

Academy Life

Message from the Principal, Mr Slater

The first year of Drapers' Academy is coming to a close. The year has been a rollercoaster ride, with ups and downs, thrills and spills.

With visitors to the Academy varying from Rachel Adedeji, to Tessa Sanderson MBE, to HRH The Duchess of Gloucester, to Angela Watkinson MP, the days have flown by.



For me my favourite memory of the year was the whole school photograph, which was taken in September. It still fills me with pride when I see our pupils in their uniform and being ambassadors for the school.

I would like to thank you all for your continued support, thank my staff for their timeless hard work, and thank the pupils for putting a smile on my face each day.

Have a great summer.

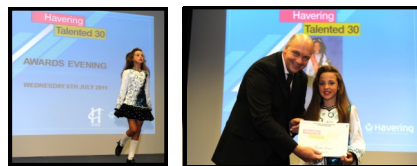
A Sweet Treat for Little Havens



Pupils from years 9 and 10 raised funds for Little Havens Children's Hospice on June 10th by supporting the Hospice 'Brew, Bake, Celebrate! Day.

Giving up their break and lunch time to sell home made cakes they raised £400.59 that goes towards ensuring the continuing care by the hospice. Pupils presented the cheque during a visit to the hospice on June 22nd. It was very inspiring

Havering's Most Talented



Drapers' Academy pupils scooped two awards for being so talented at the Havering Talented 30 Awards held on July 6th at Ardleigh Green College.

Harry Bulger won an award for special musical talent. Rhianna Kerr also won an award for her irish dancing and was chosen to perform at the event (pictured).

Mr Hayward, Music Teacher commented, "It was great to see our pupils sharing the stage with nationally acclaimed musicians and sports people and looking at home up there."

Harold Hill Festival

Pupils and staff from the Academy supported the local community festival held at Central Park, Harold Hill on Saturday 9th July where the Academy Band performed on the festival stage as one of the opening acts, supported by vocals, in what was a fantastic start to the festival.

Later the audience had the opportunity to see Science Teacher Mr Wilson and some pupils take to the stage with a science show. The Academy also had a marquee with the model of the new building on display.



Diary Dates

2011/2012 Academic Year

Autumn Term
7th Sept* – 16th Dec

Autumn Half Term
24th Oct – 28th Oct

Spring Term
3rd Jan – 30th March

Spring Half Term
13th – 17th Feb

Easter Break
2nd April – 13th April

Summer Term
16th April – 20th July

Bank Holiday
Monday 7th May

Summer Half Term
4th June – 8th June

Other Dates for your Diary
Year 6 Open Evening
26th Sept
6.30 – 8.30pm

*Sept 7th is for year 7 and 11 only.
 All years attend Sept 8th
 at different times.
 See website for details.

Local MP Visits



The Academy opened its doors to local Member of Parliament, Angela Watkinson on July 8th. A supporter of the Academy from its concept

through to its opening last year, she was most impressed by the progress made on the new building and also how smart the pupils now looked in their Academy uniform of grey and blue.

Drumming Success For Bradley



Our congratulations go to Bradley Holtom from year 7 who has passed his Grade 1 drumming exam with a distinction.

National Sports Week

w/c 27th June

With only 13 months until the Olympic Games pupils at the Academy had the opportunity to try some different sports as part of National Sports Week.

A total of 250 pupils took part in the activities offered throughout the week including aikido, fencing, boxing and laser clay pigeon shooting. We have now secured a Fencing Club, that will commence in the next school year.



Sports Award Evening



Our first annual sport evening was held on Thursday 7th July with special guest, Tessa Sanderson MBE, Olympic Gold medallist attending.

Sports Personality of the Year was awarded to Sean Phillips, with the trophy being renamed the Mayes Trophy.

The full list of awards is on the Drapers' Academy website at

www.drapersacademy.com/Sports/

District Sports Day

6th July 2011

Our sportiest pupils attended the District Sports Day at Hornchurch Stadium where the weather held out. Star of the day was Frederick Bambleu who broke two school year 7 records; in the high jump, setting a height of 1m32; and the 200m in a time of 27.9s, where he also won gold. Also winning a medal was Charlie Montgomery who achieved a bronze in hurdles.

The year 7 boys (Frederick Bambleu, Joe Moss, Gracian Wojciechowski, David Oni) also achieved a new year 7 record for the relay.

Adventure Weekend in Wales



Twelve Drapers' Academy pupils had a thrilling adventure weekend in the Brecon Beacons in Wales, where pupils successfully completed assault courses, archery, kayaking, canoeing, rifle shooting, zip wire, blind trail, low ropes, team building and film studies.

It was a challenging weekend and all pupils came away with a sense of personal achievement.

The trip was organised by Miss Strutt who commented that, "all the teachers that took them all agreed it was a wonderful weekend."

Drapers' Academy is Full of Talent!

First & Last Prom for Year 11

We said goodbye to our year 11 pupils in our first, and also last, year 11 Prom. "With the new sixth form opening next year future leaving events in year 11 will be more low key and so we decided to throw a really great party for the pupils," said Mr Slater, Principal at the Academy.

The event took place on June 29th at Stock Brook Manor & Country Club and included special guests Stavros Flatley. The Britain's Got Talent stars wowed staff and pupils with their hilarious dance act before they helped Assistant Vice Principal Mrs Mayes and Miss Blaize present some fun "Oscars" to pupils, such as pupil most likely to become an MP, and first millionaire. Belle and Beau of the Ball were voted for by all the guests and were given to Amy Hayden and Kasey Taylor. After the awards the duo Stavros Flatley got the party started with everyone joining them in Zorba the Greek.

