

# PARENTS NEWS

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Issue 7

## Message from the Headteacher

### Dear Parents

We have come to end of the first half term this year. It has gone well, ending with a superb International Student Conference in which our students were tremendous ambassadors for the school; their conduct, maturity and creativity were outstanding. Well done to every single student who took part. Next half term I would like to see an improvement in the punctuality of students. We still have far too many students arriving late for school. Please ensure you child leaves home in good time to arrive at school at 8.35 a.m. We have a Sixth Form information evening on November 3<sup>rd</sup> (5-7 p.m.), the first Monday back after half term. Please come along and find out more about the courses we will be offering in our Sixth Form opening in September 2009. There is a year 7 parents' evening on Monday November 10. We would very much like to see every single year 7 parent. It is a good opportunity for you to find out how your child has settled into high school. **Juliet Strang**

### YR 11 TASTER EVENING FOR THE VILLIERS SIXTH FORM

As you know, we are opening our sixth form 'The Sixth Dimension' in September 2008. This is a very exciting time for us and we want you to share in the opportunity to find out more about our sixth form.

The taster evening will take place in the hall from 5 – 7pm on Monday 3 November. Ms Strang, the Head teacher and Miss Sara, Head of Sixth Form will talk about the sixth form and the exciting opportunities which lie ahead for our students' futures. In addition, teachers from the IB and BTEC courses will be available to talk about their subjects. Refreshments and goodie bags will be provided as a taster to how sixth form life will be.

The sixth form at Villiers High School will be an exciting stage in your educational journey. You will find your experience with us a structured transition between school and higher education, a preparation for learning to be independent, to plan work and organise resources and a chance to contribute positively to the community.

As a six former at Villiers, you will have a range of opportunities available to you and it will be very much up to you to take these on board and make the most of them – sporting, cultural, voluntary, various positions of responsibility within the sixth form.

The sixth form will be an exciting and challenging time for you. It should be an immensely rewarding and enjoyable time in your life and one that you will look back on with fond memories. One of the factors will be choosing the right course and at the taster evening you will be able to discuss with your teachers the course on offer and which best suits you. We look forward to seeing you at the Taster Evening.

**Miss Sara**

### Y7MY Trip to London Dungeons

With fear and dread, class 7MY crept cautiously down the dark, damp tunnel. Their hands were their eyes, nervously seeking the way by tracing the slime covered granite walls. Though they strained to see, there was nothing....nothing but the sounds of wailing and screams. Was this hell?

No, it was learning - Alternative Curriculum style. This week Class 7MY went to the 'London Dungeons' to learn all about this city's gruesome past and they learnt so much. They took away with them a better understanding of London's history and some great ideas for creative writing. Well done guys!

**Mr Murphy**

### Ealing Schools Cross Country Championships

Six boys took part in the Ealing Championships this week, the Year 7 pupils who ran were Farhan Chatha, Amin Seddiqui and Safian Ali. Although none finished in the top fifteen, they all competed very well against the best runners in the borough. In the Year nine race Harvinder Bhandal finished 7<sup>th</sup> overall and awaits a decision on whether he will be selected for the Ealing Team. Shabaz Malik finished 19<sup>th</sup> which was an improvement of ten places since the last race. Mathuchan Mathivanan finished a creditable 35<sup>th</sup>. Well done to all runners. The next race is on November 5<sup>th</sup> at Horsenden Hill.

**Mr Strutt**

### Tree Buddies Project

A group of mainly Year 7 students with a few Year 8 buddies experienced a wonderful day out to The Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. The group of students are involved in the Tree Buddies Project which is run by Green Corridor. Our first workshop at Kew introduced us to the primary functions of this unique place and we visited the wonderful glass-houses and had a dizzy climb up to the brand new Treetop Walkway to view the tops of tall trees and admire the aerial view of the spectacular autumnal colours at this time of year.

**Mrs Bennett**

### KS4 Spanish Club

Starting from Monday 20th October at 1:30 pm in room N11 students in Y10/Y11 who studied Spanish in Y9 will have the chance to prepare, practice and pass the BA Flag award.

### Welcome! Bienvenue! ¡Bienvenido!

Welcome to Imène Ben Ameer and Gabriel Serna Gonzalez our French and Spanish assistants who will be helping our students to practice their languages until May 31st.

**Miss Halford Head Of Languages**

### Black History Month Movie Club

Black History Month Movie Club presents 2 great films on the big screen in the LRC. Coming to students at lunchtime only Monday to Thursday are Jamie Foxx in 'Ray' and Will Smith in 'I Am Legend'. Come and watch these classic films. Write up a review if it's your first time seeing them. Other classic film reviews are most welcome.

**Miss Uwalaka, Miss Johnson & Miss Cosmas**

### Dates for Y10 and Y11 revision classes October/November 2008

27th Oct		10R1 (CT)-N15	11R1/S4 (DZ)-N14			11S3 (SE)-N24
29th Oct	11S3 (AB)-N4		11R1/S4 (DZ)-N14	10S3 (GC)-N35	Y11 P1a/b (NG)-N5	11R4 (SE)-N24
30th Oct	11R4 (AB)-N4		11R1/S4 (DZ)-N14	10R4 (GC)-N35	Y11 B1a/b (NG)-N5	
31st Oct	10S5/R1 (AB)-N4		11R1/S4 (DZ)-N14		11R2 (HK)-N25	11S2 (NG) N5
1st Nov						11R2 (NG) N5
8th Nov			10R3/S4 (DZ)-N14	11S5 (GC)-N35	10R5 (HK)-N25	11R5 (NG) N5
15th Nov			10R3/S4 (DZ)-N14	11R3 (GC)-N35	11S2 (HK)-N25	10R5 (NG) N5
						10R2/3 (SE)-N24
						11R5 (SE)-N24
						10R3 (SE)-N24

### After School Clubs

Clubs	Days	Place	Year	Time	Teacher
Schoor 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
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	035	10+11	3.15-4.00	Mr Kia
Panjabi GCSE	Thursdays	N1	9+10	3.05-4.05	Ms Shama
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

How would you like to win...?



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# Aspire 95

For a chance to win all you need is an attendance  
of 95% and good punctuality

See your learning leader for details