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 **Paddington Academy**

Newsletter



The weekly newsletter for Parents, Students & Teachers

OUTSTANDING LEARNERS

Here are the names of students who were nominated and voted by teachers for their outstanding learning

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| Year 7 | Xiao Wei |
| Year 8 | Daniel Aiahchi Puente |
| Year 9 | Vito Toveljani |
| Year 10 | Joana Marques |
| Year 10 | Muniree Kamran |
| Year 11 | Atyla Pereira Alves |
| Year 12 | Egzon Rammadani |
| Year 13 | Arben Sejdiu |

Sayers Croft Residential



During our expedition to Sayers Croft, our class of Biologists successfully conducted and completed the individual practical coursework for their A2 Biology. This entailed learning new sampling techniques and identifying several species of plants in Canfold Wood. Individually we

covered 180 m² of land flourishing with life- including brambles; most hostile plant, not nice to sit on!

Despite the hard work which went on until late in the evenings, we did find time to enjoy the Surrey countryside. Our instructor, Zoë, gave up her evening to take us into the woods at night with only the moon providing us with very limited light whilst we were shown the myths and tricks of Sayers Croft. Admittedly, fun came in forms of one classmate accusing a stain on the wall of being a mosquito; whilst another used a blue torch to amuse themselves throughout the stay; and finally despite the delicious food provided by Sayers Croft, our class felt it was necessary to binge on snacks every evening.

Overall, it was a wonderful opportunity for our class to explore the countryside and although it was painstaking, it will remain a fond memory.

STUDENT TERM DATES

Spring (Term Three) 2008

Mon 7th Jan - Thurs 14th Feb

Spring (Term Four) 2008

Mon 25th Feb - Thurs 3rd April

Summer (Term Five) 2008

Tues 22nd April - Fri 23rd May

Summer (Term Six) 2008

Mon 2nd June - Tues 22nd July

Last Week's Student Quiz Winner

*Congratulations to **Mona Ali** (9 NWH) who answered all ten questions Correctly and who's name was drawn from 35 other successful entries.*



WORK EXPERIENCE

Arta Begum

My work experience was with a law firm working in administration. My job involved photocopying, filing, sorting out the post and helping in the accounts department. It was a bit boring at times as there was not enough work to keep me busy for the whole two weeks. I learnt a lot about what happens in law and how new clients are introduced to the firm. Most people were friendly but there were a few that were snooty.

I am interested in becoming a lawyer so it was useful to learn a little about how the law works. My confidence increased by the end of the placement and it made me realise that working is very different from being at school, people can be moody and serious at work and school is much more fun. I think overall the placement was good experience for the future and it made me really appreciate school as I missed my friends when I was at work experience.

Igor Salustio

My work experience was in the Crown Court in Snaresbrook where I had the opportunity to work with one of the top barristers in the UK as his assistant. I was required to take notes of different points of view defendants and prosecutors and was delighted to be involved in a murder case. Wearing a suit to work made me feel professional like a lawyer.

The whole experience was interesting because I got to see another side of the law. My verbal communication and writing skills have also improved. The only down side was travelling to Snaresbrook which was a bit inconvenient as I had to be in East London by 9a.m.

It was a good experience of how the real world works. I enjoyed it a lot.

'Tell it like it is': Black Underachievement Project

The first meeting will take place at the Harrow Road Neighbourhood Partnership, the Neighbourhood Centre, 421 Harrow Road, W10 4RE on Monday 17th December at 6.30 pm. Parents and residents involved in the project should already have received an e-mail from Kerri Parke about the event. Please contact Mr. Hussain on 020 8479 3923 if you have not received an invite or if you would like to attend the meeting.



WORK EXPERIENCE

Nawzad Morad

During my work experience I went to Age Concern and worked as a care assistant. On arrival at the placement I was shy but I soon overcame my shyness especially when I saw how elderly people coped with disability. On my first day we collected some elderly people and brought them to the centre, a nurse was available in the centre to give them a check up and I made them some tea and coffee while they were waiting to see the nurse. On the second day we took some of them on a trip around Camden and on Fridays meditation classes were held which helped them to relax. I also helped to cook soups for them. We also did some cowboy dancing which was really fun.

During my time with Age Concern I learned how to lift ladies properly when they fell. I felt very happy and proud to help the people using the centre and by the end of the placement I was much more confident and felt that I had earned their respect. Working in Age Concern was both rewarding and fun.

Riam Muayad

My work experience was at Boots in Paddington Station stacking shelves and sorting prices. I also worked on the till. I really enjoyed my work experience, the people working there are really nice and I learnt that the company decides how the shop is layed out and the stock has to be put out in exactly the right place. I saw someone steal chewing gum and I learnt how to deal with that, we spoke to the police for advice. It was good to work with customers but I learnt that some are really rude! It was useful to learn how to deal with rude customers by being nice to them. I got on so well that that Boots have offered me a job there when I am 16.

I had a lot of fun and it was really worth doing.

Satwinder Singh

My work experience was in a charity shop named Scope. When I was told where my placement was going to be I felt sad because of the common misconception of a charity shop. Most people would consider it boring and dull. However, the charity shop I went to was always packed with people purchasing garments. It was a lot busier than I thought it would be. I also met very interesting customers; some were difficult and would constantly keep talking while they were being served. I learnt how to handle customers, how to sell and I also gained an understanding of how a business is run since the charity is run like a business and makes a healthy profit. Working in a charity shop would be a useful experience for students who want to work in retail.

The Yaa

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Table Tennis Club

A Table Tennis Club will start running at the Yaa Asantewaa Arts and Community Centre from the 16th January 2008 at 4.30 pm.

You will receive professional coaching and the opportunity to participate in local and international tournaments. It does not matter if you have never played tennis table before. Why not try it out? You may be a budding Olympic champion.

If you are interested please see Mr. Hussain before Christmas