

Newsletter



The Weekly Newsletter for Parents, Students & Teachers

PADDINGTON ACADEMY STUDENTS TO PERFORM AT BBC BROADCASTING HOUSE!!

Year 7 members of the Paddington Academy School Choir have been selected to sing at a concert at the British Broadcasting House next Wednesday. The concert will be recorded and possibly aired on BBC radio.

As well as working hard with Miss Simmonds over the Easter break and during Wednesday lunchtimes, the students have also been attending workshops for the past two months with BBC animator, Steve Jones. Steve, who works with the world renowned BBC singers, visits many schools in the country and has been impressed with the quality of singing from our young choir.

The students will travel to BBC broadcasting House at Portland Place next Wednesday straight after school for a rehearsal with Greycoats and St Augustine's Schools. The invitation only concert will take place at 6:30 p.m.

Participating students:

Daniel O'Sullivan, Rania Baroodi, Luna Biten-court, Samuir Rahman, Jaswinder Kaur, Natasha Jane Naylor, Moska Rasoul, Yassine Cabral sa Silva, Sihena Hasani, Anyla Muhaxheri, Elisha Lloyd, Ahmed (Said) Ozarar, Sara Ahmad, Lina Ichak and Joy Ly

We wish our students well for the concert!

Good Luck to all of our students who are currently doing their GCSE and A Level exams



Steve Jones from the BBC instructing the Paddington Academy Year 7 Choir on performance skills

Year 11 Graduation Boat Trip Monday 23rd June 2008

Year 11 will be celebrating the end of their GCSE exams with a boat trip along the Thames on the 23rd June.

Letters have been sent to parents to obtain consent for their children to go on the boat trip. Could students remind parents to sign the consents and return them to Miss Riordan in the 6th form by Monday the 9th of June. Parents will need to make arrangements to collect students from Westminster Pier at 10.45 p.m. on the evening.

Key Dates :-

Open Governing Body Meeting: Tuesday 10th June

Yr 10, Work Experience Week: Mon 7th Jul - Fri 11th

ULT Jubilee Launch—Paddington Academy Gold's Ceremony: Wednesday 9th July

Student Community Awards to celebrate United Learning Trust Founders Day : Friday 11th July



STUDENT FOCUS

National Year of Reading 2008

As part of the national year of reading Year 8 have done lots of research into what makes people read, what are the advantages and recently carried out interviews of staff and students and completed book reviews.

We have featured some of their articles in this week's newsletter.



Nyma Beg, Year 8

"Have you read the *Chronicles of Narnia*, which includes, *The Lion, the witch and the wardrobe*. Did you like the story?"

If you did, you will love the C.S.Lewis book, *Prince Caspian*. This amazing book continues the adventures of Lucy, Edmund, Peter and Susan where they return to Narnia., they find Aslan, and Prince Caspian and experience more magical adventures through Narnia.

But, for those who don't enjoy reading, or don't have time *Prince Caspian* is coming to the cinemas soon. However, I would recommend you read it, before watching.

Dina El-Deeb Year 8, Book Review : *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire is a fascinating, as well as captivating book to read. It is jam-packed with adventure and cliff hangers. Although the book is quite 'chunky' that should not put you off from reading it. As soon as you start to read this intriguing book, you will not be able to stop. If you have seen any of the Harry Potter films, but don't feel you can read all of the 7 books, I recommend that you start by reading *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*. It is suitable for all ages, and will have you gripped from beginning to end!

Interviews by : Julia Alfamaia, Year 8

"NOW IT'S THE TEACHERS TURN"

Throughout England, school teachers have caught up on their reading habits. As well as students, teachers spend some of their free time reading the latest book releases and making recommendations. Some of my fellow students and I interviewed teachers and staff at Paddington Academy about their favourite books.

Our first interview was with Mr Nassir Sajid, he says " I think I read around 2-3 books in a month, I would say my favourite genre is History". We asked him further questions on where and when he reads and he answered "I read on the train or at home in the evening, sometimes I swap books depending on the mood".

During an interview with a well known member of staff, Ms. Lansley, we asked her the same questions on her reading habits as we did with Mr Sajid. Ms Lansley answered "I read about 3 books in a month, but I stick to one book, my favourite genre I have to say is autobiographies". We asked her what her favourite books are, she replied "I think I would choose 'The Lord of the Rings' and 'Tess of the D' Urbervilles'".

This exercise proves that teachers, as well as parents or carers have reading habits similar to students. The biggest majority of adults preferred fiction. I would also recommend fiction to students as I believe it would be the best reading choice and helps to develop writing skills,

The search for the Queen of Teen is on!

Girls are being asked to nominate their favourite female author so make sure your favourite is nominated as a rightful contender...

Go to www.queenofteen.co.uk

Simply write 200 words on why you believe your favourite author should be crowned

Do you love the characters she creates?
Or the stories she tells? Or both?

Does she make you cry?
Or does she make you cry with laughter?

Does she take you to different worlds?
Or perhaps she makes you understand
your own world better...

we'll accept any reason and we want to hear them all.

Most excitingly your nomination will automatically enter you in to a competition to win a place at the super-glamorous coronation ceremony on Thursday 18th September 2008.

Ten lucky winners will get the chance to spend time in a limousine with the author they have championed and to see the winning author crowned at the ceremony.

Queen of Teen

Nominations close on 10 July, so make sure you nominate your favourite female author before then at www.queenofteen.co.uk

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STUDENT FOCUS

Student Community Awards

If you know a student or students who have contributed to the wider community by volunteering or a particular student who has made a significant impact to the community they live in please nominate him /her for a community award.

All nominations will need to be submitted to reception by Friday 13th June 2008 on the nomination form attached to this newsletter.

The awards will be held on Friday the 11th July 2008 which is the day Paddington Academy will commemorate United Learning Trust's Founders day (12th July 1883).

A special VIP guest will present the award certificate and a prize to the successful nominees.

The community awards is one of the many planned events during the ULT Jubilee year which is being launched in the academy on the 9th July 2008 with the Oscars ceremony.

Student Council

Representatives from the Academy student council will attend a conference focusing on student leadership in schools, with our students entering discussions with their peers from all over London about ideas and strategies that they have implemented in their school, or about suggested ideas that they can take and develop in their own schools. It is a great opportunity for our students to share good practice (just like us teachers!) and learn more about the positive role that leadership can play. Whilst they are furiously debating this, I will also be discussing with teachers the ways in which student leadership can be fostered and developed, and hopefully bring these to the Academy to enhance our student voice.

Kier Hull—programme Director of Student Voice



Dance students rehearsing for their dance performance in the Royal Albert Hall on the 16th June 2008.

Tickets are available to see this show with Elaine Desmedt.

Hurry as there are not many left!

Photo's taken by Sheila Burnett



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COMMUNITY FOCUS

Student Community Awards Nomination Form

I would like to nominate the student below for a community award

Student's name

Year

Tutor Group

Please write a short paragraph below telling us about the student and the reason for the nomination.

Nominations can be from teachers or fellow students—Please sign the form below and submit to the reception for the attention of Mrs Murnane by Friday 13th June 2008.

Nominating Students Name Year

Nominating Teachers Name

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