



NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2010

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our term ended in what is now becoming Lea Valley's customary style with the annual Lea Valley's Got Talent show. Every year we are privileged to watch the increasingly professional standard and wide range of talents of our students. The winners this year were Rhythm n'Rhyme, four Year 11 boys, Richard Dixon, Bervil Ekofo, Nil-Larte Lartey and Denzel Omotoye, who commanded the stage and entertained the whole school with their performance of "Fly like a G6". The Performing Arts team led by Mr Sammy Kornhauser supported all of the acts to reach a good professional standard.

This term has also seen the initial impact of the Government's new education policy. We are awaiting news about budgets whilst trying to support students with the changes that the new Government are putting in place. The Secretary of State has introduced the English Baccalaureate which means the standard will be that students study English, Mathematics, Double Science, History/Geography and a Modern Foreign Language. Previously students were able to make wider choices and include more vocational subjects in their options. Fortunately because the curriculum at Lea Valley is flexible we are able to put new pathways in place immediately to support the current year 11 students who will be sitting examinations this summer whichever route they choose to follow. New option pathways will be put in place for all students from next academic year.

In September we introduced a split lunchtime to accommodate our growing sixth form. The issue we needed to address was the demand for teaching spaces which had good access to information technology. Fortunately however, we were able to successfully introduce wireless technology and support our Year 13 students with easy access to laptops. Therefore from January there will be a single lunch time starting at 12.30 p.m. with two sittings. The start and finish times of the school day will remain the same.

At the end of term we heard that our Sixth Form students won the HSBC Trading Futures Challenge (see page 9). The competition was a simulated exercise and our team won by making the most profit from their investments. The prize will be a trip to HBSC in Canary Wharf in January. Congratulations to all the students who took part and the teachers who worked with them to make this possible.

I would like to wish you all a peaceful Christmas break and a happy 2011.

Janet Cullen
Principal

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School reconvenes at 8.45 a.m. on the 4th January 2011

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Jack Petchey Award

The Jack Petchey Award scheme is run within school to recognise the achievements of students based upon a clear criteria set by the Jack Petchey Foundation.

Students can be nominated for achievements based upon their effort, positive attitude, overcoming difficulties or problems or taking on personal challenges. Each student is awarded a £200 grant to allocate towards an area of choice within the school.

For this term three awards have been made in the categories of; the Principal's Award, Sports College Award and Pastoral Award. Once the nominations were collected the School Council were able to anonymously select their top three choices before the final decision was made by the Senior Leadership Team. We are proud to announce that the following students have been selected as Jack Petchey Award Winners.

Principal's Award – Denisa Alia Year 10

Denisa has returned to school after battling with illness. She is maintaining a positive attitude to learning and is applying a large amount of effort to her lessons when she is in class. This level of commitment and determination is an inspiration to all that teach her and learn with her.



Denisa has yet to decide where her £200 grant will be allocated.

Sports College Award – Hollie Hockley Year 10

Hollie always demonstrates an enthusiasm for learning in all areas of the school, but especially in PE. She is committed to supporting others and takes on responsibilities around school such as the sports council. Hollie demonstrated excellent leadership skills during the Prospective Parents Evening where she showed confidence when encouraging our visitors to engage in the sports sessions and answering questions appropriately. She is an outstanding ambassador for LVHS.



Hollie has chosen to use her grant to buy training tops for the Year 10 Sport and Active Leisure Diploma students.

Pastoral Award – John Holt Year 11

John is a fantastic pupil contributing towards the year group. He has many sporting achievements and is a sport rep. Academically John achieves very well. John has suffered two bereavements in the family. He has maintained a strong work ethic and positive attitude throughout all the times of difficulty.



John has decided to allocate his grant towards the forthcoming Year 11 revision residential to the Isle of Wight.

Sharon Rayner
Assistant Principal

Partnership Ghana and World Challenge



A fantastic opportunity has been opened up for all students at Lea Valley to make new friends and learn about students like themselves and their lives in Ghana.

Through the Sabre Trust, a charity that runs a



range of projects to improve education in Ghana, we have linked up with the Amisano School. This is a partnership to enrich the learning of both sets of students, and we will be engaging in a range of educational projects together over the next 3 years, allowing students of all ages to make friends and learn about the differences and discover the similarities between their lives and the lives of the young people in Ghana.

We hope that this partnership will allow staff from Amisano to visit Lea Valley later this year and our staff to travel to Africa to meet the chil-

dren and teachers we have been working with. However, maybe the biggest opportunity for our students is the World Challenge student visit to Ghana in July 2012.

A group of students from current years 10 to 12 will travel with an experienced expedition leader from World Challenge and a member of Lea Valley Staff to Ghana to carry out a couple of working projects at our partner school, these are decided by the students taking account of what they would like to do and what the school community needs; probably we will teach some



lessons and undertake a building project, hopefully leaving some time for sightseeing.

World Challenge expeditions are an amazing experience for all young people, students learn so much, not just on the expedition but also in the preparation. The journeys are expensive, but the students are supported in raising funds to cover much of the cost by World Challenge and by the group they have formed in school. Furthermore, having undertaken a World Challenge expedition is in the top 5 experiences in support of a personal statement for university an looks good on a job application, to make you stand out in a very competitive market.

Over the next five terms, there will be a series of Project Ghana fundraising events which we ask that you support to help our students – hopefully you will enjoy the events, the refreshments they will provide for you and maybe even be a lucky to win a raffle prize.

If you have any suggestions or can help in any way with the fundraising – from donating a raffle prize to giving up your time to help at a fundraising event, please let me know!

Helen Powell
Assistant Principal

Culture Evening

Staff, students, parents, governors and friends of Lea Valley joined together to celebrate the diversity of our cultures in an evening of culture held at the school.

People relaxed and chatted, sharing a fine

selection of food, representing a large number of our cultures and from four continents. From Europe there was, among others, the best of English food and Swiss delicacies alongside beautifully served Turkish tea. Many African countries were represented; there was a large South African spread from Mrs Robers and Mr Luchies consisting of traditionally barbequed boerewors (sausages), fritos (corn chips), vetkoek (fried dough dumplings) served with



chicken curry and sweet syrup cakes; keoksisters and melk (milk) tart among other African delicacies was some wonderful Nigerian spicy chicken and rice.

Thank you to the Friends of Lea Valley, supported by staff Mrs Francis Powell, Mrs Wright, Mrs Bateman and Mrs Swartz, for their help in coordinating, preparing and serving the food and of course to everyone who contributed to the feast!

To entertain our guests, staff and students performed music, sang and recited poetry from their own cultures, thank you particularly to the Tarantini-Amor family who all came to perform songs from their Spanish / Latin-American heritage, the many students who sang and danced representing cultures from the Caribbean, America, Philippines and beyond. Fathima's passionate recital of a poem she had written herself based on a traditional Somalian poetry form was unforgettable. Thank you to Mr Kornhauser and the Performing Arts team who did so much to help on the evening as well as showcasing their students' many talents.

Helen Powell
Assistant Principal

Enrichment

Enrichment Pledge:

As part of Lea Valley High Schools Enrichment Pledge we would like students to develop their profile outside the normal academic focus and

use all the opportunities that the school provides in terms of enriching students' lives. A copy of the Enrichment Pledge is in the Key Stage 3 Homework Diaries and will be posted on the website shortly. The points in the pledge that we would like students to achieve are below:

- Participate in an educational visit.
- Attend an artistic or sporting event at a major venue.
- Participate in an event – either sporting or the arts, that involves either performing or helping with the production.
- Working as a team, to plan, deliver and evaluate a project from beginning to end.
- Help others through voluntary activities, or charity events.
- To have had the opportunity to stay overnight away from home, enjoying the experience of spending time with their peers or those in other year groups.

The school will provide a number of Enrichment activities in the week 14-18 February for the students to attend, details will be with you soon.

Duke of Edinburgh

We are pleased to have recruited 42 students for the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award this year. There are 21 Year 12/13 students and 21 Year 10/11 students who will spend the next six months, learning a new skill, doing something physical and volunteering in the community. The students will then go on two overnight camp expeditions in the summer term after their exams where they will have to work as a team to complete a number of challenges. We will keep you posted on their progress in the next newsletter.

Tim Perkins
Assistant Principal

Halloween Ball

On the 2nd of November 2010 our fun and energised BTEC National Year 2 class, led by Mr Way, organised a very successful, enjoyable and entertaining Halloween Ball for the year 7 and 8 students.

The students interacted well and hopefully formed new friendships for life. Judging by the smiles on their faces all the students had a great time! The event had many popular activities such as: apple bobbing, pin the tail on the devil, face painting, dancing etc... plus dancing competitions for boys and girls, fancy dress and the raffle!

We would also like to take this opportunity to



thank the members of staff who helped us in the run up to the event and on the actual evening. Not only did everyone have a great time but in the process we managed to raise £132.43 for the school's Project Ghana initiative!

Elizabeth Baidoo, 13KH

Lea Valley Charity Events



On Tuesday 19th October the school charity team, headed by Tahiya, organised 'Pink Tuesday' to raise money for Breast Cancer UK. Prefects gave up their free time to bake cakes, sell Krispie Crème Donuts and even paint nails. Students from the younger years offered to give up their break and lunch time to help sell cakes and one student in particular even offered to help a prefect wash up!

Pulled together by the schools giving nature we managed to raise £580.00.

Following our success, we also organised a fundraiser for Children In Need on the 19th November. To go with the theme of the day,

Prefects baked and decorated Pudsey bear



cookies and painted student's faces.



To further underline the generous nature of staff and students at Lea Valley, we also raised £89 for the poppy appeal.

We would like to say a massive thank you to all the people that donated money and to the prefects that made it happen. We would also like to thank Ms Pegg, Ms Swartz, Mr Jones, Ms Bateman and Ms Powell for helping us organise the events.

Poppy Green 13DL

Information Advice and Guidance

This term has been a busy one with lots of activities and events for students.

Aim Higher High Achievers Conference

On the evening of the 4th November our school once again hosted the Annual Aim Higher High Achievers event for the Borough. Top students from all the Enfield schools receive an award from the Mayor at this event. The students who represented Lea Valley were; Turan Kaya, Cheryl Weedon, Charlotte Tomlin, Hay-



den Broodie, Lizeth Alvarez-Falcon and Nikesha Hatton.

After the presentation students and parents were able to participate in a workshop with representatives from both Cambridge University and University College London.

Outreach for Medicine

A group of 20 students from years 8-11 were invited to attend an interactive workshop at



Kings College London which was aimed at introducing students to the work of medical professionals and enable them to think about the skills they need to have. The activities were designed to enable students to find out about medical careers as well as make them aware of the importance of choosing appropriate GCSE's and A-levels for their chosen career. This was a very informative afternoon and students also participated in a medical workshop where they were able to practice their skills on dummies.

Aim Higher Research Project

Aim Higher approached us to participate in a research project which was aimed at finding out from our students the impact of the recent announcement of University fees been increased. This is a National project and all the research will be put to government on the 8th December. We had two groups participate; 1 of year 11 students and 1 of year 12 students. The students were positively engaged and gave positive feedback.

Careers in Law

The Bar Council has put our school in touch with a Barrister, Mr Ian Smith who came in to school. He first spoke to the year 11 students at their assembly and then followed this with a workshop in the library. This workshop was well attended with students having the opportunity of asking questions about subject choices as well as the routes they should take to be accepted into a career in law. The overall message that all students had was that they need to work hard and ensure that they get really good results in the GCSE's as well as their A levels so that they can ensure that they get into the universities do well at their GCSE's and A-levels

Careers in Engineering

The Careers in Engineering roadshow was presented to year 9/10/11/12/13. Students were invited to attend the show if they were interested in a career in engineering. The show is very informative and explained to students the different pathways that are available for them to get into engineering. Apprenticeships and Graduate routes were discussed and students were told how to identify their different styles of learning which would help them to know which career choices to make. Students were encouraged to visit the following website for more information : <http://www.ecitb.org.uk/>

Brunel University Campus Visit

On Monday the 29th November we took a group of 45 year 12 students on a campus visit to Brunel university. These visits benefit our students as they help to raise aspirations and encourage students to go to university. The students had an excellent morning.

Helen Roberts

Assistant Director of Information, Advice Guidance and Enterprise

School Sports Partnership

London 2012 Get Set Network

Just before the October half term, the school submitted its bid to become a London 2012 Get Set Network School, this means that the school will become part of a Network of schools which are promoting the values of the Olympics and preparing students to be inspired by the Olympics coming to London in 2012.

Recently we were told that we had been accepted into the Network. This provides the school with numerous opportunities in the lead up to the Olympic Games:

- Access to some fantastic resources on the Get Set website
- Use of the London 2012 Logo
- Possibility of various opportunities with Olympic venues and Pre-Games events
- Access to Games tickets made available for school children

We are now working with all the other schools in Enfield to encourage them to apply to join the Network so that they too can access these fantastic opportunities.

Please look at the website: <http://getset.london2012.com/en/home> to get inspired! We will use the next 18 months in the lead up to the 2012 Olympics giving our students lots of opportunities to be inspired by the greatest show on earth!

Sports Leadership

Lea Valley High School students spent the last 2 weekends learning how to improve their

football coaching skills and were successful in achieving the FA Level 1 Certificate in Coaching Football. Well done to:

Luke Trevillion, Ryan Hek and Alex Kyriacou

Enfield Gymnastics Festival

Two of our young sports leaders recently became qualified Gymnastics Judges. They then used these skills to judge the Primary School element of the Borough Gymnastics Festival last week. Well done to: Luke Trevillion, Kelly Webb

Leadership Academy

A number of our students are part of a Borough wide "Sports Leadership Club" in which the best secondary school young leaders from across Enfield are given training to improve their sports leadership profile.

Just before October half term these students completed a number of courses and successfully passed them and can now use these certificates to coach the sport/activity involved. It also helps to boost their own personal profile which is so important for University applications or future employment.

Well done to the following students for obtaining their relevant passes:-

Level 1 Dodgeball:- Kelly Webb, Hannah Dunne

Level 1 Athletics Official: Mollie Kmita, Rosie Kmita, Luke Trevillion, Wendy Danso, Danny Burke, Shaun Stone

Basic First Aid Certificate:- Mollie Kmita, Rosie Kmita, Luke Trevillion, Danny Burke, Shaun Stone

Secondary School Swimming Programme

Thanks to all the students who returned their slips requesting a place on this 10 week swim programme, we will be starting this after Christmas and a letter will go home to all the students who expressed an interest before the end of term.

Tim Perkins

Assistant Principal

Year 8 Football

Since the last newsletter, the year 8 football team have continued their success and are joint third at the moment. The team reached the quarter finals in the Enfield cup losing to St Ignatius (3-2) nevertheless they have also reached the quarter finals of the Middlesex cup (Which is out of 49 teams) and are awaiting the draw for the next round. I want to thank the year 8 football team and bring on the new year.

Thomas Lally

Teacher of PE

Year 10 Football Report

The Year 10s football season has had many highs and lows. From the National Cup win against last year's finalists Queens School to the recent disappointing extra-time loss to Chace School in the Middlesex Cup, both Mr Woodville and I believe that the team has grown in ability, but more importantly maturity.

Our league campaign is definitely on track, as we are unbeaten! The team are eagerly anticipating the restart of the league fixtures in February. Similarly, we are looking to win the borough cup after our latest impressive win against St Ignatius.

The team have recently been notified about the senior Boston 2012 trip, which is a fantastic opportunity for the most elite players in the school. The year 10 team players are looking to impress in their upcoming matches to be in contention for the trip!!

Player that have represented the school this season and deserve special mention for their efforts include: Leonidas Christodoulou, Jack Parker, Joe Attipa, Mahde, Bengin, Kirkland, Akeem Membar, Adrian Malcolm, Ayomides, Enoch, Gaille Bola, Lamce Shehaj, Dain Smith, Horeb Makabukidi, Damani Ekeama, Curtis Pollard-Griffiths, Goldy Capela, Callum Hurley, James Lepe, Edward Ife, Ismail Duran, Jack Donovan, Marco Faria

James Parker
Teacher of PE
 Nathan Woodville
Assistant Director of Year 7

Senior Football

With the Senior Football team in a transitional period, due to many players graduating from year 13 last year, the team has many year 11 players. However, the team has impressed over this half term and has played some great football!!

We have had a couple of draws in the Brigg Middlesex Cup, which is set out in a Champions League style. The most memorable of matches was against Highgate School. Set in their beautiful ground we were losing 3-0, however we rallied and battled back to earn a 3-3 draw.

We look forward to the fixtures starting again after the Xmas break.

The team have recently been notified about the senior Boston 2012 trip, which is a fantastic opportunity for the most elite players in the school. The year 11 & 12 team players are looking to impress in their upcoming matches to be in contention for the trip!!

James Parker
Teacher of PE

Intra House Sport

The Intra House football has been a bit of a roller coaster ride. Overall there has been a fantastic turn out with most students wearing correct kit. However we have noticed that there has been a dip in the participation of girls taking part. Well done to all of those who have participated, and if your year group has not taken part in the intra house competitions make sure you participate and earn your house group as many points as possible.

Husnu Oyuncu
SSCO

English

KS4 continues to be a thriving area of success and this has been highlighted through the fact that we have once again been selected to participate in various writing and public speaking competitions. We have a group of students who have been spotted as gifted writers and they are currently working on their entry pieces for one of London's biggest creative writing competitions called the 'Young Writers Mini Saga'. This group of students are being coached by Mr Cross (Director of Subject).



To build on the successes of the English GCSE results in the summer, one hundred and twelve students sat the GCSE English exam in November we anxiously await the results which will be published on January 12, 2011.

The AS and Advanced Literature students continue to enjoy a range of enrichment activities to support and solidify their knowledge of Shakespearean and Modern Domestic Drama. We are bursting with anticipation as we await a scintillating evening out to see Shakespeare's tragedy Hamlet. This promises to be an event to be remembered.

Across the curriculum, students are engaged in intense revision and learning. I use this medium to wish all our students well and to remind them that what the mind can perceive, they will achieve.

Rohan Cross
Director of Subject for English

Year 8 Maths PGL Trip, Osmington Bay

Many people said it would be boring because it said 'Maths Trip'. But others just ignored it. I was one of those! When we got on the coach on Friday afternoon it was great! I played on my DS and we were all chatting with each other and having fun.

When we got to PGL it was very late and dark. We went to bed wondering what exciting activities we were going to do the next day. My group did quad biking which was really fun riding around on a dirt track and afterwards we went on the giant swing. First we were har-



nessed to a metal bar and everyone else in the group had to pull us up. Then when we got to the maximum height you wanted to be at you had to turn around and pull a string which released you so you swung backwards and forwards very fast and very high! Afterwards we had lunch and then orienteering where we had to run about everywhere looking for signposts. That night we had a disco! Some people

danced, whilst others played games



The next day we did zip wire, some maths classes using data we had collected from some of the activities and then rock-climbing which was our last activity before we came home Sunday evening. It was lots of fun and an amazing experience!

Eida Attalah-Sawyer, 8BM

Mathematics

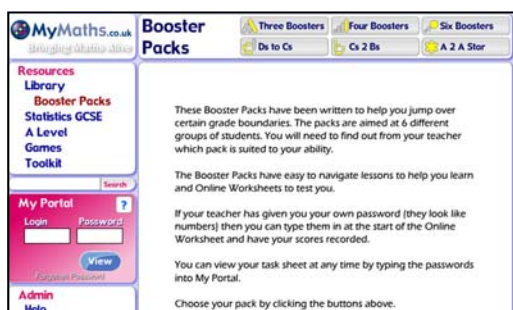
Key Stage 3 News

Last half term 30 selected Year 8 travelled to Osmington Bay, near Weymouth in Dorset for a Maths Residential Weekend where we took part in activities such as quad biking, giant swing, orienteering and climbing. Each activity was followed by a maths session looking at how maths can be used and applied in this real life context. A fun enjoyable learning weekend was had by all. Check out our pictures on the school website or read Eida, a year 8 student's, report on how she found the trip.

This half term Year 7s have been busy working on their Product Wars project where they have to design a smoothie for Brad King, Managing Director of Breeze Ltd. The best group in each class will have the chance to make their smoothie in the food tech lab and pitch their ideas to a panel of judges to decide on the final winner! Next term selected Year 7s will have the opportunity to go on a Maths trip to the

Bank of England and could later also be offered a place on the Osmington Bay 2011 trip, so students must keep working hard to earn themselves the opportunity to go on these fantastic trips.

Year 9 students have less than 11 months until their first GCSE examination! All students should ensure they are working hard in their lessons to reach their End of Key Stage targets and be prepared to start their GCSE course in May. Level up club is open to all Key Stage 3 students and runs on Wednesday afternoon. This is an excellent chance for year 9 students to tackle work they find challenging with more focussed teacher attention. Students are also encouraged to use the booster packs on MyMaths to move their levels up. Intervention sessions will also begin in January for selected



students who are struggling to reach their target.

Maths Clubs for Key Stage 3

It is highly recommended that all Key Stage 3 students attend a club to further their mathematical knowledge outside the classroom and in real life contexts. Clubs run at lunchtime throughout the week.

Investigative Maths Tuesday Lunch MA1
 Level Up Club Wednesday Lunch MA9

Key Stage 4 News

The first module Unit 1 has been completed by year 10 and results are due on January 13th, 2011. Year 11 resit results are also due on January 13th 2011.

Year 10s are preparing for Unit 2 and Unit 3. Unit 2 will be written in June 2011 and Unit 3 November 2011. Fast track students will sit their linear exam in May/June 2011.

Supervised revision sessions will be available in the new term on Mondays after school. Students are expected to bring questions or topics that they are struggling with to discuss with teachers.

Students should continue to revise and practise past exam papers that are on Fronter and use the booster packs available on mymaths. For more information see below.

Key Stage 5 News

AS and A2 exams are rapidly approaching in January. Students need to make sure they are using their time wisely over the Christmas period in order to succeed in these examinations.

Revision for Key Stage 5 is taking place on Mondays and Thursdays after school. It is vitally important that students attend these sessions in order to achieve the higher grades. All members of staff are available to answer any questions you have at lunch or break or afterschool so use these valuable resources! Mymaths and supermathsworld also have revision materials for A level students.

Enrichment Opportunities

HSBC Trading Futures Challenge

This month 30 students from across all key stages competed in the prestigious national HSBC Trading Futures Challenge, developed by the London School of Economics. Two training sessions were held providing students with essential information on business and economic principles and how the stock market actually works. These skills were then used in a trading simulation where students across the country competed to see who could make the most profits from their investments. The winning participants will go to HSBC in Canary Wharf for an awards ceremony and a tour of the trading floor. We will let you know our teams progress in the next newsletter. Well done to all students currently taking part in this exciting opportunity.

UK Maths Challenge

The UK Maths Challenge is a prestigious national competition aimed at the top third of students in the country. Students and pupils will sit an hour and a half paper testing their mathematical knowledge and understanding in complex problems. The top students in the current will then go through to the next round to become a Mathematical Olympiad. The competition is very rewarding and will look excellent on personal statements and CVs! Practice sessions will take place in Wednesday afternoons in the weeks leading up to the exams. We have 10 spaces for students in each year group. If you are interested in taking part and signing up for this commitment, see Ms Raphael.

Useful Websites

www.mymaths.co.uk
 Username: lvhs Password: triangle

www.supermathsworld.co.uk
 Username: leavx10

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks3bitesize/maths/

The maths department subscribes to mymaths and each student has a login and password from Year 7 to Year 13! These are to be used

on a regular basis. Students should confirm with their teacher what their Target Minimum Grade (TMG) is and choose a booster back to achieve this or become BLUE by achieving a grade above their TMG.

Alex Raphael & Vivette Sharpe
Co-coordinators for Key Stage 3 and 4 Mathematics

Science

Enrichment

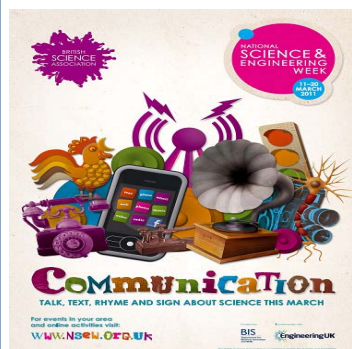
Students have been taking advantage of the enrichment activities offered during lunch time clubs by the science department. The lure of turning everyday materials into gold has proved a chance too good to refuse for students who have been attending Mr Hall's Alchemy club. Which club has been running every Monday lunchtime for KS3, students have used fire, lasers, maggots, static electricity, fireworks, acids and metals. They have still not managed to convert



base metals into gold so will have to continue to try things after Christmas. They may get rich yet.....

Science and Engineering Week

The annual National Science & Engineering Week 2011 will take place from the 11th –20th of March next year and we will be taking part in what will be a massive showcase for Science and Engineering. The theme will be communication and there will be many special events



which will take place in school during the week, allowing students to see the application of the science they learn within class in real world settings. Look out for further information in the next school newsletter and to get everyone in the mood for science, why not have a go at the following biology questions taken from last year's

event?:

- 1) What is the largest animal in the world?
a) Giant Squid b) Rhinoceros c) Eagle d) Blue Whale
- 2) Why do African elephants have big ears?
a) So they can fly b) To keep them cool c) So they can hear better d) To keep them warm
- 3) How many years of its life do Stag Beetles spend as larvae?
a) 1 b) 3 c) 10 d) 13
- 4) Where does the Corncrake spend the winter?
a) Africa b) Australia c) Europe d) Antarctica
- 5) Which of the following is NOT a species of Tiger?
a) Bengal Tiger b) Siberian Tiger c) African Tiger d) Malayan Tiger

End of Key Stage 3 Assessment:

Students in Year 9 are reminded that they will be sitting an examination at the end of the year to formally assess the progress they have made during the key stage. The examination will be in the format of two test papers which will cover the content from Year 7, 8 and 9 along with "How Science Works" questions which will assess students' transferable skills. All the materials students need to start revising can be found on Fronter and we would encourage students to access the resource on a regular basis.

Further Learning Opportunities:

Parents are reminded that students will have their next Science Further Learning Opportunities Booklet provided in the first week back after the Christmas Holiday and it will contain all tasks for the first half of the spring term. Students are expected to take responsibility for their FLO Booklet and if they do misplace it, a replacement can be printed from FRONTER via the learning gateway on the school website. Students need to complete a task a week as per the homework timetable for their year group and please find below the days when Science tasks should be completed.

Key Stage 4:

Students in Year 10 and 11 have been busy preparing for their science examinations in January. Revisions sessions have been and will continue to run on a Monday for Year 10 and Wednesday for Year 11. A special mention goes out to the Year 10s who have attended in high numbers, with up to 80 students present. A direct link between attendance at revision sessions and academic attainment has been shown and parents are requested to encourage students to attend sessions which will build up

exam skills. All resources for revision are present on Fronter and the numbers of log in from the students have been high. Students are reminded that past examination are also present on Fronter along with Mark Schemes which is ideal way to practice.

Amir Malik
Subject Leader, Key Stage 3 Science

Ethnic Minority Achievement Team



The Welcome Centre has been very busy this term. Our EAL students are enjoying learning through their induction programme and curriculum activities and their English is improving significantly. Our ESOL groups, coursework support sessions and Turkish reading club have been well attended and students are making very good progress.

Finally, the EMA Team would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continuing support and wish you a happy festive season.

Alena Demcakova
Subject Leader EMAT

Speech and Language

“Communication, Communication, Communication” The Resource Base is broadening its vision for the new year. Its new head, Laura



Tarantini-Amor, Subject Leader for Communications, has taken over its provision to those children, but with a new focus.

“My background in Languages teaching and in bilingual education means that I come with a different perspective on the Speech, Language and Communication Needs of all of Lea Valley’s students. Many of the staff and students here, are, like me, bilingual. We need to learn how to make use of all the ways in which we communicate...no matter what the language.”

The Communications Centre which caters for students with Speech, Language and Communication Needs had, under its previous head, Ms Manktelow provided consistently excellent service to its cohort. “I hope to build on her very important work and broaden it to include our bilingual and Able, Gifted and Talented, as well as special needs students.” The ‘Base’ now called the ‘Communication Centre’ offers ESOL study support, Academic Writing, and 6th Form Public Speaking classes as well as Social Communication help and a new Language for Thinking course. Geraldine Chenevot, the school’s Speech and Language Therapist, who has worked there for almost three years, continues to guide the Centre’s core Speech and Language work.

Laura Tarantini-Amor
(Communications) Subject Leader

Art and Photography

The Year 9s have been working on self portraits. Inspired by the work of Jean-Michel Basquiat, Year 9s used oil pastels, collage and photographs to create multi media self-portraits. The finished portraits are expressive and reflective of each child’s personality.

As part of the self-portrait project, Year 9s have also been learning how to use PhotoShop. Students imported photographs that they took using school cameras into PhotoShop. The students then digitally edited their photographs to enlarge and alter their facial features creating light hearted self portraits. The students are learning to use PhotoShop CS5, a state of the art editing package that is used widely in industry.



The Year 7s have been creating sculptures based their observations of insects. Students have worked in pairs, using rolled up newspapers to create skeletal forms of insects. Students have really enjoyed this project as it has really tested their decision making and creative thinking skills.

Aimee Lawrence
Assistant Director of Year 10.

Performing Arts

This first term we have seen a growth in our extracurricular groups and students undertaking instrumental lessons. Miss Callaghan's dance group are pounding their way to success in the dance studio. To this end we have invited an outside dance troupe to give master classes to some of our exam year students, to help boost their grades, and extracurricular groups to develop their skills further.

In Drama, our new team member Miss Andreas has been preparing exciting excerpts from 'Blood Brothers' with the students. This was inspired by taking the exam year pupils to a trip to the West End to see the show. There, the pupils partook in a workshop with one of the lead actors in Blood Brothers, Simon, who plays Eddy. Afterward the pupils were amazed to watch the show on stage and see Simon perform as well as experience a full theatre production.

In Music, Mr Bradbury's 'learn an instrument' club is growing exponentially, with pupils learning the basics of piano, guitar and bass. Mr Kornhauser has an ever growing choir and a steel pan group which have performed at the schools cultural evening so far.

At the end of term the Performing Arts will be hosting 'Lea Valley's Got Talent', a competition for pupils in the school to show what they can do. This plans to be an exciting event with much interest being shown from all around the school. There is a performance to parents on the evening of the 16th December. All are welcome. Any money raised will be going to Project Ghana Partnership.

Sammy Kornhauser
Director of Performing Arts

Year 7

This has been a really busy term for Year 7 students. Many students have now settled effectively into their forms and learning groups classes. Keep up the focus and hard work as soon as you are back in January so you can achieve your very best this year!

Life Skills

This term students throughout the school have focussed their studies in Life Skills on respect and relationships. Students have had the opportunity to discuss important moral issues related to this topic and have engaged maturely in such conversations.

All students should also be attending school

with their planner in which they should be recording homework daily. Parents and carers are asked to check and sign this weekly. Please contact your child's form tutor if you have any questions or concerns about this.

Assemblies

Well done to all students who have taken part in leading Year 7 assemblies over the past half term. You have done a fabulous job and the Year 7 team are very proud of you all!

I hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable holiday Year 7. Happy Christmas! Be safe, take care and look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Jo Tate
Director of Year 7

Year 8

Well done to Year 8 students who have made an excellent start this half term. As well as a busy timetable, lots of students are actively involved in lunchtime clubs including art, gardening and a wide range of sporting and musical activities. Enrichment activities have included a visit to the Osmington Bay Field Studies Centre in Dorset. Thank you to the Maths Department for planning the trip.

Positive Opportunities

I would like to congratulate 8TW, 8SG and 8SC for their form assemblies over the past term. The assemblies were based around the themes of healthy lifestyles, charities and positive behaviour. The students had exemplar behaviour and were a credit to the school. We look forward to the assemblies of all the other form groups over the coming terms.

Attendance

Year 8 attendance is currently at 93.3%. Mr Rowlands has developed special attendance clubs and rewards to promote high attendance to encourage all pupils to meet their potential. Congratulations to 8EP who have attendance above 95%.

Thank you for your on-going support.

Dhanisha Patel
Director of Year 8

Year 9

Please continue to support us with ensuring your child is in full school uniform in the morning. Overall the standard of presentation, with regards to uniform, is very good and we would like to maintain this.

Year 9 are well into their options and appear to be thoroughly enjoying them. They have approached the GCSE and BTECs with a responsible and enthusiastic attitude. Year 9 seem to relish the fact that they have this extra opportunity and are keen to do well.

As always the Year 9 school council members model good behaviour and display excellent leadership qualities. The councillors communicate very well with their peers in order to be an effective 'student voice' for the cohort.

This half term the students have once again been involved in presenting assemblies as a form group. This year the groups have selected their own topics. The standard so far has been very good. The students really enjoy taking part and there have been some wonderful performances so far.

Please also ensure that your child arrives to school on time. Please try wherever possible to make dental or medical appointments for your child outside of school hours. Make sure you contact the school when your child is absent and send them to their SWC with a note on their return.

We have a range of after school clubs designed to support and enrich the school experience of students at Lea Valley so please encourage your child to attend. If you are unsure about what is available please contact the school or myself for information.

Rae Vernon
Director of Year 9

Year 10

Year 10 have had a successful start to the term. Firstly, students remained focused and dedicated in lessons and on coursework. Secondly, a range of students have started to apply themselves to their GCSE revision classes.

Assessment

All the year completed a Maths GCSE exam and we look forward to the results in January. Furthermore, Science and Geography have exams in January and we would encourage students to complete at least 2 hours revision on a daily basis over the Christmas Holidays.

Revision

Please could you encourage your child to attend revision classes so that they reach their potential? Science is on Monday, Maths on Wednesday and the options subjects have revision on Thursday.

Sport

The winter sports are under way; with a large number of students participating in football, netball, rugby and cross country. Their involvement in extra curricular activities will undoubtedly benefit your child's development. Well Done!

Academic Support

20 parents were invited into school to understand how to support their child in English, Maths and Science. They completed three workshops with their child and we look forward to seeing the impact this will have on their results. If you would like to know how to support your child in a particular subject, please contact the teacher and ask how you can help.

Thank you for your continued support. I hope you enjoy a safe and productive Christmas!

Sam Fox
Director of Year

Aimee Lawrence
Assistant Director of Year

Year 11

Year 11 had a focused start to the term. The Maths and English examinations went excellently with almost the entire year working extremely hard to improve their already good grades. Currently, most students are commendably working with a high level of focus and determination to prepare themselves for success both in the January exams and the future.

Forty two year elevens visited the Excel Arena in London to attend the Skills City day aimed to offer pupils ideas and inspiration about future careers. All gained a huge amount from the day and were a credit to the school in both attitude and behaviour.

The winter sports are under way at Lea Valley. A special congratulation to Jack Boyton, Jack Brown, Sam Bullen, Shaquille Brown and Harry Scowen for making the senior boys football team. The girl's senior football team is looking equally strong with contributions from Ashlea Thurlow and Hannah Parker.

Thank you for your continued support.

Tim Albone
Director of Year 11

BTEC Sport in Print

As part of their BTEC Sport course, the Year 11 students were set an assignment to describe and explain the effects of exercise on the bones and joints. In order to relate the article to a realistic situation, the students were asked to put the information in the form of an article for "Everyone's a Winner" magazine. The best article which would then be published in the magazine. The students rose to the challenge and produced a series of interesting articles. The top three articles from Scott Crawley 11MJ, Faith Taylor 11MJ and Aaron Williams-Denton 11DL, were then judged by members of the PE department.



Congratulations goes to Aaron Williams-Denton who was judged the winner and his article can be read in the January edition of "Everyone's a Winner".

Sharon Rayner
BTEC Sport teacher, Assistant Principal

Sport and Active Leisure Diploma

The Year 10 SAL Diploma students were invited to attend a student conference run by the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust on Monday 29th November. The conference was aimed at enhancing student leadership within schools with the particular focus of the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.



During the day the students were given the opportunity to network with students from other schools and share ideas and experiences around leadership and the impact of the Olympic Games coming to London. The Olympic and Paralympic values of Friendship, Respect, Excellence, Determination, Inspiration, Courage and Equality, underpin the ethos of the games and the students were asked to highlight areas of student voice and leadership where these opportunities already exist within Lea Valley.

They then enjoyed an inspirational speech from Paralympian Danny Crates who won Gold in the 2004 Athens Games. Danny spoke about his determination to succeed in sport following

a car crash in his early twenties where he lost his right arm. The students then had the opportunity to speak to him personally and hold his gold medal.

The afternoon session was allocated to school group planning. The students came up with many ideas of how they could embed the values into school



and the events they would like to organise for our partner primary schools, including organising and hosting a Mini Olympics and Paralympic Games.

This was a thoroughly enjoyable conference and the students were complemented by the organisers for their energy and ideas throughout the day.

Sharon Rayner
SAL Diploma Teacher, Assistant Principal

Student Voice

Once again this year the students at Lea Valley are given the opportunity to impact on whole school issues through the three school councils. These are The Whole School Council, Sports Council and Learning Council.

The Whole School Council



Hollie Hockley, Ashlea Thurlow, Alecsi Gamboa Daenelle Dawkins, Deega Sufi, Aimee Sarr, Ellis Palme, Aman Ekeama, Damani Ekeama, Jaymee Sheppard, Alex Kiriakou, Alfie Claxton, Soloman Smith,

Each form group elects a male and female representative to represent their interests in the Year Council. From this the Year representatives are chosen to sit on the whole School Council which is chaired by the Head Boy, Alex Kiriakou and Head Girl, Deega Sufi. The council meets every half term to discuss whole school issues which are important to them and have been raised during Year Council meetings.

Sports Council:**Learning Council:**

The Lea Valley High School Student Councils
2010/11:

**School Council**

As Head Girl and a member of the School Council, I have been fortunate enough to work with representatives from each year group and discuss raised issues. We are currently finalising new schemes that will be brought to the classroom, and will immensely benefit the students with regards to their academic achievements. One of the schemes that we are hoping to propose includes implementing career workshops to give students an insight to possible career choices. Hopefully, this time next year the school council will have successfully introduced the schemes set out.

Deega Sufi 13DL

Learning Council

The Learning Council exists to give students a

voice about their learning, as the 'end-user' they need to comment on what works for them and what doesn't, this all feeds into the continuous process that Lea Valley (in common with any excellent learning institution) is going through of improving Teaching and Learning.

This year, the council has discussed what it thinks is good about learning and how the students' learning experiences could be improved. To take this a step further they have devised an exciting project.

The Council are going to achieve the Fairtrade Mark for the school. This involves educating all members of the school community about the benefits of Fairtrade, and will involve planning a series of enrichment lessons using their good ideas about making learning interesting. They will also campaign for the school to use more and more fairly traded products and run events in Fairtrade week to educate and encourage fellow students and staff to support Fairtrade.

Sports Council

The Sports Council is made up of two students from each year group, years 7 to 13, who have been nominated by the Director of Specialism, the Director of Subject for PE and the appropriate Director of Year. This year the Sports Council is chaired by the Deputy Head Girl, Rio Sully and the Platinum Young Ambassador, Laura Gibbings. They meet half termly with the Director of Specialism, Miss Holloway and the students use the meetings as a forum to talk openly about the PE and Sport opportunities within the school, as well as the whole school approach to our Specialist Sports College status. The Sports Council members also act as leaders within the school, organising and delivering various sporting activities and events. A particular focus of their work this year is on developing the intra-school competition events within Lea Valley and on developing our 2012 Olympic activities.

This year's members are:

Year 13 - Luke Foster and Wendy Danso

Year 12 - Daniel McLoughlin and Mollie Kmita

Year 11 - Hannah Parker and Richard Dixon

Year 10 - Jack Parker and Hollie Hockley

Year 9 - Ferhat Kaya and Lulu Christodoulou

Year 8 - Reece Grundy and Diana Nguimbi

Year 7 - Callum Forrester and Cheniece Warner

Stephanie Holloway

Senior Assistant Principal

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What's on at Lea Valley?

Grease

This year the Performing Arts Faculty will be hosting a production of that well-loved 50's musical Grease.



No longer will you be 'Alone at the drive in' nor starring at the 'blue moon' alone, come and join us and learn to 'hand jive' as we head towards the 'summer nights' on 5th and 6th April. Don't leave us with 'tears on our pillow' because 'We go together' and 'you're the one that we want' to come and see us on the big stage.

Learning Gateway

Parents: Have you signed up for the Learning Gateway yet?

Do you want to access live information about your child's learning at Lea Valley High School? Including:

- o Morning/Afternoon attendance information
- o Lesson Attendance information
- o Behaviour and achievements
- o Timetable information
- o Contact details held for you and your child
- o Letters from the school

If you would like to gain access to this system please complete the form on the website or contact me, **Jason André**, at school, and I will send you a username and password to enable you to access the the system

Are you making the most of Fronter?

There are revision materials on Fronter for all curriculum areas.
Make sure you are using it!

If you have any problems accessing Fronter, please see Mr André

Dates for your Diary

Friday 17th December 2010
Autumn Term ends,
students dismissed at lunchtime

Tuesday 4th January 2011 8.45am
Spring Term begins

Tuesday 11th January 2011 6.00pm
Friends of Lea Valley

13th January 2011
Year 11 and Level 2 Parents' Evening

Thursday 20th January 2011
Year 10 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 25th January 2011
6th Form Information Evening

Thursday 3rd February 2011
Year 9 Options Evening

Monday 14th February 2011 6.30pm
Year 7 and 8 Valentine's Ball

Mon 21st to Fri 25th February 2011
Half Term

Thursday 17th March 2011
Year 9 Parents' Evening

Thursday 31st March 2011
Year 8 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 4th April 2011
Inset Day

Monday 11th to Monday 25th April 2011
Easter Holiday

Tuesday 26th April 2011
Summer Term starts

Friday 29th April 2011
Bank Holiday

Monday 2nd May 2011
Bank Holiday

Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2011
Half Term

Friday 8th July 2011
Inset Day

Friday 22nd July 2011
School year ends