

Value of the week: Opportunity

27 November 2014

THE PADDINGTON TRAIL



WA student designs exclusive bear

We visited Sheldon Square to celebrate the Paddington Bear project, which a number of elected art students took part in. The project was based on Paddington Bear himself and we were asked to create a piece inspired by Tom Phillips to serve as the design for a Paddington Bear model.

My work was chosen for the Paddington Bear model located in Sheldon Square and is now part of the Paddington Trail, along with 49 other bears across London, designed by people such as David Beckham, Boris Johnson, Ant & Dec and Emma Watson. At Sheldon Square, we met Tom Phillips and I was interviewed about my experience with the project and how I came to create the piece I did. We were rewarded with cinema vouchers at the end of the day.

By Humaira Khanom, Year 10



Wow! Congratulations to Humaira as well as the other WA art students who submitted fantastic Paddington designs. This project was made possible through WA's art programme with British Land, to whom we extend our thanks for such an incredible opportunity.

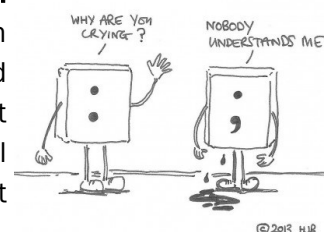
The Paddington Trail is all across London until 30 December, featuring designs by some of the most famous names in the country. Visit www.visitlondon.com/paddington for more details and a map, and be sure to check out Humaira's bear while you are out on the trail!

New in 2014-15: Grammar Objective of the Week

This academic year we are focusing on promoting grammatical accuracy across the curriculum. This will give our students the expertise to express themselves effectively and with sophistication. It will also ensure that our students are ready for the new GCSEs, in which there will be a much greater emphasis in all subjects on accuracy in spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Every week there will be a particular grammatical focus, which will be introduced to students during Tutor Touch Base. Over the course of the week teachers will highlight this point at relevant points in their lessons, so that the learning is embedded across the curriculum. **Our focus this week is on colons and semi-colons.**

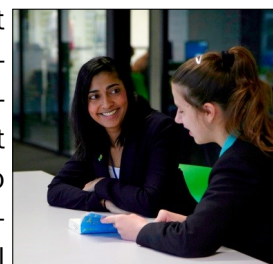
Please look out for each week's objective and ask your child about this: I'm sure they will enjoy telling you about what they have learnt.



By the English Department

Message from the Principal, Ms Bora

Another successful week at Westminster Academy included our usual opportunities but also media interest from BBC London News who interviewed two of our students taking part in the Real



Horse Power project in Hyde Park. I also enjoyed meeting parents at the Sixth Form Open Evening yesterday where students were reminded of the importance of **reading, revising and practising questions** in order to be able to get onto the course of their choice on GCSE Results Day. I am looking forward to meeting more parents this evening at the Year 11 Graduation Ceremony where we will celebrate our 2014 exam results.

Inspired basketball performances electrify the court

The popularity of basketball this year has meant we have entered two leagues: u14s and u16s.

Although many of our games have not been victorious (and ALL have been away games), our players have always played with the uttermost grit and determination, consistently bouncing back after every game (forgive the pun).



Our latest fixture was the most successful so far; the u14 team played an inspirational comeback, going from 11 points to 32 in the third quarter. The boys played with such heart against a full squad at QK, despite our having only one sub. Our u16s game was intense to say the least; the energy and focus displayed by the boys was immense. The sports hall was electric throughout the game, with a huge build up in the last quarter, where we won by only 2 points right within the last 10 seconds!

Miss Gold and Coach V are incredibly proud of all the players this season and look forward to our last game of the league in the next few weeks. Well done to both squads: u14s: Hans Morin, Carl Antenor, Filmon Tekle, Nahim Henry, Kirubel Alayu, Shahram Azzizada, Matthew Oj, Momoh Koroma, Mohammed Konte and Israfale Baggio. U16s: Junayd Abdel-Rahman, Christopher Vangu, Mohammed Abdi, Mammoun Moazen, Mustafa Salem, Mikloven Muhadri, Anas Masroar, Abubaker Bashir, Hassna Hassan, Anas Tourabi, Farhan Abid, Kevin Yeboah, Shane Miller, Yousef Khoshnaw.



By Ms Gold, Teacher of PE

What's on

FREE IT classes for parents

FREE Art classes for parents and community

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

FREE Adult English classes - every Wednesday 1-3pm

To express interest in any of the above, please email Mr Gothard: AGothard@westminsteracademy.biz

Year 7 Parents' Evening - Wednesday 3 December

Year 13 Parents' Evening - Tuesday 9 December

What's on in the local community

ST JOHN'S HOSPICE CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Sunday November 30 11am - 6pm
St John's Wood High Street

See **Ben & Holly** *Christmas Market *Funfair *Pony Rides *Discount Shopping

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Westbourne Lighting up the Christmas lights!

Saturday 29th November 2014

from 3:15 pm

Come along and enjoy mince pies and mulled wine!

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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