

Flexible Day



The winners of the Design and Technology Fibonacci Tower Competition

Rohan Chudasama, Tushar Patel, Ashwin Menon



Visit to the Coca Cola Education Centre

With the support of two Year-12 event organisers, Abdul and Jake, thirty-two Year 12 Applied Business students learnt how Coca Cola market and produce their drinks. On the 21st and 22nd April 2009, three classes went to the Coca Cola Enterprise Education Centre in Edmonton with Mr A. Pujara, Ms S. Patel and Ms K. Ho.

We were given an insight into the background of Coca Cola, enjoyed free drinks and had a tour of the factory. We took part in competitions on marketing strategies and the winning group were given token prizes. The students enjoyed the game very much and took pride in their creativity.

Even though the journey was very long (1.45 hours by public transport), many students said that it was worth the effort to visit the factory and seeing how Coca Cola and other drinks were made.

This visit forms a case study on Coca Cola which fully supports the Applied Business course. It gave students ideas for doing their coursework and information for their examination case study.

Ms. Ho, Business Studies Department

Well Done ! The year 8 Basketball team have been crowned Brent champions after a thrilling 18-12 victory against Cardinal Hinsley School! *D. NIELSON*



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The CLARION

May 2009



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you enjoy reading this half-term's Clarion. With so much happening at Claremont it is always a challenge to select the things that we want you to read about. The examination season is now well under way and so far we have been impressed by the way all of our students have conducted themselves. You may not all know this but, as well as the Year 11 and Sixth Form exams, pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 have also experienced their end of year tests. Again, they have all done really well.

I am sure that you will be delighted to read that we have been able to carry out major drainage works on the school field and that we have made excellent progress in the installation of a much anticipated all-weather, 7-a-side football pitch.

My colleagues and I will be working on plans to present to Governors and pupils concerning the proposed use of one of the old Gyms as a designated Dining Hall and we have secured planning permission for the construction of a classroom block and new toilets above the existing west wing. This is all very exciting and it is certainly the case that all of the facilities will be of great benefit to the whole school community.

I cannot let this half-term come to an end without reflecting on the tragic loss of two of our young learners. There are no words to encapsulate the way in which we have all felt about the loss of two people who have been part of the Claremont family. What I can say is that it has been the strength of our family unity that has helped us all to find the strength and focus that we have needed to help us move forward. Our thoughts and prayers have been, and will remain, with those whose loss will be hard to bear, even with love and support. I am sure you will all join me in the wish that they will find a way to come to terms with their sadness with the healing powers of time.

F.T. MOLLOY, Headteacher

IMPORTANT DATES

MONDAY, 1st June, students return to school at 9.55 am

THURSDAY, 4th June, Polling Day, No Pupils in school, except for Exams

TUESDAY, 16th June, Flexible Learning Day, Pupils dismissed at 2.00 pm

ENRICHMENT WEEK

Activity Days - Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th July

Charity Day - Wednesday, 15th July

Sports Day - Thursday, 16th July

Presentation Day - Friday, 17th July



"Be a Financial Consultant for a Day" by ICAEW

Year 12 Accounting, Business and Economics students competed in a full day business game on 2 April 2009, Flexible Learning Day. The activity was organised by The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) who are responsible for awarding a number of professional financial qualifications, notably ACA in accounting.

Students were asked to recommend investment strategies for a business. The game was based on a simplified case study that was used for ACA examination. It was a challenging task but many of them overcame their fear and made good recommendations. Four groups were short listed and presented their ideas in front of all the participants. Each winning group received a prize. The winner was evaluated on team work, strategic approach, communication skills, planning, presentation skills and a three-year investment strategy. It was a fantastic opportunity for all the participants to apply what they have learnt in various subjects through the activity.



Winners: Alex, Vismaya, Shaynal, Bhavana, Isha, Miral

In addition to applied learning through the business game, students were given an insight into a career in accounting and the various paths into the industry. This is particularly useful to Year 12 students who will soon be preparing for their UCAS applications soon. *Ms. Ho, Business Studies Department*

'Claremont Students perform at Watford Palace Theatre'

Seven talented students transferred their performance of 'The Seance' to the Watford Palace Theatre on Wednesday 13th May, as part of the National Theatre's Connections Festival. This project commissions ten prolific playwrights to create 45 minute plays specifically for young people. These are then performed by a variety of theatre and community groups, schools and colleges across the country.

This is the fourth year Claremont has taken part in the Festival. Students performed the funny and realistic drama 'The Seance' by Anthony Neilson, at the Palace Theatre as part of the regional finals round for the competition. This was a great opportunity once again for our students to perform in a professional theatre space in front of a paying audience. The evening was a great success. *(Many thanks to Jon Edwards for his superb technical and design support). J. ORLOFF*



UKMT Results for Junior Maths Challenge 2009

Congratulations to the Year 7 and 8 pupils who participated in this year's Junior Maths Challenge and received awards in the Gold, Silver and Bronze categories.

Gold Awards

Year 7 - Simon Fung (*Best in School/Top mark*), Benjamin Cook, Miet Takadora, Sathya James

Year 8 - Rohan Amliwala, Georgia Raingold

Silver Awards

Year 7, 6 students, **Year 8**, 13 students.

Bronze Awards

Year 7, 11 students, **Year 8**, 13 students

Ms Smith, Maths Department

The Woodfield Paired Reading Project *Ms. Ho*

As one of the Sixth Form enrichment activities, nine Year 12 Claremont students supported ten Year 12 Woodfield students in reading over a period of five weeks from 5 March to 2 April. Students from both schools enjoyed the experience and each gained in different ways.

"For the past few weeks I have been leading a group of Year 12 students in paired reading with the Year 12 students at their school. The first visit was sprinkled with anxiety as we didn't know what to expect, for example what each student's special needs would be but after meeting our partners and the reading began the anxiety dissolved into relaxation and we began to enjoy ourselves. We will be doing a second project with Woodfield School on budgeting which will surely be another success in fine tuning their life skills." **Munya Forbang, 12.3**



MURAL MOSIAC PROJECT

Our exciting mural project for THE STREET is now in full swing. Students and staff are working with 5 artists to create a large mosaic inspired by Evolution and Charles Darwin's *Origin of the species*. Earlier this term students developed vibrant drawings and paintings as proposals for the creatures to inhabit our mural. Maud and her team have created a 10 sq. metre design for the corridor outside the new Sports Hall. Students and staff are busy assembling colourful glass and ceramic mosaic collages and these will be installed during the summer holiday. Our project will run throughout most of July and we are very keen for our parents and the local community to get involved. Two Saturday morning workshops will be held for adults on the 11th & 18th July. More information will be available on the school website at the end of June. This project has been made possible through part funding from an 'Art for All' lottery grant. **D. ANDERSON**



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