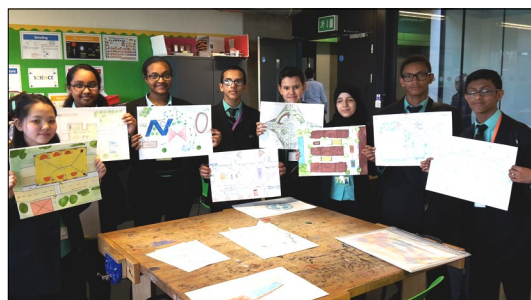


Lessons for London: student wins £500 to spend on holiday!

In term 5, Year 9 students took part in an architecture competition run by Farrells, an international architecture practice behind projects including the Home Office, the National Opera House, Beijing and the Chelsea water front. Students were asked to write an essay entitled 'Lessons for London' in which they set forth a proposal for how they could improve the built environment around the Harrow Road.

The winning student of the £500 prize money was Zahra Al Kanini, who wrote a proposal rethinking litter and recycling bins on the Harrow Road. The judges said that her entry stood out because *"it tackles a small element of the built environment – understanding that small changes can have a wider impact"*. Zahra intended to spend the money on a trip to Berlin this summer with her mother to see the impact of modernisation in the city. Runners



up, Cristian Lopez and N a m u u n Sandag, were each given £25.

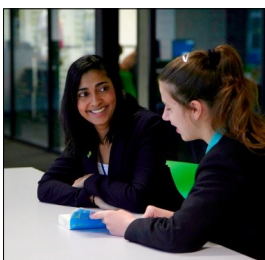
Many thanks to everyone

who took part in the competition and watch this space for how to apply next year!

By Ms Wasley, Teacher of English

Message from the Principal, Ms Bora

I am delighted to announce that we have had a wonderful start to the term. I would like to thank you for your patience dealing with any teething problems; much appreciated! Please continue to ask your child for the newsletter every



Thursday and, of course, never accept the comment "no homework"; with the new government changes to exams, all students must **read, revise and practise questions every night**. Good luck for the rest of the term!

Kent Coast Explorer Programme



On Monday 22 June Year 7 went to Kent coast beach. On the beach we did many fun activities such as trying to find sea creatures, and some lucky people were able to find different types of crab. After lunch, we went up the hill to an ancient Roman church and learnt about electricity. We saw the biggest wind farm in the world! Going to the beach was a very memorable day; we hope that the next Year 7 go and have as much fun as we did!

By Jasmine Ali, Year 8

Etiquette and grammar at WA

Help! I'm suffering from a severe case of writer's block: I know that I want to write something, but I'm having difficulty actually putting pen to paper in a coherent and creative way.

Perhaps the key is to think back to our introductory focus all those aeons ago (last Thursday). Why is it important to consider carefully the spoken language we use in all of our daily interactions? Well, it's because our spoken language is a window for others into our characters. In other words, our spoken language creates an indelible impression on our listeners and reveals our understanding of common etiquette (or lack thereof).

In this spirit, this week we are continuing to stop ourselves whenever we feel the urge to say "basically". Instead, we are going to use a word that creates a much more sophisticated impression: "essentially". Try it today!

By Mr Harris, Assistant Senior Leader - English

6F Sports Day 2015



In July, Westminster Academy once again hosted the annual Sports Day for all the

Sixth Forms in Westminster. WA competed in all the categories; girls football, boys football, mixed volleyball, table tennis and athletics. While we lost out overall by a single point to Harris Westminster, I was very proud of our Sixth Formers. Some particularly strong leadership from Kenza Bensissi and Noumeira Bettache saw us win every single game of girls' football to finish top, while we came second in the volleyball and table tennis.

Perhaps even more importantly, I was very impressed by the spirit in which our students competed; they were courteous hosts and gave every event their all. A special mention must go to the students who helped organise the event, which ran extremely smoothly. After coming second for two years in a row, we are looking forward to finally winning next year!

By Mr Farmbrough, Senior Leader - Sixth Form

Football: Year 9 Development Squad

The (former) Year 9 Westminster Academy Development Squad played against St Augustine's Development Squad in term 6. Shahram, our main striker, scored the opening goal making it 1-0. St Augustine's soon equalised but Walid came from midfield to put WA back in the lead. Again, another equaliser, making it 2-2 and further again, Lucas put WA in front: 3-2. It could have gone either way as WA missed chances throughout the match but St Au-



gustine's finished 5-3 up as they took their chances at the death. WA's star player was Hans Morin. Special thanks to Mr Windmill and the whole Development Squad.

Squad: Rayal (GK), Walid (C), Lucas, Hans, Tamin, Umar H, Ruban, Hussein, Omar Alhaj, Abdullatif, Talal, Feysal.

By Abdullatif Reda Atef Ali, Year 10

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Friday 18 September Year 6 Open Morning 9.30-10.30am
Friday 18 September Triple P Parenting Course 10.00-12.30
Tuesday 22 September Year 6 Open Morning 9.30-10.30am
Tuesday 22 September Year 7 Settling In Evening 5-7pm
Wednesday 23 September Year 11 Parents' Evening 5-7pm
Wednesday 30 September Year 6 Open Evening 5-7pm
Monday 5 October Year 6 Open Morning 9.30-10.30am

Please visit our website for this year's key dates and next year's term dates!

Year 6 Open Evening 2015: Wednesday 30 September 5-7pm

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Meet our Principal and students, view our state-of-the-art academic and sporting facilities and see what classes are really like at our Open Mornings and Open Evening for Year 6s and their families.

Parents/Carers are welcome to attend either with their children or by themselves. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Open Mornings 9.30-10.30am

Friday 18 September

Tuesday 22 September

Monday 5 October

Thursday 8 October

Wednesday 14 October