

Grey Coat



THE PARENTS' NEWS LETTER OF THE GREY COAT HOSPITAL

DECEMBER 2008

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Christmas issue of the parents' Newsletter! As I write, I am very much looking forward to the Guild carol concert and Christmas Fair, which will be taking place before you receive this letter. We have an enormous Christmas tree with outsize baubles in the foyer of each building this year, to remind us of the season, and this morning's very special extended assembly at Lower School (Thursday 11th December), was a wonderful presentation by the whole of Year 8, which included research into festivals from other religions, performances of French and German Christmas carols, and a multi-lingual nativity play. An enormous amount of work had gone into the preparation of this assembly, by the students, and by modern foreign languages, drama and music staff.

Since the last Newsletter there have been a succession of glittering evenings at the school, with the Gym and Dance display at the end of November, and the senior play, in the first week of December. This edition of the Newsletter features a great gallery of pictures of the Gym and Dance display. I particularly enjoyed the show this year because the range of dance styles represented was so wide, and the evidence of cooperation by the girls was so heart-warming. The audience in the evening was tremendously friendly and supportive, which made for a lovely atmosphere at the event. Following on from this, our Jack Petchy Award winner this month, Eunice Raciwu, was specially commended for her contribution to the Gym and Dance display.

On the same evening, we also had the private view of the Foundation art exhibition at the SW1 gallery. This is an outstanding opportunity for our senior art students to put their work on display in a public space, and I understand that some of them have even found potential buyers.

Finally, the play, *Our Country's Good*, set in Australia, at the time when the only English inhabitants were convicts and their military guards, explored the theme of redemption. This is a challenging play, where every individual on the stage has to make the audience care about their character, and also think about the ideas they are grappling with. The audience was gripped, and I for one, found the experience very moving.

Very best wishes to you all for peace and joy at Christmas.

Rachel Allard



The cast of *Our Country's Good*
There will be a full review of the play in next month's newsletter.

Attendance & Punctuality

If your child is absent for any reason, please remember to phone the school between 8 and 9am to let us know. The phone number for reporting absences is 0207 969 1998. For years 7-9, please press option 1 and for years 10-13 please press Option 2.



Please make sure we are notified in writing as far in advance as possible of any medical appointments. Please make sure the letter clearly states the time the students need to leave and the time and type of appointment. Your daughter's full name and Form should be on the note. Attendance and Punctuality is taken into account in all aspects of school life.

Attendance & Punctuality Years 7, 8 & 9

Attendance

Attendance has dropped this term with the onset of winter and some very nasty viruses that are going around. Please make sure that if your daughter brings medicine into school, she brings it to the office with a letter from you giving instructions regarding when the medicine has to be taken. This can then be stored in the office. Please also ensure that the school is notified every single day that an absence occurs and please follow this up with a note upon your daughter's return.

Punctuality

While punctuality remains good, there are still students who are not leaving enough time for their journey should anything go wrong. Trips are now so oversubscribed that it often comes down to Attendance and Punctuality so it is in your girl's own interest to attend on time every day.

Do we have your correct telephone numbers?

Please make sure that we have the correct contact details in case of an emergency in school.

I hope you all have a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas with all you wish for and the students come back refreshed and raring to go in the New Year.

*Angela Trainor
Attendance and Punctuality Officer,
St. Andrew's*

Omission: In the November Newsletter we omitted to mention that Thea Preece-Smith of 9H also achieved 100% Attendance and Punctuality for the tracking period of 3rd September to 23rd October. Congratulations Thea and apologies for the omission.

100% Attendance & Punctuality - Year 10

The following students are to be congratulated for having achieved
100% Attendance & Punctuality for the tracking period 3rd September - 23rd October 2008.

10G

MADISON BALL
MAHBOOBA BEGUM
AMY BERG
KATIE BYARUHANGA
GEORGINA CORRIE
OLIVIA CROW
HEATHER FERNIE
PHOEBE OLUWASEUN OGUNWOBI
RUTH PEARSON
ASHLEY SHEPHERD
HANNAH TIMSON

10R

GABRIELLA BLUNDEN
SOPHIA CHRYSANTHOU
NATASHA CONNELL
ADEPOSOLA KARUNWI
VANESSA MANLEY
LEAH POWELL
JULIA TITLEY
BOBBIE WELLS
NINA WISE

10Y

PREYE BERENENGIA-SAMBO
JHANE CALLISTE-TAKOOREE
ABIGAIL DYKE
HELEN GAUGHAN
ANNAMARY GOODALL
WRENAE HYLTON
TARA NELSON
MARY- ANN PARE
FADHILAT UMAR

10C

DIANA AFRIYIE
ULOAKU AHUNANYA
RENEE CHARLES
REBECCA HYDE
ANNA MARIA MACAULAY
SOPHIA RODRIGUES
MAIIA ROWE-SAMPSON
DAMILOLA SHOKUNBI
DALIDA TAHA

10T

THERESA AWOLESI
ZARA BOATENG
RACHAEL CLARKE
JIA YING DAI
ZAHRA JAWAD
REBECCA LAC
MARY MIN
ELAHEH MORTEZA
AKILAH MOXAM
MARY ROSE OKERE
DIANA THAYIL
AMY YUAN

10H

SHAN BLACK-MATHARU
MANNA CONSTANTINE
REBEKAH FITTON
MATILDA JORDAN-ROLPH
DANIELLA OLALEYE
JASMINE TIMBRES
LATISHA WILLIAMS

100% Attendance & Punctuality - Year 11

The following students are to be congratulated for having achieved
100% Attendance & Punctuality for the tracking period 3rd September - 23rd October 2008.

11G

ROCHELLE ALLEN
NAA-LAMILEY BANNERMAN
GEORGIA BONSU
SOPHIE HALE
IMOGEN WILLIAMS
KEHINDE SEARS-SPEARE

11R

CLARA HALIFAX
OLUWAFUNMILOLA MEGHOMA
WILLOW MERCER
RIANNA NORBERT-DAVID
SONIA ONYEKA

11Y

VANESSA ANAMAN
AILEEN BRENNAN
HELEN CHIU
LYDIA HEHIR
ISOBEL MUIR
SARAH NWANDU
THEA POYSDEN

11C

JESSICA ADAMSON
KRISTIE BRANDON
VANESSA CASIWAN
GJETA GJYSHINCA
KAI NOEL-LALGIE
ANNA REYNOLDS
ONOSIZI SIBANDA
TOLULOPE SOBOGUN
TAIWO-JOY SEARS SPEARE

11T

GLORIA CHOI
AKUA DANSO
CLARISSA FERRARA
MARY-ANNE OLADINNI
LAURA RAYNER
AURORA STARBUCK

11H

OPHELIA GIBSON-BEST
BETHANY HITCHCOCK
JENNIFER NYANTAKYI OPPONG
ZOE GRACE-ZVIMBA

Well Done Girls - keep it up!

*Vivien Moore,
Attendance & Punctuality Officer,
St Michael's*

New Attendance & Punctuality Award Badges

The Year 10 girls in this photograph are wearing their 100% Attendance & Punctuality Badges introduced this year.

100% Attendance & Punctuality
from 3rd September 2007- 25th June 2008

Madison Ball 10G Gabriella Blunden 10R Nina Wise 10R, Preye Berenengia-Sambo 10Y, AnnaMary Goodall 10Y, Dalida Taha 10C, Theresa Awolesi 10T, Jia Ying Dai 10T, Mary Min 10T, Joanne Oguntimehin 10T.



A close-up of the new badges



This is a very commendable achievement the girls are wearing them with great pride on their blazers.

Well done to all the girls that received these special badges in Year 10/11 this year. *Vivien Moore*

Jack Petchey Award News



The November Jack Petchey award winner is **Eunice Raciwu in 9C**.

She was nominated by many students and members of staff.

Her help with gym and dance was invaluable. Eunice organised the groups perfectly for the afternoon performance so that everyone knew when they were going to perform and were waiting in order. Eunice managed to help choreograph 8C's dance for the performance and took charge of the whole class of girls. Eunice impressed everyone with her confidence and also the way that the students respond to her. Students in 8C describe her as an inspiration for all aspects of school but especially the Gym and Dance Display saying, 'she helped younger and older students practise and it is hard to keep people calm – but she did'.

Eunice is a perfect role model for both students older and younger than herself. She is someone who is fair, polite, organised whilst at the same time being fun. Eunice has health issues that obviously affect her on a day to day basis; however she always has a smile on her face and is always keen to carry on with her school work and extra curricular commitments regardless.

She has impressed her PE teacher every lesson with her attitude despite often feeling exhausted from her medical condition. She has shown excellent leadership skills and is very democratic and admired by many students. *Ms Parish*



Eunice helping to choreograph 8C's performance at the Gym & Dance rehearsals

GCH Competes in Inaugural UKMT Senior Mathematics Team Challenge

Can you answer the following question?

Given any three-digit number, x define $A(x)$ to be the sum of the squares of the digits of x .

What is the maximum possible value of $A(x)$?

It isn't easy I'll grant you, so imagine trying to answer that, and at least half a gross of similar questions, in strictly timed conditions, competing against thirty five other schools.

After a successful pilot last year, the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust launched the Senior Mathematics Team Challenge nationwide, and so it was that four excellent Sixth Form Mathematicians found themselves competing in a regional heat held at Queen Mary's, University of London.

The evening consisted of three forty minute rounds, of various forms; each round posing serious mathematical problems that required logic, composure and some serious thought. The grandeur of the building lent itself to the occasion, but in truth our girls were far too occupied to notice. After three grueling hours, GCH finished in 13th place, very unlucky for us you might say, but certainly a high enough finish to hold our heads high, and with just a few questions separating the top twenty, we were left to rue the opportunity missed to compete in the national final.



Mr Stephenson, Joanna Thom, Jenny McLaughlin, Fiona Reid, Rebecca Ojumu
pictured outside Queen Mary's University of London

"We will be back" declared the girls. As the sole Year 13 student, Team Captain Jennifer McLaughlin will not be back next year but led her team superbly. All the girls did superbly in fact, well done to them all!

Oh, and if you haven't got the answer to the question yet, consider it an early Christmas present to tackle over the break, answers on a postcard to Mr Stephenson!



Library Corner

Discounted Books from the Library

Twice a term there are discounted books available to buy via the Cover2Cover catalogue. These catalogues are distributed to all students in Years 7-9 and are available for other students to collect from the St Andrew's Library.

There are some really good bargains in these catalogues and we earn books for the school library with each order we make, however small. Some books cost as little as £1.99 and you do not have to pay postage etc because the delivery comes to the school.



Critical Thinking Week



In response to the government changes to the National Curriculum, we have decided as a school to provide our pupils with a more exciting curriculum which is both challenging and innovative. On 10th November, all year 7 students embarked on the first of a series of timetabled weeks within the year which involve cross curricular teaching. The thinking underpinning the week comes from a programme which has been developed as part of the Key Stage three strategy called Leading in Learning: developing thinking skills. It is a systematic programme, focused on improving pupils' thinking skills in curriculum subjects. The programme encourages pupils to work collaboratively on skills based activities. Pupils learn to transfer their skills more effectively and become more conscious of themselves as learners. The introductory session was attended by Sophie Laws the chair of governors and Mrs Allard. Sandra Young ran the first session which looked at the different ways in which people think. Pupils were taken through a number of exercises which enabled them to understand the difference between: creative, lateral and logical thinking. After the week had ended, pupils completed evaluations to inform their teachers of how and what they felt they had learnt from the week. On February 2nd pupils will embark on the Week of Knowledge; where the week will focus on the application of knowledge in all their curriculum subjects.

Gifted & Talented Enrichment Project

We have begun a pilot for one Year 7 and one Year 8 class as part of the Gifted and Talented Enrichment Project. Pupils are going to have the opportunity to experience Mathematics lessons in a number of Modern Foreign Languages. In particular, Year 8 pupils have been concentrating on French in Mathematics and have quickly learnt that the French word for Simultaneous Equations is not quite as some may have anticipated.

Miss Miller, who is the Advanced Skills Teacher for Languages at The Grey Coat Hospital, has kindly taken on the role of teaching the girls and this is a six week long project which is still ongoing. Miss Goral, Mrs Ramage, Mr Wattl and Miss Camp will be running the parallel project for Year 7 which will begin in January. The pupils will have the chance to extend their mathematical skills, improve their Spanish and gain first hand experience in Polish, Russian and German through native speakers.

We hope that this proves to be both an inspiring and enjoyable experience for all of the pupils involved. We believe that there is a lot to be learnt about both mathematical concepts/terminology and foreign language grammar through this cross-curricular project.

Miss Solani and Miss Camp

Fashion Illustration for Y12 & 13 Textile Students

On Wednesday 3rd December, Year 12 and 13 Design & Technology textile students were treated to an evening of fashion illustration teaching by Dean Sidaway, a tutor on the foundation course at St Martin's School of Art.

They were all taught how to draw in a more fluid and expressive manner through various techniques and quick poses by the lovely model he brought with him.

A great lesson was had by all!



Photos: Textile students have a lesson in fashion illustration

Grey Coat takes part in Citizenship Foundation Bar National Mock Trial Competition

On Saturday 29th November, a team of 15 Year 11 and 12 students took part in the Citizenship Foundation Bar National Mock Trial Competition at Snaresbrook Crown Court. This involved preparing two cases, one a dangerous driving case and the other a breach of the peace case. Each student was given a role as either a barrister, witness, juror, court clerk or usher and we played against three other schools.

The Grey Coat Hospital team won all three of our cases and won our league and many of our students were singled out for special mention by the Judge who was overseeing each case. Only one school from the sixteen involved in the London round could go through to the National Final. Grey Coat came third out of the sixteen schools, remaining unbeaten to the end.

The whole team worked extremely hard in preparation for the competition and were absolutely brilliant on the day. We benefited immensely from the help of Claire Palmer a barrister at Thomas More Chambers who came in to a rehearsal and spoke to the team about being a barrister as well as answering questions about the cases we were preparing.

We clearly have a number of students with high flying legal careers ahead of them. Well done to all involved.

Mrs Burrows



The team was:

Maria Bergquist, Joanna Thom, Amy Glover, Megumi Aoki, Celine Tinne, Janat Kiwanuka, Fiona Reid, Isobel Muir, Clio Chartres, Aileen Brennen, Sonia Onyeka, Gjeta Gjyshinca, Sian Ditchfield, Sofi Tilahun, Ebi Ajayi.



Left Isobel Muir 11Y right Clio Chartres 11Y

Grey Coat Talent Showcased

The Gym and Dance Display this year was a great success. There were many varieties of dance, everything from Ballet to Street and from Tap to Jazz.

My form, 8C, did the academic gang dance which was great fun. Special thanks should go to Eunice (9C) and all the PE staff who helped to choreograph it and kept us smiling during rehearsals.

All the performers did a great job and supported each other. The costumes were brilliant and the tutu seemed to be the fashion item of the evening. You'll all be wearing them next season especially now Miss Young has modelled one.

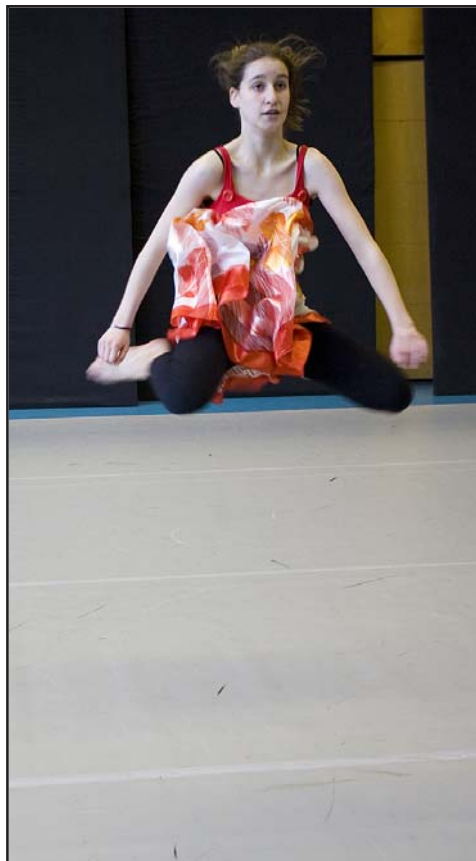
I can't believe our school has so much talent – and so much generosity. The funds raised from tickets sales were £3,500 which will really benefit the school in lots of ways, including our sports tour of Barbados. Thanks everyone!

Ellie Atkinson 8C



Photos: Students rehearsing for the Gym & Dance display 2008

at Gym and Dance Display



Young Enterprise Product Launch

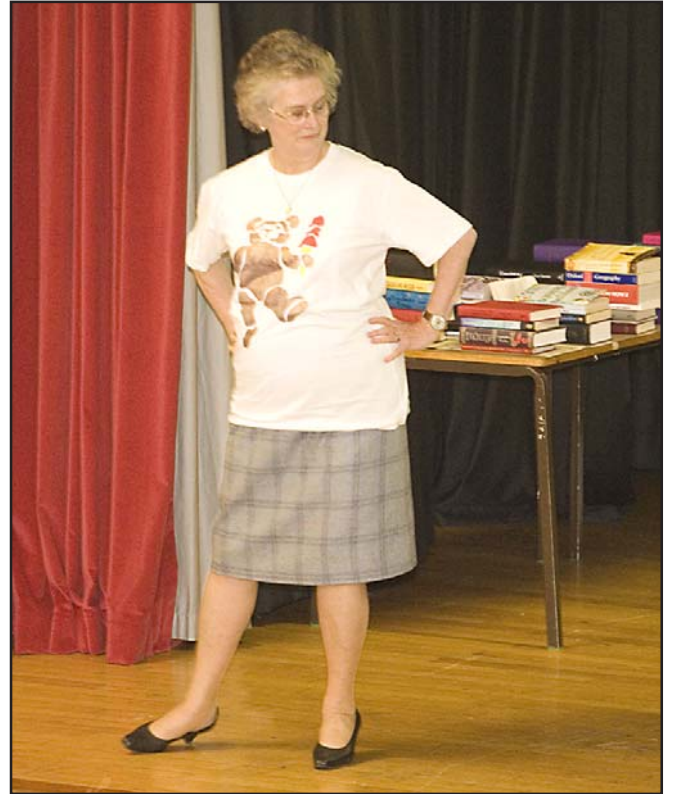
Young Enterprise is a fantastic and widely recognised scheme being offered by the Business Studies department to Year 12 students. The current team consists of two private limited companies, known as *I. Case* and *Topless Ts*.

Both companies successfully launched their products at the annual prize giving ceremony in November. Both companies set up stalls, with *Topless Ts* selling customised t-shirts and *I. Case* selling handmade iPod and MP3 player cases. Each company set up a stall outside the great hall in St Andrew's and enticed guests to purchase their products. Great pride was taken in displaying the unique products which proved worthwhile as sales revenues were higher than expected.

Topless Ts managed to pull a public relations stunt by recruiting the Chairman of the school's governors, Lady Laws, to model one of their garments on stage. Overall, both companies enjoyed their first experience of selling to potential customers. Furthermore, *I. Case* also set up a stall at the Sixth Form Road show and in total generated sales revenue of £49 from both events.

Well done to both Young Enterprise companies for successfully launching your products.

Shani-Daley Roberts
(Young Enterprise Prefect)



Lady Laws models one of *Topless Ts* t-shirts during this year's Prize Giving Ceremony



The *I. Case* stall does business after the annual Prize Giving Ceremony

Monkey: Journey to the West

One cold Saturday, a group of Grey Coat students could be found gathering in North Greenwich tube station, ready to set off on an adventure they would never forget...

We were off to the O2 to see the famous and spectacular opera "Monkey: Journey to the West". This is an adaptation of a classical Chinese story, dating from the 16th Century, for a modern audience. It is the tale of a cheeky, hooligan monkey who gets on the wrong side of Buddha. To redeem himself, he must journey to India to bring the Holy Scriptures back to China. On his way, he meets up with some very odd friends and a young Buddhist monk, whom he must protect on the journey. It is also a personal journey for Monkey, as he learns to look out for his friends and put them before himself.

The singing was very beautiful, expressive and amazing to listen to. The whole thing is in Mandarin, with English subtitles on screens at the side. This was invaluable to the Mandarin students who attended, as it really helped us to get a feel for what the language sounded like. We all thought we might be able to catch a few words that we recognised, but it was actually really hard! The easiest words to recognise were the numbers. A lot of the words were very beautiful and poetic, and words of the Buddhist philosophy kept recurring. However a lot of it was also very funny and bawdy.



At the theatre to see Monkey: Journey to the West

Possibly the most spectacular thing about the production was the movement. There were some mind-boggling contortionists and acrobats, and we almost started to take the constant backwards somersaults and flips in the air for granted. The self-important schoolboy way the monkey walked, and the way he kept scratching himself, was original, funny, and very much like a monkey!

Everyone who came was absolutely bowled over by the production, and we were still singing the songs when we got back to North Greenwich! *Molly Clark 8Y*

Samaritans Shoebox Appeal 2008

Lower School have again been involved in collecting gifts for the Samaritans shoebox appeal. This year, coordinated by Miss Kirkaldy, pupils filled 144 shoeboxes which will be distributed to some of the world's poorest children at Christmas time.

Photo: Students display their charity shoeboxes.



Music Department - A Review of the Term

JUNIOR GOSPEL CHOIR

In support of the *End Child Poverty* campaign, the Junior Gospel Choir performed at St Margaret's Church on Saturday 4 October. The service was the official start to the march from Westminster Abbey to Trafalgar Square and was attended by people from all over the country. The organisers were particularly impressed with the girls' committed performance and all those girls involved can feel proud of their contribution to this important service.



ELYSIUM DIVAS

Lower school students

enjoyed a very different start to their day earlier this term. On Tuesday 23 September assembly was taken by the professional vocal trio *Elysium Divas* which features our very own singing teacher, Miss Whittelsea. The students enjoyed stirring performances of a

wide range of repertoire from Puccini's famous aria *Nessun Dorma* to Aerosmith's *Don't Want to Miss a Thing*. We are very grateful to *Elysium Divas* for finding the time to perform for us and for talking to us about their musical identities and what music means to them. Find out more about *Elysium Divas* at www.elysiumdivas.com



BBC SINGERS

On Friday 14 November, the Year 12 students had their compositions performed by the famous BBC Singers at the BBC studios, Maida Vale. As part of the BBC's *Discovering Music* project, the students had been studying Vivaldi's *Gloria* and then each had to compose a short piece for the BBC Singers inspired by Vivaldi's original. Working with composer Tim Steiner, the students' pieces were then combined to make a large-scale work entitled *Gloria Revisited*. In January 2009, the BBC is broadcasting a programme on Radio 3 about this project which will feature the students' music as well as interviews with each of them. Watch this space for details of the broadcast!

AUTUMN CONCERT

A very large audience of parents and staff enjoyed some wonderful performances in this year's Autumn Concert on Friday 7 November. The Year 7 Choir, Junior Gospel Choir, Concert Choir, Chamber Choir, Guitar Group Concert Band and Senior Orchestra all maintained their high standards of performance. Other notable contributions to the evening included Ali Stone's (Year 13) unaccompanied flute solo, Sarah Harvey and Georgina Howitt's (Year 13) powerful duet from *Miss Saigon*, the newly-formed Year 8 String Quartet, and energetic performances from the Samba Band and *The Glitches* featuring Christy Parks (Year 11) on the drums. Visit the music blog for photos.





GOSPEL WORKSHOP

On Friday 14 December, members of the Junior Gospel Choir took part in a workshop with the famous Gospel musician Ken Burton at the Institute of Education. Joined by singers from schools over London the students learned a number of new songs and developed their understanding of the history of Gospel music through Ken's expertise. We hope to be able to invite Ken into school very soon.

INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION WORKSHOP

Musicians from 8G were invited to perform at the Institute of Education on Friday 7 November. The students were performing two original compositions for a large number of trainee music teachers. The music teachers then asked the girls a range of questions about their performance. Having acquitted themselves very well it was then the turn of the 8G musicians to listen to the music teachers perform and ask them difficult questions! Congratulations to Eleanor Armstrong, Lisa James, Bethany Lees, Yasmin Leung, Rebekah Perreira and Rosie Stewart,



WIGMORE HALL

The A-level musicians recently took part in the Wigmore Hall and British Film Institute's *Film Fusion* project. Using a silent film from the BFI's archive (*Daisy Doodad's Dial* from 1914), the students each selected a scene and composed music to accompany that scene. Working with composers and live musicians, each student's work was eventually recorded and many of the students had their work performed at a screening at the Wigmore Hall on Thursday 27 November.



MUSIC BLOG

Catch up with all the latest news from the music department (as well as classroom resources and details of your homework) at <http://gchmusic.typepad.com>

PIANO CONCERT

Congratulations to the many students who performed at the lunchtime piano concert on Monday 1 December. The event was well attended and the appreciative audience was treated to a wide range of performances. Thank you to Miss Conlon and Mr Hunter for organising this and thanks also to those who donated cakes to sell for charity.



Jack Petchy 'SpeakOut' Competition

"THE BRITISH PUBLIC IS IN A STATE OF DECLINE" STATED JOHN OLATUNJI*

The Westminster and RBKC Jack Petchey Speak Out Competition was held amidst state of the art splendour at Paddington Academy on Tuesday, 2nd December. The event had been an important feature on the school calendar since the October assembly competition between the six students selected from the Speakers' Bank training days before half-term.

Chosen to be the Grey Coat Representative and the Official Reserve, Hanna Merzouk and Esi Armah-Tetteh delivered their speeches to a combined Year 10 and Year 11 Assembly on Friday, 28th November in preparation for the big night. Both girls had chosen to speak on serious topics, Child Abuse and the indifference of the world to the impact of poverty on the lives of children in Kenya, Zimbabwe and other parts of the globe.

At Paddington Academy the competing individuals had selected topics as diverse as "I have a dream" (Holy Mayala, Sion Manning) and "Stereotyping the Teen" (Stella Ajayi, Pimlico Academy). Though Hanna opened the evening impressively, the winning speech was delivered by the brother of Tahmina Parveen in Year 12. Rayhan's subject, "Illegal Immigrants", entertained the audience and supported Boris Johnson's view that people should be allowed to work rather than undergo the extremely expensive process of deportation. The pupils who came second and third also illustrated the range of material as Kwaku Kyei-Darkwah (St George's) chose "We are the future" and Macy Nyman (St Marylebone's) revealed her hatred of "Children's Menus".

As the large crowd of GCH and other supporters travelled home, Rayhan Udin was probably planning his speech for the final on 10th July 2009. *Ms McMellan*

Debating Jubilation

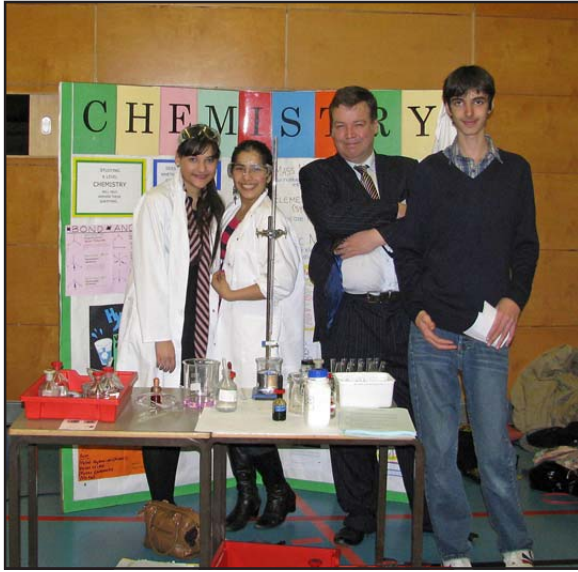
GCH rapture was experienced at Mander, Portman and Woodward College in South Kensington on Wednesday, 19th November. The welcome outcome of that first round of the ESU Debating Competition was the progression of GCH, Westminster School and St Paul's Girls' to the second stage.

With GCH students Rachael Annandale and Phoebe Savidge chairing and time-keeping, the GCH team of Camille St Omer and James Titley proposed the evening's initial motion, *This House would get rid of Britain's nuclear weapons*. Camille's ability to deliver her speech with clarity earned a favourable comment and James had ample opportunity to demonstrate the extent of his thorough research. Westminster School, 'TeamOp' as the students termed themselves, disputed a number of GCH points but, despite a lively input from Felix Tomlinson, did not make a sufficiently strong case for the Opposition.

Proposing that, *on balance, globalisation has been bad for the world's poor*, St Paul's Girls' came through on a split vote. Some relevant points were made by the opposing team from Queen's Gate School and then the meeting moved on to the third debate, *This House believes that the Olympic Spirit has died*. This motion, opposed by the host school, was vigorously proposed by Nazareth Gayle and Yanna Agirov from Pimlico Academy. Though not successful at MPW, Yanna recycled her opinions when competing in the Jack Petchey Speak Out Competition at Paddington Academy on 2nd December.

Congratulations go to the team which received staunch support on the night with enthusiastic members of Debating Society waiting to hear the pleasing adjudication. *Ms McMellan*

Sixth Form Roadshow 2008



Photos: Students at some of the stalls during this year's roadshow which recruits new students to the GCH Sixth Form



More Football Success for GCH

The Grey Coat Hospital Year 7 football team won the Westminster Competition Cup Final on Monday 17th November. The Competition started in late September and the girls managed to beat a series of teams en route to the final. This is a big achievement for the girls who have only been at the school and playing together as a team for 3 months and already they are now the team to beat in Westminster.

The final score read The Grey Coat Hospital 4 – 0 Q.K
 The team included 9 Year 7s : Bethany Kilminster, Charlotte Finn, Toyosi Sobogun, Jasmine Gotobed, Elena Rastrogueva, Holly Tarry, Gmanoh Choloply, Ruth Oburoh and Katie Sapiano – Oakley who not only captained the side but scored a stunning hattrick including a powerful volley into the top left hand corner, which left even the opposing team coach applauding. Not only will this goal be remembered for the superb finish but the build up play beforehand was something that I am very proud of as they split QK apart with some phenomenal passing.

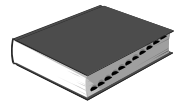
Congratulations to all the girls involved.

Matthew Powell

P.E / Science Technician



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



DECEMBER

- 15th Sixth Form Model United Nations
General Assembly
- 17th Medieval Fair-Y7
- 19th Carol Service, St Margaret's 9.20 am
- END OF TERM**

JANUARY

- 5th **INSET Day - school closed for staff training**
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- 7th **START OF TERM**
- 14th **Guild Meeting, 6.30pm**
- 15th **Y11 Parents' Evening**
- 16th Late start
- 20th Y10 & 11 Maths Modular Exams
- 27th **Y10 Parents' Evening**
- 28th Late start
- 30th KS3 Mock Exams

FEBRUARY

- 3rd **Y9 Parents' Evening**
- 4th Late Start
Y12 to Barcelona (return 8th)
- 6th **Guild Quiz Night, 6.30pm**
- 11th **Y12 Parents' Evening**
- 12th Late start
- 13th **HALF TERM**
- 14th Barbados Netball trip leaves (returns 21st)
- 23rd A Level Drama exams start
- 24th DoE Gold training- 4-7pm
- 25th Ash Wednesday Service,
Westminster Abbey 9.15am