

Academy Life

Message from the Principal, Mr Slater

"Look to the future now, it's only just begun.." appear as lyrics in the famous Christmas sing a long by Slade. And it is to the future we look as another year comes to a close.

So much has happened in the life of the school. Teachers have come and gone, pupils have come and gone, but the determination and doggedness to make a difference to education in Harold Hill remains.

Our focus on standards continues to drive our daily life in school, and again I need to thank parents for their continued support.

The improvements would not happen without the timeless and dedicated work of the entire staff.

To them and to you, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Pupils ASK the Questions



Abigail Jowett and Paris Bowers were amongst year 10 pupils who represented Drapers' Academy at the ASK Havering event held on October 20th at Havering College. More than 150 young people were invited to attend to question the panel on issues which mattered to them with topics raised including the London riots, public versus private education, unemployment and university fees. Both Paris and Abigail participated in the debate with Paris asking a pre-written question whilst Abigail



made a great observation about a response from the local councillor, which created another debate. All the pupils represented the school superbly.

The panel was chaired by BBC broadcaster Michael Cockerell, and included; Cllr. Michael White, X-Factor star, Danyl Johnson, Liberal Democrat Bridget Fox and left-wing writer and activist Owen Jones.

Learning about Life as a Roman



Pupils from year 8 visited Bancroft's School in Woodford on October 6th to join them in a "Roman Day" as part of their history work. Pupils were given hands on experience of various elements of Roman culture, such as family life, entertainment and warfare. They

dressed in togas, saw Roman make-up being applied, competed against each other to hold a Roman shield up for the longest, and also learnt some Latin, as they followed instructions in Latin to march like the Roman army! After the Roman experience pupils enjoyed lunch with the Bancroft's pupils as well had a tour of Bancroft's School, which was founded by Drapers' Company in 1737.

Diary Dates

2011/2012 Academic Year

School closes at 12.4pm on Friday 16th December for the Christmas break

Spring Term
3rd Jan— 30th March

Spring Half Term
13th—17th Feb

Easter Break
2nd April—13th April

Summer Term
16th April—24th July
Staff inset days: 23rd & 24th July

Bank Holiday
Monday 7th May

Summer Half Term
4th June—8th June

Other Dates for your Diary

Year 9 Parents Evening
Thursday 19th January
4—7 pm

Sixth Form Open Evening
Thursday 26th January
6.30—8.30pm

Year 11 Parents Evening
Thursday 2nd February
4—7pm

Year 10 Parents Evening
Thursday 9th February
4—7pm

New Building Update



With the completion of the frame and roof to the Sports Hall, the external shape of our new school buildings is virtually complete. Work now focuses on the interior as plasterboard partitions and the screeding of floors.

More details are on our website at www.drapersacademy.com/Latest-News/November-Building-Update

Jack Petchey Achievement



Congratulations to George Jones in Year 9, who has been awarded a Jack Petchey Award for Outstanding Achievements by the Harold Wood Cricket Club for all his help and assistance there.

"A deserved recipient of the award, this is a great out of school personal achievement by George and we are very proud of him", commented Ms Burroughs, the year 9 Pastoral Manager.

ICT class visit Apple store



This November a group of Year 8 and 9 pupils had the opportunity to visit the Apple store in Lakeside for a workshop with Apple products, including the Apple Macbook which is being used at school. Everyone had an enjoyable time whilst learning a lot too. The pupils were rewarded with a CD of a music track they had compiled and a field trip t-shirt.

Help the Heroes Money Marathon

Pupils at Drapers' Academy supported the Help the Heroes charity in November with a money marathon during their lunch break.

Pupils from all years brought in pennies which they laid around the school - with so much generosity the pupils were able to circle the trail of pennies around the whole ground floor and started up the stairs to the upper floors! The total collected was £193.28 and was a great visual and monetary achievement for such a good cause.



Operation Xmas Child - Shoe Box Appeal



This Autumn term pupils and staff at Drapers' Academy have been supporting the charity Samaritan's Purse by wrapping and filling shoe boxes as gifts for children in Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

Filling boxes with toys, pens, pencils, toothbrushes, hats and gloves selected for a boy or girl. The Academy had hoped to complete 40 boxes. However, with the support from local Tesco stores Community Champion, Clover Deacon (pictured), who kindly donated gifts for our shoe box appeal and the dedication of pupils especially Jade Schofield, Frankie Hinds and Charlie Montgomery pupils have wrapped and packed a total of 107 shoe boxes in form time and lunch breaks.

Pupils Honoured with National Sports Matters Awards 2011



Year 10 pupil, Paris Bowers, has received a commendation from the Telegraph/Aviva School Sports Matters Awards 2011 in the Unsung Hero category.

Nominated by Head of P.E., Mrs Blair, said of Paris, "she is a fantastic ambassador for Drapers' Academy always happy to volunteer for both academic and sports events. As well as playing a variety of sports she is a qualified hockey umpire and plays hockey for the Borough. Paris is an extremely modest young lady who understates her abilities and deserves this recognition for all her hard work."

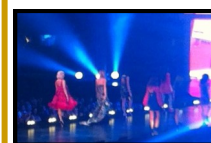
Paris attended the awards ceremony at Twickenham Stadium on November 3rd. Where, as well as an opportunity to tour the stadium, she had lunch with a range of prestigious sports personalities including Gail Emms, Perr Shakes-Drayton and Ugo Monye. Paris is pictured above with Anthony Joshua.

Lesson in Serving Afternoon Tea



A group of year 11 GCSE Food Tech pupils had a delightful afternoon at Marygreen Manor enjoying afternoon tea in a trip organised by Miss Strutt after school today. It was extremely pleasant being served tea, sandwiches and cream cakes but the purpose of the afternoon was to explore food presentation and as the photos show it was all beautifully presented with much learnt.

Clothes Show Visit



As part of their GCSE textiles course Year 10 and 11 pupils had the opportunity to go to the Clothes Show Live at the NEC, Birmingham. The trip offered an exciting insight into the fashion industry, as well as a great opportunity to gather ideas for future coursework. They also got to see a live cat walk with performances by the Risk and Kimberley from the Pussycat Dolls.

Catering Trip



A group of pupils from Year 10 and 11 took part in a catering workshop, a council led initiative called Love Food Hate Waste. Where they got the opportunity to watch Community Chefs Mark and David Borrell, who have worked in top London establishments, cook up a minestrone soup before having a go themselves.

It was a brilliant afternoon and taught the children some good basic cooking skills as well as gain an appreciation for skills needed in the catering industry from two very accomplished chefs.



London Xmas Lights Trip



Pupils from Years 7, 8, and 9 visited the London Lights this

December. As well as seeing the Christmas lights in Oxford Street and Regents Street, the pupils travelled through the City of London following the trail of Jack the Ripper. The evening finished with a stop in McDonalds! A highly successful and fun evening enjoyed by all despite the terrible traffic.

Yr 8 & 9 Christmas Disco

Christmas celebrations started early December at Drapers' Academy with our Year 8 and 9 pupils enjoying a festive disco. Invitations were subject to attendance and good behaviour so it was pleasing to see so many attending.

Friends of Drapers' Academy (FODA) supported the event by providing refreshments and selling some fun novelty items. Thank you to Laura Bell and Jane Stapleton for this.



Safe Drive Stay Alive

In November Year 11 pupils attended the screening of a new film designed to bring home to young people the dangers they face in the first few years of driving. The film, Safe Drive, Stay Alive, was screened at the Queens Theatre, Hornchurch, showed a collision involving young drivers and the impact on them and their families.

Prize Giving Evening

29th December 2011



Six lucky pupils at Drapers' Academy were surprise winners of a day trip to Paris at the end of the first annual prize giving evening, which celebrated the successes and academic achievements of pupils in the first year of the Academy. The pupils Kye Fullbrook, Harry Bulger, Liam Pope, Jenny Green, Emily Shipton and Ella Adnams are pictured above with Miss Ferrera and Mr Hardy who will be accompanying them on the trip.

Over 70 pupils were recognised at the ceremony, with Chair of Governors, Adrian Lyons CBE, and Vice Chair, Prof. Morag Shiach presenting individual subject awards recognising excellence in each subject area, and commitment and attainment awards in Year groups recognising consistent effort in all aspects of school participation and work.

Concluding the evening Adrian Lyons, of The Drapers' Company made a special presentation of The Drapers' Company medal, a special educational award from The Drapers' Company, to Amy Hayden for her marvellous academic achievements in achieving 1 A*, 4 A's and a further 8 GCSE's C grade or better. He spoke of the honour in being added to the list of recipients of The Drapers' Medal. Amy is pictured below receiving the medal.



All the winners (with photos) are listed on the Drapers' Academy website at www.drapersacademy.com/News/Our-First-Prize-Giving-Awards/.



Academy Hosts International Hockey Game



Drapers' Academy really challenged the pupils hosted an international hockey match this term when a mixed team played Spandauer HTC from Spandau in Germany. The German team provided an excellent opposition although we generously fielded a mainly year 7 and 8 team against what turned out to be a very experienced and older team.

Drapers' Academy lost 0-4. However, our team played fantastically and

really challenged the Spandau goalkeeper who was exceptionally tall! Despite the loss the Academy pupils were delighted to meet the German team and had food and drinks after the game where international relations were established between the two teams with much swapping of Facebook details! It is hoped that we may be able to arrange a re-match and tour to Germany in future.

Olympic Visitor



During PE lessons in October, Year 11 pupils got the opportunity to meet and speak with Olympic athlete Jeanette Kwakye, who was a finalist in the 100m in the Beijing Olympics. Described as Britain's brightest female sprinting hope for more than two decades, Jeanette's visit was organised as a result of Drapers' Academy pupils completing a sports project for Sky Sports and it's Living for Sport Programme.

Sam Blair, Head of PE Faculty, commented, "It was a brilliant and inspiring experience for pupils".

Archie Signs for CAFC U15's



Year 10 pupil, Archie Edwards, of Drapers' Academy has recently signed for Charlton Athletic's Football Academy after a short but successful trial period playing left back position. Academy Director, Paul Hart, said of Archie, "we have been very impressed with the calm and efficient manner that he has dealt with every challenge.."

Young Leaders Lead in Sports



Year 10 and 11 pupils, as part of qualifying to be young netball leaders, organised a netball tournament for local primary schools; Pyrgo, Broadford and Hildene, in November.

The pupils organised everything from certificates and trophies, coached the teams before the event and umpired the tournament. Pictured are winners Broadford Primary School.

Fencing Club



Following on from the successful fencing trials during national school sports week in the summer term the Sports Faculty have started a fencing club on Friday evenings after school in the main hall for all years.

Sports Clubs

Monday

Lunchtime:
Cricket - year 10
Badminton - all years
Girls football

After School:
GCSE short course - year 9
Hockey - boys, all years
Netball - years 7 & 8

Tuesday

Lunchtime:
Basketball boys, year 7
Netball - year 10
GCSE short course - year 9

After School:
Girls Hockey Coaching
Football - boys, year 11

Wednesday

Before School:
Basketball shooting practice

Lunchtime:
Trampolining - all years
Basketball - boys, years 8 & 9

After School:
Rugby - all years
Basketball - boys, year 11
Media Club

Thursday

Lunchtime:
Basketball - girls
JSLA course

After School:
Football - girls, all years
Football - boys, year 7 - 10

Friday

Before School:
Basketball shooting practice

Lunchtime:
Basketball - boys, years 10 & 11
Running Club
Trampolining - all years

After school:
Fencing Club
Dance Club



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