

IB linguists explore language and culture at LCLC



The Open University

On a cold rainy afternoon, seven IB linguists (Malaika Johnson – French B; Sammy Garcia, Akram Mohamed and Aya Salami doing French Ab Initio and Maura Miglietti Godo, Kelly Matos and Gabriela Zetoles from Spanish B) joined Mr Banwell and Mrs Wilkinson for the second launch of the prestigious London Centre for Languages and Culture (LCLC) at William Morris Sixth Form in Hammersmith.

We arrived at WMSF at about 5.20pm and our students were intrigued by the building; we were told it is one of the oldest schools in London! The students attended a lesson in the target language followed by a keynote lecture on 19th century French literature delivered by Dr Tim Farrant from Pembroke College Oxford. Our students were, as always, impressive: the Ab Initio group enjoyed (and understood some of!) the seminar on Flaubert's innovative and controversial use of the imperfect tense in Flaubert's novel *Madame Bovary*, delivered by an Oxford student who was excellent. In Spanish, we were treated to an interactive session on how to be more expressive when talking in a foreign language, and how powerful these emotions can be when talking in Spanish. Everybody jumped when the lady running the session belatedly asked ¿Qué haces? (what are you doing?) across the classroom, demonstrating her point fantastically. The keynote lecture which followed was extremely dry and frequently inaudible, sadly, but the canapés and drinks afterwards were delicious! We returned to WA at about 8.30 in the evening.

By Ms Wilkinson and Mr Banwell, MFL Department

Geography: Missing Maps launch makes its mark

On Friday 7th November two of us geography students in Year 12 received a brilliant opportunity to attend the official launch of "The Missing Maps Project" at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. The Missing Maps project is a collaboration with the Humanitarian OpenStreetMap Team (HOT) and various Non-Governmental Organisations, which aims to map the world's most vulnerable areas to increase the efficiency of aid reaching these communities. This is done with the help of volunteers who create maps based on satellite images of the area from the comfort of their home.

After gaining an insight into how the vulnerability of an area can be reduced by anyone around the world with a laptop and internet connection, I have realised just how amazing technology and the impact of globalisation really is. If everyone could work together on projects such as Missing Maps, the world would be a better place for all of us.

By Carina Weigh, Year 12



Message from the Principal, Ms Bora

Our five priorities again are:

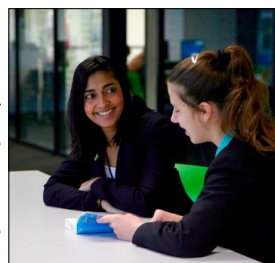
CHARACTER - encourage zest, self-control, grit, social intelligence, optimism, gratitude and curiosity

SYSTEMS - please read the planner and the policies section of our website

PERSONALISATION - ensure your children attend their 1:1 with their tutors every week

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Year 7 adventures at the residential 2014



After a good night's sleep in our accommodation at Kingswood, we were almost ready for our first activities of the residential, but not before we had had a scrumptious breakfast. Our activities included abseiling, orienteering, zip wiring, team tech, team challenges, Jacob's ladder, crate stack and - the best option for

the evening - nightline.

As soon as evening approached, we got ready for the Halloween disco. The disco played loud music and served orange and raspberry juice. Some teenagers dressed up as zombies and made everyone laugh. The last song was 'the Conga' and the teachers led us into the cafeteria to get hot chocolate and then led the conga line back through to the disco. On the last day of Kingswood, we enjoyed our final activities and headed home.

By Sarah Gjondedaj, Year 7



What's on

FREE IT classes for parents

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FREE 'Parent Gym' for parents to support students to learn faster, do better and be happier

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Sixth Form Open Evening - Wednesday 26 November

Year 7 Parents' Evening - Wednesday 3 December

Year 13 Parents' Evening - Tuesday 9 December

WA wins BRONZE at WSU Girls Football Tournament

On Thursday 6th November, the Year 8 girls' football team left the pitches of Westminster Academy to play against other schools in the Westminster borough.

Having only eight players and no substitutes proved to be a great challenge, one that we were only motivated to overcome. WA never gave up and showed grit and determination throughout the tournament.

We fought for a place in the finals but unfortunately lost on penalties against Pimlico Academy 3-4. Pimlico went on to win the tournament against Grey Coats Hospital (who we drew against in our league game).

Westminster Academy had secured enough victories and points to play the 3rd place play-off game, against reigning league holders, St Marylebone. The conditions were extremely difficult as we all showed signs of fatigue. However, we went on to beat St Marylebone School on penalties and secure third place in the entire tournament, making our school extremely proud.

Results:

PA 0 - 2 WA, WA 0 - 0 GCH, WA 3 - 0 SA

Semi Final

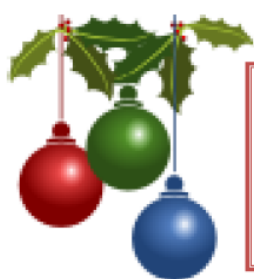
0 - 0 at full time (Pimlico beat WA after penalties)

3rd place play off

0 - 0 at full time (WA beat SM after penalties)

Squad: Ayah Amir; Binish Fatima; Sabrin Mohamed; Toni Natta; Awa Ndiaye; Uma Talluri; Manal Ahmed; Francisca Zangu.

By Sabrin Mohamed, Year 8



Westbourne Lighting up the Christmas lights!

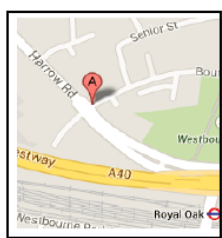
Saturday 29th November 2014

Come along and enjoy mince pies and mulled wine!

from 3:15 pm

After the switch on all is welcome to take part in a procession starting at approximately 3:40 pm walking along Harrow Road to Maida Hill Place for the light up of the Christmas tree.

Join the Lord Mayor, Karen Buck MP, All sing! Community Choir and the Westbourne Councillors at the corner of Harrow Road and Bourne Terrace



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