



Message from the Principal



Next week is an important week for the academy in that it is 'Open Week.' On Monday we will close early so that staff can prepare for Open Evening.

I know that many of you will be returning to

WHAT DID THE YEAR 7S ENJOY THE MOST ABOUT THEIR FIRST WEEK AT APA?

In my first week of secondary I enjoyed Science because I had never used a microscope before, and Catering because we didn't have that lesson at my old school! **_ Beatriz**

I enjoyed eating the food at lunchtime! **_ Najam Saqib 7KYR**

I really enjoyed Progress of the Child because I like Debating. **_ Emil Christie-Clarke 7MEV**

I enjoyed studying every subject, I want to do really well so I can be in a top set! **_ Mark Ddembe 7KTO**

I enjoyed the agility test in PE. **_ Luca Mason 7MEV**

I enjoyed the responsibility of being able to move from class to class without a teacher **_ Emily Thurston 7CPA**

I most enjoyed Drama because the teacher is really funny! **_ Kailen Barrios-Elmer 7CPA**

I enjoyed meeting new people and playing table tennis with other students. **_ Fatima Addo 7CPA**

I enjoyed French because we danced to a number song **_ Isaac Onyeka 7MEV**

I enjoyed having more lessons in the day than I had at my primary school because I learnt more things **_ Sinead Brown 7CPA**

the academy to help in the evening.

During each morning of next week we will be opening our doors to our visitors who will want to see how our school works on a day to day basis. Last year these events were really successful and as you can see our year seven is much bigger than we have had for a number of years and that is mainly down to the efforts of you all in making the academy a warm and inviting place. Please can you do the same this year and show the academy at its best. If you see parents and students walking around remember to hold open doors, answer any questions that they have for you and most of all smile!



This section is for teachers and all staff to give praise to students who have gone above and beyond to be kind or helpful to others. **Each student featured will receive 5 house points.**

Arbana Gashi - For running the School Council when no one else in her form wanted to it. She put herself forward as she wanted to improve her confidence and public speaking in Drama. **_ Miss Chaudhry**

Aisha Akram, Ian Ugiabe-Castells, Meriem Aouragh, Pierre-Laurent Beroud-Zaire, Suzannah Harris and Alan Kawa - For standing up in their year assembly and speaking about their visions for the school council. You should all be very proud of yourselves Well done! **_ Mr Glyn**

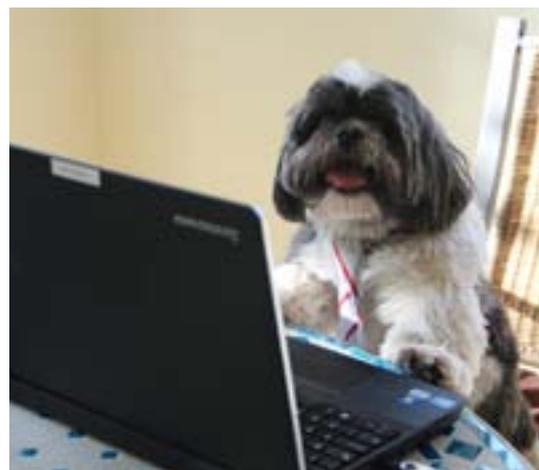
I enjoyed Drama because we made our own advertisements. **_ Raheela Aslam 7MEV**

I really enjoyed PE because my team won 4-1 in Netball. **_ Adam Fellouh 7MEV**

I enjoyed English because my teacher is really nice! **_ Kiron Brown-Plummer 7MEV**

I enjoyed English but my Favourite lesson was French. **_ Poppy Nagle 7KYR**

My favourite thing was making energy bars in Catering... and taking them home to eat! I also enjoyed making new friends because I thought it was going to be hard but it wasn't at all. **_ Dionne Turner 7KTO**





Well done to the following pupils for achieving and upholding our pillars:

- Stella Postigo
- Tom Edgley
- Ramavadee Homsap
- Leah Thompson
- Sky Ryan

Remember to bring in your permission slips to help at Open Evening and maintain Dickens House reputation!!!

Looking around the school, I would like to remind you to keep your uniform smart and wear your blazer at all times. Keep getting achievement points so that you can be winners in the rewards assembly!



Well done to the following students in Year 8 for high performance across the six pillars this week:

- Raheel Iqbal
- Lynn-Esther
- Jimena Nicole Arias
- Robyn Smart
- Kayla Longuehaye
- Duejon Baker

Congratulations as well to students in Turner House that I have noticed performing well also:

- Year 8 - Daisy Fieldhouse-Still
- Year 9 - Aisha Akram
- Year 10 - Blehony G nabroux
- Year 11 - Andzelika Belajeva

I am very pleased to see you all settling in so quickly and showing what great students you are, and can be.

Remember that the election for the Year 8 Council Representatives are next Thursday so please consider our six candidates carefully for your secret vote: Jimena Nicole Arias and Lia Lothian, from RST; Shakira Brown and Anna-Ruth Stephens, from HHU; Dirie Hirsi and Shakira Badr, from OBA. Remember that these elections are equally as important, if not more so, than the Scottish referendum, so you must make a wise and thoughtful decision.



We seem to have made a good start to the new term and I have been really pleased with the general attitude and behaviour for learning of Year 9.

The following students have been elected for the Year Council:

- 9ACA
- Aisha Akram
- Ian Ugiabe-Castells
- 9KEM
- Meriem Aouragh
- Pierre-Laurent Beroud-Zaire
- 9EFE
- Suzannah Harris
- Alan Kawa

All the students will have given their speech in the Year Assembly, so next Thursday at PM registration we will go to the Main Hall and vote two representatives onto the School Council, with Ms Patrick overseeing the event. A BRUNEL HOUSE reminder, we will be appointing a new House Captain and Vice-Captain for 2014-2015 in the coming weeks, alongside a Sports Captain. If you are interested in any of those positions please feel free to come and see me at any time for a chat.

Have a good weekend.
D.Glyn-Year 9/Brunel.



It has been excellent to see so many of you getting House Points for Independence this week!

- Shameille Grant in English
- Qasid Giny in English
- Sarah Green in Maths
- Victory Onyeka in Media Studies

This has been a busy week with lots of exciting clubs opening, keep your eyes peeled for the extra-curricular club booklet next week and get yourself involved in the school community.

Good luck to those who are running for School Council, it is a great opportunity to represent our school and have your say!

Have a sunny weekend,
Ms Harvey

LE COIN DE LA CULTURE - THE CULTURE CORNER

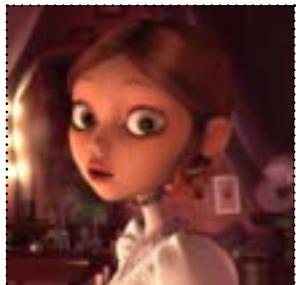
La Chanson de la semaine - The song of the week
Black M - Sur ma route



Le film de la semaine - The film of the week
Un monstre à Paris at Ciné Lumière - The French Institute, Kensington

89 mins
in English

France | 2011 | col | dir. Bibo Bergeron, with voices by Sean Lennon and Vanessa Paradis | 6+
Paris, 1910. Emile, a shy movie projectionist, and Raoul, a colourful inventor, find themselves embarked on the hunt for a monster terrorizing citizens. They join forces with Lucille, the big-hearted star of the Bird of Paradise cabaret.



Le mot de la semaine

Word of the week

un sanglier



un jabalí



a boar



Do you speak any languages other than English? Are you from somewhere interesting you'd like to write about for the newsletter? Let your tutor know and you could feature on this page next week!

Word of the Week:

Buoyant

adjective

1. able or tending to keep afloat or rise to the top of a liquid or gas.
2. cheerful and optimistic.
3. (of an economy, business, or market) involving or engaged in much successful trade or activity.

Student Read of the Week:

Heaven-Leigh Achoko 7KYR

'Will Grayson, Will Grayson' by

John Green and David Levithan

I like this book because John Green is a good author and because it is a different book to the others I have read. It's more real and you can learn things from it about life.

Staff Read of the Week: Mr

Collins

'Assassin's Apprentice' by

Robin Hobb. Part 1 of the Far-seer Trilogy.

This will be about the 5th time I'm reading the series because they're so well written and engaging. The characters feel real and the story is full of political intrigue. These were the books that got me into reading when I was 16 so they are pretty special to me.

Staff Film of the Week: Mr

Humphreys - Site Manager

'Kez' Directed by Ken Loach

I've always loved this film for its humour and now I'm older it reminds me of my childhood. My friends and I watched it at school when we were studying the novel. It's based on, 'A Kestrel for a Knave' by Barry Hines. We'd never seen a film like it before; one that featured working class boys like us. It was set during the miners' strike and always takes me back to remembering school being called off or reduced to a half day because of power cuts. Although none of us had kestrels, a matefriend of mine had a dad who was a Falconer and he brought a tawny owl and a kestrel in to school one day for us to see. I'll always remember that day, I could see how Billy (the protagonist) could learn to love the bird.



WHAT'S THE POINT

Can you guess what these inventions were used for?



HAVE YOUR SAY

If you would like to contribute to the school newsletter please see your form tutor or come and see me (Miss Rowe) directly in room B15.

It would be great to have as much input as possible from the students so if there's anything you'd like to see in the school newsletter, as a one off or a regular feature this is your chance to say!

Keep an eye open for more news, competitions and games on the school twitter account @ARKPutney.

Please could I ask all twitter using parents to start following the school and the PTA @apapta on twitter for updates on our latest news and events!

WHAT AM I?

Can you guess what this invention is?

- Is lightweight and portable.
- Is a freely available and easily accessible information source.
- Is affordable for most people, prices can vary.
- Needs no power pack, batteries or recharging. It will never run down.
- Is portable and works anywhere from a beach to the office, home, bus or plane.
- Has new versions released all the time, but old versions still have value and are enjoyable.
- Works in a bath with no risk of electric shock or danger to the user.
- Is perfect for air travel and can be placed in your hand luggage unlike many gadgets.
- Promotes relaxation, education, challenge and entertainment.
- Makes travel in time and space possible.
- Allows people to experience things they might never see and to discover new things.
- Appeals to all ages from new borns to the very old.
- Helps bring people together through shared enjoyment.

Please submit your answers to Miss Sparrowhawk in the library!

NEW SCHOOL MASCOTS!



Take a look at our new school mascots Boris and Max! This week they've joined the football team... See the extra curricular activities booklet to decide which clubs you will join!

If you'd like your pet to be the new school mascot tweet a picture of them in their uniform to @ARKPutney and we'll choose our favourite for the school newsletter. **The winner each week will receive 5 house points!**