



CLAREMONT HIGH SCHOOL
A Specialist College in Performing Arts, Maths & Computing and Vocational Education



THE CLARION

OCTOBER 2008

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the first Clarion of the new academic year 2008/09. We are now in our eighth week back and half-term is just around the corner. Pupils have settled well into the new term, with the new Year 7 students acting as guides at our Open Evening in September. Last week was GCSE Certificates Evening where students and their families had an opportunity to celebrate the excellent results achieved by our Year 11 students last Summer (75% five A*-C, 69% five A*-C, including English and Maths). The target has been set for this year's Year 11 students to do even better.

The Secretary of State for Education announced last week that the SATs Examinations for Year 9 (KS3) were cancelled and therefore there would be no formal standardised tests taking place for Year 9 in May next year. However, at Claremont we are carefully reviewing the situation as we believe that tests in English, Maths, Science and ICT provided pupils with a definite focus and were a useful benchmark in preparing pupils for their Key Stage 4 GCSE courses. The school will look carefully at the various alternatives available and will publish its course of action regarding Year 9 next half-term.

On another note, may I also draw your attention to next half-term's school production of 'Guys and Dolls' at the Questors Theatre. Tickets are on sale and the dates for the production are Tuesday, 25th November to Saturday, 29th November 2008.

Lastly, may I take this opportunity to wish everyone a 'restful' half term and for those who celebrate Diwali, "Happy diwali and Saal my barak".

Ms G. ASPINALL, Deputy Headteacher

DOUBLE LANGUAGES TRIP TO Luxembourg, Paris and Germany

JULY 13 – 18 2008

Nikita Bathija 10.4HLN

In July, during Enrichment Week, a group of Year 8, 9 and two Year 11 students went on an excellent Language Trip to Germany, France and Luxembourg.

In Germany we stayed in a hotel for children and on the day after our arrival we had a tour of Medieval Trier in Germany, saw all the sights and went shopping in the High Street.

In the evenings we played football and other sports with German students who were also staying there. The following day we went on a tour of Luxembourg and visited Reims Cathedral. We also travelled to Paris later that day and had a nice dinner when we returned to our hotel.

The next day we went on an extensive tour of Paris which included going up the Eiffel Tower and a trip on the River Seine.

We had dinner in a restaurant in Central Paris where the food was really good, and again played games when we got back to our hotel.

On our last day we set off early for Disneyland. We split up and went around the park with our friends. We went on a variety of thrilling rides and had access to the whole park and the studios. At the end of the day we had dinner at a Disney restaurant and in the evening we saw the spectacular Parade. That was the end to a wonderful holiday that none of us will ever forget.

IMPORTANT NOTICE to parents/carers dropping pupils off in Claremont Avenue

Please do this before OAKDALE AVENUE. Cars coming down to the school gates are having to 'U turn' which is a health and safety issue.



Duke of Edinburgh's Award



An information talk for students will be held in assemblies during November with an Introductory Evening for pupils and parents at the Roundwood Centre the week after the initial presentation. It is important that all pupils who are interested attend these talks. Dates will be published immediately after half-term. *D. WARDLE*

City Business Library



For our Year 13 business coursework, Investigating International Dimensions of Business, we need to collect a lot of information that could not be found easily on the Internet. So our business teacher, Ms Ho, organised a research trip to the City Business Library in Moorgate which keeps a lot of business related information. We went on Monday 22nd September in the afternoon by tube.

When we got there we had a brief introduction by the Assistant Librarian, Mr. Harris. He told us briefly about what was relevant to our coursework and pointed out where we could find company, market and country information. We then went onto the computers to find more information in the internal database where there were figures and a lot of information about our chosen business. It did not cost any money to use their computers or read their books, but we had to pay for any photocopies.

This trip was very useful for me personally because I gained a lot of information for my coursework and statistics and information from the library. With this information I am going to do my coursework with more confidence and now have a better understanding of how and where the business I am researching operates.

Pavan Dusara 13.1

Celebrating Black History 2008

Pupils and Staff have been exposed to the activities of an African Storyteller, African /Caribbean Traditional Dance, David Monteith's "The Last Slave", a Caribbean Steelband and are still looking forward to BREIS and the Carnival Arts. A number of pupils (RE and History) attended two informative and interactive workshops; Windrush, which also included a special person - World War 2 Veteran Noel Davies - followed by a session by the British Army Diversity Team. Pupils will be encouraged to write about the workshops – so watch this space! *Ms M. Grant*

When we arrived Ms Gibberd directed us to an open air photography exhibition in the grounds before setting us one task: *Photograph anything interesting in sight!* As you can see, Iley's photograph deserved the prize. **Sophia Verma 9.8 & Victoria Yap 9.7**

The UK Maths Challenge

Competition dates 2008-2009



Senior Challenge (Years 12 and 13)

Thursday 6th November 2008

Senior Team Challenge (2 pupils in Year 12, 2 in Year 13)

Friday 7th November at Kingston College

Intermediate Challenge (Years 9, 10 and 11)

Thursday 5th February 2009

Junior Challenge (Year 7 and 8)

Thursday 30th April 2009

Junior Team Challenge - Date still to be confirmed

Please check the notice board for further details.

Or visit the website : www.ukmt.org.uk

ICT Developments Fronter MLE



The schools Managed Learning Environment is in the process of being introduced to all Year 7,8,9 and 10 pupils. The Fronter MLE will allow pupils to access resources, submit work, take tests and communicate safely online via the Internet. There is a link to the Fronter MLE on the school website. So far this academic year the MLE is being used for the Year 7s communication project, the Year 8 web design unit, the Year 9 and 10 AiDA unit. Other developments are taking place in Geography where the Raging Planet Module will have content on the MLE. In addition, the school is taking part in an ICT MLE transition project with Preston Park Primary school – where pupils are planning, filming and editing a soap opera at Claremont using the MLE. *A.Skordi*

Visit to

David Beckham Academy



During September, 28 pupils from Year 8 and 28 pupils from Year 10 visited the David Beckham Academy in Greenwich. The pupils took part in a series of activities, all based around Football, both in the classroom and on the football field. Pupils were given points during the day for their input into the activities and their success on the football field. This resulted in Claremont finishing 2nd overall on both days of their visit. Despite not meeting the man himself, pupils were able to see a large collection of Beckham memorabilia, including the shorts and boots he wore in many of his most memorable matches. Claremont pupils, Giles Townsend, Ayesha Rose-Lucas, Emanuel Pereira and Kyio Augustine, were awarded 'Pupils of the Day' by the coaches at the academy. A great day was had by all! *D. Nielsen*

Poetry & Photography at Kew Gardens

During Enrichment Week at the end of last term a group of 30 Year 8s went to Kew Gardens to learn more about poetry and exploring nature through both word and image.



Photography Winner
ILYEH NAHDI 9.1

Languages and Media Day

Twelve Year 10 Gifted and Talented French pupils participated in an exciting day on 'Languages and Media', organised by Westminster University on Thursday 18th September. The aim was to provide an engaging, educational and stimulating learning experience for the pupils learning a language. Each pupil chose a workshop in which they participated for the whole day. They included: Music, TV Production and Photojournalism. The programme allowed students to use a foreign language in a professional Media context. By the end of the day pupils produced either a French rap, a news article or a news clip. Students fully enjoyed themselves and were able to produce high quality work. It was a fantastic experience.

Ms Florand (French teacher)

I chose the rap workshop and at the beginning of our session we were shown some examples of live rap and free-styling. We then had to write about our likes and dislikes and daily routine in French. In our group we looked for possible rhymes or words which sounded similar. Soon, the lines fitted together and a rap formed. Towards the end of the day we practised our raps and finally rapped in front of everyone. I enjoyed the day as it was challenging and fun. *Babak Roshti 10.7*



Year 8 Trip to The David Beckham Academy

On Thursday 18 September, twenty Claremont boys and girls, Mr Robertson, Ms Stavrou and Mr Johnson went to the David Beckham Academy in Greenwich. When we were there we played football, learnt some science (about bones) and did some warm-ups. We played football against other schools. All the schools were given bibs with various countries names on – the Claremont teams were Sweden and France.

I was one of the pupils in the Swedish team and we won two and lost one game.



France won all their three matches.

I enjoyed playing football against different schools. It was a fun day. *Kyio Augustine, Year 8*

January	February	March
April	May	June
July	August	September
October	November	December

IMPORTANT DATES

Half Term – 27th to 31st October

Monday, 3rd November

Students return to school for registration at 9.50 am

Thursday, 13th November

Sixth Form Open Evening

Years 7-10 dismissed at 1.05 pm, Year 11 dismissed at 3 pm after a series of 'taster lessons'. 6th form Open Evening 5 pm

Monday, 17th November – NON PUPIL DAY

Friday, 12th December – Flexible Friday

Students dismissed at 2.00 pm

Friday, 19th December – Last day of term

Monday, 5th January 2009

First day of Term – Students register 9.50 am

Year 8 get the silent treatment !

Year 8 have been learning about life for people living with hearing impairments and took part in a sponsored silence to try to understand the challenges facing them. They have been learning British Sign Language (BSL) in their form time and put it into practise when they had conversations using only signs. Students picked up the BSL alphabet very quickly and learned the signs for some of the school subjects, things around the home, etc.



All money raised has gone to the charities Deafblind UK and the British Deaf Association, who support those with hearing impairments in the UK. *G. Aubin*

ibehave

Dear Parent/Carer

The school has recently upgraded its IT system to allow them to make greater use of e-mail when communicating with parents. In particular, the school proposes to use a new system called *ibehave* which has the ability to send updates on your child's behaviour in lessons, informing you of commendations and praise and also to inform you of any of issues of concern. In order for us to do this, could you please inform the school of the email address/account the school could use to keep you informed of your child's progress (*Please email the school from the email address that you wish to receive updates on*).

Include in this email the name and form group of your child and, if you have more than one child attending the school, name each one in that e-mail. You may include any additional email addresses that you wish to be copied with the information on your child. *Do not include any other information, e.g. change of address/telephone numbers, in your email.*

Please forward your details to the following email address by the 17th of October: contactmail@claremont-high.org.uk

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READATHON @ Claremont High School



Last summer term Year 7 and Year 8 pupils raised money for charity and improved their reading skills in a sponsored Readathon.

Pupils raised an incredible £1965.26!

The money raised by Readathon is donated equally to CLIC Sargent and The Roald Dahl Foundation, who between them spend it primarily caring for children and young people in the UK suffering from cancer, Hodgkin's disease, leukaemia, epilepsy, blood disorders or acquired brain injury.

Year 9 Poetry Competition

In English this term, Year 9 students have been reading, analysing, comparing and writing their own poems. On 'National Poetry Day', Thursday 9th October, we celebrated with an Open Mic event in 'The Street' and the Year 9 Poetry Competition Winners and Runners-Up were announced.



Younis Hafedh, Illyeh Nahdi, Rohan Chudasama

The Winners:

Younis Hafedh, Illyeh Nahdi, Rohan Chudasama and Tirtha Patel;
The Runners Up: Ashleigh Jones-Allison, Abdillahi Ali, Sai Shah, Akeem Cummings, Serena Gopal and Charlotte Nabavian (combined effort) and Yaseen Alam. *Congratulations!*

HARROW ATHLETICS CLUB—Cross Country Challenge

Claremont entered teams in this top quality event, with runners from local borough schools and private schools. **In the Year 8 race Claremont came 8th out of 15 schools.** The fastest Claremont runner was Vinothen Sathyamoorthy who came 9th, followed by Jonathan Miles, 26th, Tobi Oluborode 45th and Kane Stanislas 53rd.

In the Year 7 race, the Claremont A team finished 7th, with the B team 12th out of 21 schools. Fastest Claremont runner was Aaron Hughes 19th, Zakari Otto 22nd, Jordan Brown 41st, Davantay Hastings 42nd, Nathan Fosuhene 44th, Khalid Khan 50th, Jordan Hack 57th, Mustafa Abdulhusein 59th and Mohammed Khalil 68th. There were 92 runners in the competition.

D. WARDLE



Claremont Players Present

GUYS and DOLLS

The Questors Theatre
Mattock Lane, Ealing W5 5BQ
25th – 29th November 2008
Matinees 2 pm Evenings 7.30 pm
£10 Adults £5 Concessions
BOX OFFICE
0870 350 0093 – 020 8567 5184
Questors.org.uk

Trip to watch

Shakespeare's 'Twelfth Night'

Munya Forbang, Year 12

'Mesmerising!' is how I would describe Filter's Production of Shakespeare's comedy, 'Twelfth Night' at the Tricycle Theatre. On the 23rd of September we left school on foot, strolling enthusiastically towards the fate that awaited us at the end of the deep dark tunnel that they call 'The Tube'. We had cut it slightly too fine and arrived just as the play began. The play was actually very entertaining, although the production company clearly had a younger audience in mind. I still thoroughly enjoyed it. The revelry of the 'twelfth night' was modernised and shared with the audience – literally! Boxes of piping hot pizza were even passed around the auditorium! There was dancing, singing, jokes and cross-dressing – all of which one might expect. However there was a certain maddened character who was determined to bare-all in his yellow stockings! Despite being a highly entertaining production, I felt that at times the storyline was lost in the commotion.

Overall it was a worthwhile trip and special thanks go to Ms Gibberd and Ms Wilson for arranging the trip and supervising the younger students. Thank you.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED !

Applied Learning Specialism and Employer Engagement

As a high performing school we are keen, amongst all our other achievements, to increase the **employability skills** of our learners. One of the ways to do that is to increase **employer engagement** and the links we have with industry and the workplace. We are therefore calling on parents and past students to volunteer some of their time to share their skills and expertise in their particular field of work/profession with our learners. *May I ask that you please complete the tear-off slip below and pass on to Reception if you feel able to spare half-an-hour to an hour of your time during any one academic year.* The more parents that are willing to help, the more varied and enriched the experience will be for each of our learners. Please do not miss out on this opportunity to make a difference to the success of our learners. Thank you.

Mrs M. Ahimie, Assistant Headteacher

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Name

Expertise/Field of Work

Address

Contact Nos. Home Work

Child's Name Form

Claremont Parent Voice (CPV)

Mrs Mumford, Pupil Support Manager

Claremont Parent Voice (CPV) is there to assist parents/carers with expressing their views and concerns regarding their children's education. To make informed choices on what is available to their families and to be in a better position to assist their children in achieving their potential, CPV was launched on Wednesday 15th October with a celebration of Black History Month. There was entertainment by Nostalgia Steel Band, Alex Pascall OBE as well as our own Bollywood Dancers and A & C Voices. The evening was well attended by parents/carers, Mr. Molloy, Headteacher, Governors and staff. If you would like further information about CPV, you can contact me via email on cpv@claremont-high.org.uk or on 0870 350 0093 ext 204.



Year 9 Football Report

Wednesday, September 24th 2008 - Brent Cup

Claremont 3 - St Gregorys 0

Craig 2, Chahesh 1 Man of the Match: Derenik Gregge

Claremont was always in control of a potentially tricky game at the John Billam Sports Ground. They dominated the first half with goals from Craig and Chahesh. Claremont's defence were unbeatable with the tackling of Antonis, Kieran, Robert, Jack and the dominance of Lewis in goal. Claremont led comfortably at half time 2-0. The second half started quietly. Spencer nearly scored with a strike from outside the box but it was Craig who scored the third with a coolly slotted home goal to make the final score Claremont 3 St Gregorys 0.

Player Ratings:

<u>Lewis Edwards: 9.5</u>	An excellent performance in goal. Clean sheet. He must take a touch on the ball when not under pressure before clearing it.
<u>Hafed Al-Droubi: 9.5</u>	Came on with 20 minutes to go and made an amazing save to help Claremont keep a clean sheet.
<u>Antonis Karas: 8.5</u>	Had an excellent game at left back. Needs to get wide to receive the ball from his defence and goalkeeper.
<u>Kieran Lobo 9.0</u>	Superb game at right back from the captain. Quick and dangerous helping the attack but also got back to defend. Must not complain to the referee about a decision. Yellow carded!
<u>Craig Manderson 8.5</u>	A goal either side of half time. When he is fully fit I expect a hat trick every game!
<u>Ahmed Al Sahib 7.5</u>	Great passing in the midfield. Needs to tackle more.
<u>Robert Hastings 9.0</u>	Great tackles and reading of the game. Unlucky to go off injured.
<u>Nathan Stewart 7.0</u>	Had a decent game upfront as a second half substitute. Needs to shoot earlier.
<u>Kyro Malcolm 7.0</u>	Best game for Claremont. A handful for the defence. Needs to keep the work rate up and get on the ball more.
<u>Chahesh Perindanathan 8.0</u>	Good skills in attack. Took his goal well. Needs to score at least 2 a game to keep his place in the starting line up.
<u>Spencer Tisdall 9.0</u>	Always a danger in midfield. Needs to work on getting a crisp, accurate strike on the ball from corners and free kicks.
<u>Devonte Totesaut: 9.0</u>	Passed and tackled superbly. Needs to get back to help his defence more.
<u>Akeem Cummings 7.0</u>	Did well on his debut as a second half substitute. A powerful player. Needs to get the ball under control straight away and tackle hard but fair.
<u>Jack Bartlett 8.5</u>	Very solid at the back. Needs to open his mouth more.
<u>Derenik Gregge: 9.5</u>	Man of the match performance from a player who ghosts past the defence. Sometimes needs to put in an earlier pass.
<u>Jemelle Carpenter-Gayle 7.0</u>	A solid game. Needs to work on his first touch, speed and muscular strength.



S. AMBLIN

INTER-COLLEGE QUIZ ??? Scarlet 107 v Sapphire - Emerald 71 v Gold 116 ????

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Kingsbury's response to Gang Culture

Members of the African and African-Caribbean
Child Support Group are holding a meeting at
Kingsbury High School,
18th November from 6.30 – 8 pm
For further information contact
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