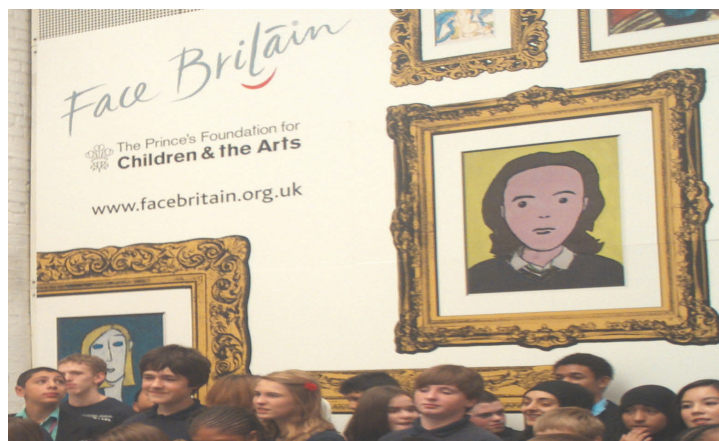




WA students help to launch Face Britain

Our Year 9 Art class was invited along to the launch event for the Face Britain Gallery on 14th September 2011. Face Britain is a gallery open to 6-16 year olds until December 2011. As students, we can draw portraits and post them online as part of the 2012 Olympics and the Queen's Jubilee festivals. Participants can look at portraits drawn by other students and if more than 28,000 students upload their portraits, we will be RECORD BREAKERS and mentioned in the Guinness Book of Records. When we arrived at Imagination Gallery on Tottenham Court Road, we met other students from other schools. We were welcomed with a drawing class on how to draw a portrait and how portraits can represent a person's feelings. We looked at artists' work and how they used symbols to represent themselves such as Picasso and Van Gogh.

We were then asked to draw our own portraits and



talked with artists about portraiture. At the end we met the sponsors and had photos taken with Neil Buchanan from Art Attack and Ben from Outnumbered. It was a great trip.

By Inas Mahfoudi (Year 9 Art student)

Teaching and Learning Corner

Since our last OFSTED visit; we have been prioritising getting our students to play a more active role in lessons. Every WA lesson is expected, therefore, to include and focus on GROUP work, PAIRed work and QUESTIONING. In order for our students to remember this better, we have created acronyms below:

G round rules	P eople Skills	P roblem solving
R oles	A rticulation	R eflection
O utcomes	I deas	O pen mindedness
U se of time	R espect	B ravery
P ractice		L istening
		E xtension
		M anners

Year 6 Open Morning and Evening

Open Mornings 10:45am

Open Evening 4:00-6:00pm

Friday 23rd September
Monday 26th September
Tuesday 4th October
Thursday 13th October
Wednesday 19th October

Wednesday 5th October



Ms Bora's message

We have continued to have a positive start to the term.

Yesterday, the Academy's Behaviour Monitor scheme was launched. Selected students have been trained to carry out this exciting new leadership role to help keep students safe around the Academy. They led an inspirational assembly in the morning. If you would like your child to join the Student Leadership team, please encourage him/her to apply for new posts in the Spring Term.

We also celebrated World Peace Day; tutors are explaining the Academy's crackdown on bullying this week to their tutor groups. Please speak to your child to ensure any incidents of bullying are reported to their tutors.

Finally, some of our wonderful students are complaining about lack of homework! All students should be reading, revising and practising questions. We recommend at least one novel per week and at least six pages of memorising from revision guides per night, together with a minimum of one hour of question practice (e.g. maths).

Year 11 Parents Evening

Year 11 Parents' Evening will be held on **Wednesday 28th September 2011 4:00pm-6:00pm**

A FREE weight management programme delivered in your local area - For young people aged 13-17 years



Thousands of young people across London are struggling with their weight. HELP supports young people gain control of their weight by increasing their confidence and motivation, and helping them work together with their friends and family to make changes to their lifestyle. The study is comparing two different ways of helping young people overcome their weight issues. You will either attend 12 sessions over 6 months, or 1 session, which will provide you with information about healthy eating and healthy activity levels. The programme is covering the Greater London area and will take place close to where you live. Public transport expenses to the sessions will be reimbursed.

"If I didn't come here I don't think I'd like myself and be smiling" John, 15

A £20 i-tunes music or high street store voucher will be given to the young people as a thank you for participating. Travel expenses to the sessions will be paid (tube/train/bus fares).

If you would like to know more please contact Anne Mathiot or Dr Lee Hudson on:

Telephone: (020) 7905 2317

Email: htrial@ich.ucl.ac.uk

Website: www.helptrial.org.uk

E-safety

The internet is an amazing place. You probably use it most days for research, socialising or just to have fun. When you imagine how many billions of people are using the Internet at any one time, then overall it is actually a pretty safe place. However, as with anything so good, there are bound to be a few things that are not so positive. The Internet does have a few pitfalls and you need to be aware of them in order to use it confidently and safely. Top sites for information:

www.childnet-int.org

www.saferinternet.org

www.thinkuknow.co.uk



WA students at the Shakespeare Schools Festival

Year 10 GCSE drama students will be performing Macbeth at The Riverside Studios in Hammersmith on October 4th at 7pm. This is part of the Shakespeare Schools Festival which is taking place all over the country. Please come and support our students. All parents, staff and students are welcome. Tickets can be purchased online from www.riversidestudios.co.uk or via the box office on (020) 8237 1111. Tickets cost £8 or £6 pounds for concessions.



African dance and drumming club

Teachers and students! Come and experience the pulsating rhythms of African dance and drums!



Every

day: Students: 3:30pm-4:20pm, Staff: 4:30pm-5:15pm

Tues-

Room: Dance Studio

Weekly drop-in sessions for parents start 30th September

These sessions will take place on Friday mornings at 9.10am and last for 1 hour. They are an opportunity to discuss anything you are worried or concerned about with our School Home Support staff who will be able to help you. The sessions will take place in Sky Dining on 3rd floor of Westminster Academy. No appointment is necessary.

If you have any queries please contact Claire (Purple), Adele (Orange) or Dina (Red) on 0207 121 0600