parc LEAP Parkour à Westminster Academy

Vendredi le 6 janvier, le lancement du Parc LEAP Parkour a eu lieu à Westminster Academy. Parkour est un sport extrême où le but est d'aller d'un endroit désigné à un autre de la façon la plus efficace tout en utilisant les obstacles du parcours. Le traceur est la personne qui pratique le parkour. Un exemple d'un traceur célèbre est Jackie Chan, qui pourrait être considéré comme le précurseur du parkour. Si vous voulez être comme Jackie Chan, visitez le Parc LEAP Parkour à Westminster Academy, car c'est le plus grand au monde!
article par Mimoza Zejnullahi



Ms Bora's Message

The Academy has had an extremely busy fortnight. All GCSE examinations have gone well. The Academy has received its results from the November GCSE examinations which showed that our focus on numeracy is working, with 28 extra Year 11 students gaining a C or above in maths.

So, please continue with reading, revision and practising questions (especially maths) EVERY NIGHT which is even more important than any homework received.

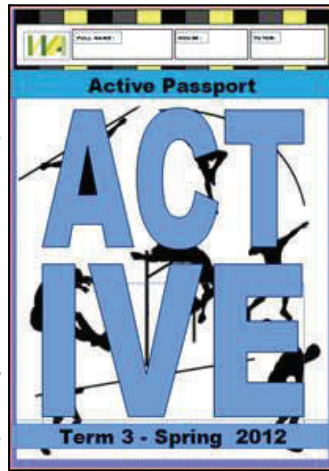
I am also delighted with the amount of publicity we have attracted following the launch of the biggest Parkour Park in the world and a visit by the Secretary of State for Education, Michael Gove, with the CEO from Barclays Bank to launch the 'Money Skills' programme. Students have been on the TV, radio and websites—well done Westminster Academy!

Active Passport

As an active School (recognised by Westminster Council 2011), it is now time think about your "Olympic" new year's resolution for 2012.

Using your active passport with your tutor, consider taking part in one of the many activities that take place in the Academy Sport facility, before, during and after School, as well as in the community. In discussion with your tutor in 1:1, gain credit for your efforts in terms of walking to the Academy in the morning, taking part in lunchtime activities or even attending a community club on the weekend.

Each term you receive a new Active Passport which needs to be returned to your tutor. Remember, each successfully completed Active Passport will contribute points to your respective house.



So, check out some of the new activities for 2012 that are on offer at Academy Sport and in the Community, and start gaining recognition from your tutors for your commitment to a healthy lifestyle.

Growing Against Gangs and Violence

Four Year 7 groups went to an all-day workshop on staying safe in London this week. They discussed the topics of 'What is a gang and what is a peer group', performed role plays with authentic police gear, and learned about the effects of gang and violence on the local community.



Everyone showed the greatest respect and trust within their group, and it was a pleasure to take part, listen to and watch our students gain knowledge and insight into this crucially important matter.

We even got to play softball during break! All in all, we cannot thank the Metropolitan Police enough for coming and running these workshops for us.

What does Good and Outstanding Behaviour look like at the Academy?

Below is a simple break down of what **GOOD** and **OUTSTANDING** behavior for learning looks like which, of course, contributes to **PROGRESS** in lessons.

MY CONTRIBUTION AND COOPERATION WITH OTHERS

OUTSTANDING	GOOD
I show a very high level of engagement, courtesy, collaboration and cooperation.	I am typically considerate, respectful and courteous to staff and others and consistently meet the school's expectations.

ENGAGEMENT IN LESSONS

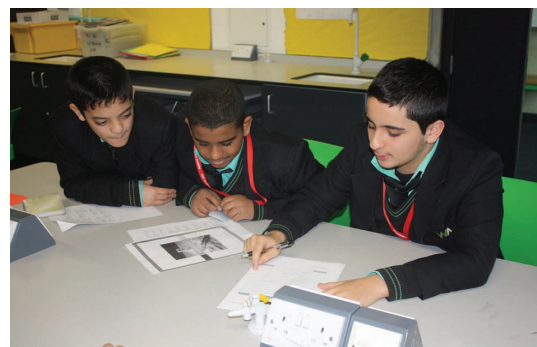
OUTSTANDING	GOOD
I have excellent, enthusiastic attitudes to learning, enabling lessons to proceed without interruption.	I have good levels of engagement to allow lessons to flow smoothly throughout so that disruption is unusual.

PUNCTUALITY TO LESSONS

OUTSTANDING	GOOD
I am punctual arriving to lessons ALWAYS!	I hardly ever arrive to lessons late.

SELF MANAGEMENT

OUTSTANDING	GOOD
I am highly adept at managing my own behaviour.	I sometimes need the teacher intervention to manage my own behaviour.



WA students contributing and cooperating in Extended Tutor Touch Base - January 2012.