

# PARENTS NEWS

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Issue 8

## Message from the Headteacher

### Dear Parents

Welcome back from half term. I am delighted to inform you that we have 2 new parent governors: Mrs Ghatora and Mr Bestic. In addition we have two new LEA Governors: Cllr Gupta and Mrs Midha and a new staff governor: Ms Simmonds. We welcome them to the Governing Body and look forward to the very positive contribution they will make to our school.  
*Juliet Strang*

### Aspire 95

Congratulations to more than 400 students who achieved at least 95% attendance in the first half of term. You will all have a chance to win the ipods / the mountain bike or the vouchers.... Krishani Sivakaran, Magdalena Sadlo, Ajay Bagga, Kajamugan Selvaratnam, Isha Marway and Robindeep Aujla were amongst those in with a chance to win.... were you?  
*Mr Rowlands*

## Shakespeare festival review

There were three schools participating in the re-enactment of some of William Shakespeare's famous plays. All the students involved had been hard at work over the past few weeks. On the day of the performance they had pushed through with five hours of final preparation. As the two other schools performed, what were very successful dramas, our Villiers students' awaited nervously at the back of the theatre trying not to forget their lines. The time had come; they put on a brave face and set themselves up backstage. The performance of "**The Taming of the Shrew**" was outstanding, the comical tale, left the audience in stitches (particularly Vinton Tomas's Michel Jackson impression.) but overall Villiers produced an amazing comical drama and the night was enjoyed by all. A special thanks to all teachers and students involved of which include... Mark Nuriyev 10AB, Shaneka Williams 9GC, Joshua Campbell-Hanson 11DI, Rizwan Shebani 10HK, Vithusan Raveendran 10AB, Mansoor Ahmad 9ND, Fatma Hassan 10HK, Kerris Mitchell 9GC, Anmol Gore 9PN, Vinton Thomas 11DI, Kerri Thomas 11DI and Arvidas Smalinskaas 9ND. **By Brooke McDonald 10DI Ms. McGrath, Miss Bertin and Mrs Buss**

## Theft of 2 irreplaceable medals following the School's Centenary Exhibition

On the last day of half term, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October, on sorting all of the archives and other material exhibited at the school's centenary exhibition for return to their owners, or for archiving, I noticed that 2 gold coloured Head Boy medals were missing from what was a locked glass cabinet which was used for displaying other medals, including a very valuable silver Coronation medal given to all school children by King George V and Queen Mary in 1911; which was **not** stolen. Both Head Boy medals are gold in colour, but are NOT real gold, they are possibly bronze and therefore worth very little in monetary value and are about the size of a 10 pence piece. They both have embossed 'Southall County School' and the school's old style emblem featuring the shield with 3 swords. One of them is circa 1930 and is not engraved on the back; the other is engraved with G. Haig 1928 on the back. Both have a small ring for a chain or cord so the wearer could wear it around their necks. These medals are not only **irreplaceable** but are the property of Mr George Twyman, the Chairman of the Southall History Society who has contributed an enormous amount of his time and resources to our centenary celebrations. He has kindly lent us his property (items of historic significance to the very area in which many of you and your families have grown up and been educated), to which he has dedicated much of his life, in the trust that all will be returned to him safely and undamaged after half term. This incident has been reported to the police and there is a crime reference number for it, eBay is being checked daily, and every pawnbroker in the region has been notified. Investigations will continue until they are found. There have been many activities involving the school hall recently, in particular the inter national student conference, as well as assemblies and open evenings. It is so disappointing that there is somebody who knows the whereabouts of these medals which are of **no monetary value whatsoever** though their historical significance is immeasurable. They are part of this school's history which must be respected in the same way that you are now creating history for our students of the future who could be your own children and grandchildren. If you do recognise these medals, and you know anything at all about their whereabouts or who may have taken them, then please speak to myself, or another member of staff in confidence so we can resolve this serious situation. We are calling for an amnesty. If you are in possession of these medals, then please return them, anonymously. Your identity will be protected. Mr Twyman has recently undergone intensive heart surgery and is very poorly indeed. For this reason I have not yet informed him of this theft. I do not want to cause any undue upset at this difficult time for him. I hope that he will never need to know about this, but this can only be guaranteed if these medals are returned.  
*Karine Waldron*

## Business Studies

Once again the Business Studies students will be holding a Xmas Trade Fair to showcase their Businesses. The Trade Fair will take place on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2009 in the school hall. There will be a range of small businesses set up selling products. You could come and have your hair styled, buy fashionable jewellery and many other interesting gifts – the only thing we expect you to bring is plenty of Money. It will be a fun event.

**Mrs. C. Gill and Ms. F. Warrington**

### Year 9 Options

Year 9 students are in the process of making some very important decisions about their GCSEs. They have all been given an Options Booklet which gives full details about the subjects on offer to them next year. It is important that students:

- talk to parents, subject teachers, careers staff – they are all here to help
- read the subject details in the options booklet carefully and ask if you need to know more
- opt for a balanced choice of subjects to keep open future careers and study options
- be realistic about your ability – do not choose subjects you may find too hard

We are offering "drop in sessions" for parents and students who wish to discuss the options further on the following days:

24<sup>th</sup> November – 4.30pm – 6.00pm – Mr. Strutt

25<sup>th</sup> November – 3.30pm – 5.00pm – Mrs. Pank

26<sup>th</sup> November – 3.30pm – 5.00pm – Mrs. Gill

If you are unable to attend any of these sessions and would like to ask questions or discuss the options process please feel free to contact us on:

Mr. Strutt – 0208 867 8001 or [su058@villiers.ealing.sch.uk](mailto:su058@villiers.ealing.sch.uk)

Mrs. Pank – 0208 867 9072 or [pk045@villiers.ealing.sch.uk](mailto:pk045@villiers.ealing.sch.uk)

Mrs. Gill – 0208 867 9065 or [cq033@villiers.ealing.sch.uk](mailto:cq033@villiers.ealing.sch.uk)

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## After School Clubs

Clubs	Days	Place	Year	Time	Teacher
School Choir	Wednesdays	X2	All	3.10-4.00	Ms Pedersen
Technology	Wednesdays	O12	All	3.05-4.30	Ms Munir
Duke of Edinburgh	Wednesdays	Gym	ALL	3.10-4.00	Mr Strutt
Urdu	Wednesdays and Thursdays	N2	10	3.05-4.05	Mrs Dhaliwal
Art	Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays	N32 N33	10+11	3.05-4.05	Ms Atwill Ms Cornish
Basketball	Thursdays	Gym	7+9	3.05-4.05	Mr Strutt
New Media	Thursdays and Fridays	N34	10+11 D&T	3.05-4.30	Mr McGonigle
DIDA Booster	Thursdays	O35	10+11	3.15-4.00	Mr Kia
Punjabi GCSE	Thursdays	N1	9+10	3.05-4.05	Ms Sharma
Science Revision	Thursdays	N4	11	3.05-4.00	Mrs Abbas's group only
Business Studies	Fridays	X5	All	3.20-4.20	Ms Warrington
Textile	Fridays	O15	11	3.10-4.30	Ms Pond
Urdu	Fridays	N2	11	3.05-4.05	Mrs Dhaliwal