

## Important Dates For Your Diary

**Student Return Dates to the Academy September 2008**

Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2008	Years 7 & 10 Return
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2008	Years 8, 9 & 11 Return
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Years 12 & 13 Return

**Key Dates 2008/2009**

Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Academy Governors Meeting
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 7 – Parents Talking School afternoon at 2.00 p.m.
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Black History Month Begins Eid-UI-Fitr (Ramadan ends)
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Children's Book Week begins
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 11 – Parents information evening
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	National Poetry Day Year 6 Open Evening
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 13 Biology residential to Sayers Croft
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 11 Parents information evening
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 7 Parents Evening
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 12 & 13 subject evening
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Canterbury Cathedral commemoration service – United Learning Trust Jubilee
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Academy Awards Evening
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Year 11 Mock exams begin – 4 Days
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Eid-UI-Adha
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Public Examinations AS/A2 Begin
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> January to Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Mock SATs – 3 days
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Public Examinations End
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Academy Governors Meeting
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 11 Parents Evening
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 9 Parents Evening
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 11 – Open day visit
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Year 11 – Open day visit

**Teacher Training Days 2008/2009– Academy Closed**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2008  
 Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2008  
 Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2009



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**End of Year Highlights**

Dear Parents/Carer(s)

Welcome to the last edition of the Academy Newsletter for 2007/2008.

It has been a special year for us as we celebrate our 1st birthday in this building. It is also a special year for all of the academies who make up the United Church Schools Trust as we celebrate our 125th Anniversary. The Church Schools Company was formally established on 12th July 1883, and this marks the official birthday for public purposes of the United Church Schools

Trust.

The aims and ethos of the Founders of this Christian organisation are imbedded in the Academy and we are very pleased to be able to provide a local school for local children and to be able to offer them significant opportunities.

Perhaps it will take the Summer Holidays for the significance of all we have achieved over the past year to sink in.

I would like to thank all of the people who have

supported the Academy this year; the Trustees, the Governors the local primary schools and many members of the local community.

The success of the academy relies on all of us continuing to work together in the best interests of local children and I am very confident that we will continue to do so. I hope you all have an enjoyable and restful summer holiday.

*Best wishes,  
 Phil Hearne  
 Principal*

**STOP PRESS!****SATS Results:  
 Massive Improvement**

More details next term but our Year 9 SATS score show a massive improvement on last year.

Well done and thanks to all the teachers for their hard work and dedication and to the students and their families.

It has been a special year!

**Paddington Academy Receives Royal Approval**

During a history educational visit to on Thursday 17th July some of our students had the opportunity of meeting and speaking to Prince Charles HRH. The meeting was completed unexpected and students and

teachers on the visit came back to the academy full of excitement. Marvin Bailey a student from year wrote about his feelings on meeting the prince that evening and his story is featured on page

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# Media—A Year in Review

## BBC Schools Report Project



On the 13th March 2008, schools around the country including Paddington academy took part in news day, simultaneously creating news reports and publishing them on their school websites.

BBC News presenter and former teacher, Huw Edwards who works on school report commenting on his involvement with the project saying " I'm involved because I want to give young people the chance to make the news themselves, and I want to share the principles of good journalism"

In October 2007, School Report was nominated for a children's Bafta in the Secondary Learning Category.

In January 2008, the project was nominated for a Royal Television Society (RTS) award in the Innovation category of the Television Journalism Awards 2006/2007



## The Jubilee Project

As the year began and another healthy bevy of Media students waited with baited breath to see Flash Jones once more, Year 12 Btec National Certificate students were given a very exciting and challenging real-world brief. Justin McLaren and Carrie Cocke, who work for ULT as part of the Public Relations department, contacted the media team to enquire about the possibility of some of our students producing a DVD to help celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Church Schools Trust, the parent foundation of the United Learning Trust. Of course, our students were eager to prove their mettle and relished the challenge that such a prominent brief brought. The brief required a lot of research into both UCST and ULT and our students developed a much greater appreciation of how and why the companies had formed and what their mission was for the future. Saimir Hysenaj, Egzon Rammadani and Yamina Aloui all visited Ashford School in Kent, to gain a perspective on what a UCST comprises; interviewing the Headmaster and students and gathering those all important

cut-aways to help create a varied atmosphere to the DVD. Louise Thompson, Wajeha Abdul, Ayoub Mrimou and Troy Fournillier all visited Lambeth Academy to gain insight into life in an academy 'across the river', interviewing a group of students and the principal and all agreeing that Paddington academy was much better! We also filmed some of the great work that was happening at Paddington academy including the 'Follow the Star' production and once all the footage was collected and uploaded began the long editing process that was to take in weekends and evenings galore. After several semi-completed versions and some very constructive feedback from Justin McLaren, the students finally created a wholly professional and effective promotional video that is being used by ULT to promote the Jubilee Fund; a fund that helps to provide educational opportunities to students in deprived areas or the third world. This can be viewed on the ULT website and all the students involved received great recognition via the Trust's *Blue Skies* magazine.

## Meet the creators of the Jubilee Fund DVD

 <b>Saimir</b> From: Albania Hopes to become: a television advertising editor	 <b>Labinot</b> From: Kosovo Hopes to become: a multi-media technician
 <b>Louise</b> From: Kilburn Hopes to become: a marketing/PR executive	 <b>Petrit</b> From: Westbourne Grove Hopes to become: a cameraman
 <b>Wajeha</b> From: West London Hopes to become: a media strategist	 <b>Emmanuel</b> From: Maida Vale Hopes to become: a film editor
 <b>Egzon</b> From: Kosovo Hopes to become: a music producer	 <b>Yamina</b> From: West London Hopes to become: a translator
 <b>Mohanad</b> From: Queens Park Hopes to become: a stuntman	 <b>Troy</b> From: West London Hopes to become: an advertising executive
 <b>Ayyoub</b> From: West London Hopes to become: a graphic designer	

## Media Work Experience

Paola De Marchi, in Year 13, has gained some invaluable work experience this year working for an extremely successful and innovative advertising and branding company called Callcott Marketing. She has been working on Mondays throughout the year, alongside extremely creative professionals in this cutting edge company, and has been fortunate enough to be involved in a number of projects; learning exactly what working in advertising is all about. The jewel in the crown to this experience was an all-expenses paid trip to Milan, to help promote one of Callcott's clients at an exhibition, during which time Paola was asked to run and organise one area of the show. She has been commended by Creative Director Duncan James for her work ethic and ability to learn and will be continuing her association with Callcott Marketing next year.

## The Cut Magazine

You may have seen a copy of a funky new magazine entitled 'The Cut' around school or in cool bars and shops over the past few months. This magazine was compiled and edited by a number of young people from West London, including some of our students, and if you haven't seen it already take a look as it is a brilliant publication, with great design and engaging features. Student Ronnie Grebenyuk

from Year 13 Co-Edited the magazine and worked tremendously hard to put together a magazine that truly represented the interests of young people interviewing a host of celebrities and artists, including Miquita Oliver from T4. As well as Ronnie. Media student Paola De Marchi worked as a journalist and assistant editor on the magazine with contributions from Ademola Shaw and Michael Amaning-Ampong.

## Founders Day Awards

Special assemblies were held towards the end of the academic year to commemorate founders day (12th July 1883).

Students received Founder's day certificates and prizes for becoming learners of the term and learners of the year.

### Learners of the Term

Year 7 : Milot Selmani  
Year 7 : Runner up  
Maryam Al-Sultani

Year 8 : Mushada Begum

Year 9 : Daniel Marrast  
Year 9 : Runners up:

Ali Mohammed  
Alina Ciupitu  
Fahmida Rahman  
Meena Sadeghi  
Sabihah Ahmed  
Syeda Sultana

Year 10 : Mustafa Mohammed  
Vesa Mehmeti

### Learners of the Year

Year 7 : Bashir Ali  
Year 7 : Runners up  
Gela Karumidze & Tahera Bahar

Year 8 : Bokul Miah  
Year 8 : Runner up

Conor Fitzpatrick

Year 9 : Meena Sadeghi  
Year 9 : Runners up  
Ali Mohammed  
Aurita Magashi  
Sabihah Ahmed

Year 10 : Rida Bahsoon  
Year 10 : Runners up  
Ali Shahin  
Mohammed Said Noor  
Nathaly Assuncao  
Tayba Fah

Year 12 : Batoul Korkomaz  
Year 12 : Runners up  
Mustafa Mohammed  
Vesa Mehmeti

## HRH Prince Charles Meets Marv

We arrived at the allotments, to some people's shock the Prince of Wales, Camilla and his security were there. Our group waited for quite a long time to see the Prince and to be honest I was getting impatient. What could be so good, after all he's only the future King of England. I didn't realise how privileged I was to be there, I could have thought of a million other places I'd rather have been.

Finally, he left the allotment and we could all see him. He was only a few meters from us! Being the type of guy I am, I shouted out "Prince Charles"

and he waved at me., I was pleased thinking that was all I would get, Bianca surprised me when she called out his name and said "Marvin wants to talk to you!"

Prince Charles came over to me and I shook his hand. He then asked me "Do you have any exams coming up?" I said, "No we're getting our results on Friday." He also asked, "When are your holidays?" I answered, "We break up on Tuesday and I'm excited about that."

"That's great," he said. I could tell he couldn't talk to me all day even though I knew he would



like to. So I said, "See you later Sir." He then replied, "Ok, bye now."

When we were leaving I could see the expressions on Ms.Gillam and Ms. Sherrat's faces and I knew I had done something special and Mr. Hearne would be

## Student Voice

Student voice has been a burgeoning area this year, still in the foundation stages, positive developments have been made through interaction and peer learning with other schools and academies on a number of trips and collaborations.

In June, Mr. Hull was accompanied by students Daniel Proctor, Dina El-Deeb and Lorraine Tan to a very productive Student Leadership Network Meeting, at the Gladys Aylward School in North London, where students and teachers shared ideas on ways that student voice can enhance student well-being and confidence in the school. Discussions took place on how stu-

dent voice can help make school a more fun and engaging place to learn and teach, and ended the day with a thorough review of what steps needed to be put in place to ensure that Paddington academy maximises the potential of student voice.

As a result of the Student Leadership Network Meeting, in July 2008 students Aurita Magashi, Julia Kassem, Dammy Laoye, Fabrishia Glenn and Marlon Augustin went to the Annual Academies Student conference, where they were able to learn about creating Podcasts and had the chance to work with academies and specialist schools from all over the

country. They were treated to a very engaging and motivational speaker in the form of self-proclaimed 'Ginger-nut' Dave Keeling, who even got our very own Marlon Augustin up on stage to act as a Grecian peasant; a role that he fulfilled with gusto! They worked on creating Podcast interviews and vox-pops, with the aid of a team of professionals from Radiowaves, who help academies run their own radio stations (more of which next year...) and rounded the day off with a philosophical thought or two. All-in-all, a very enjoyable and positive experience was had by all.

# Special Recognition

## Business & Enterprise

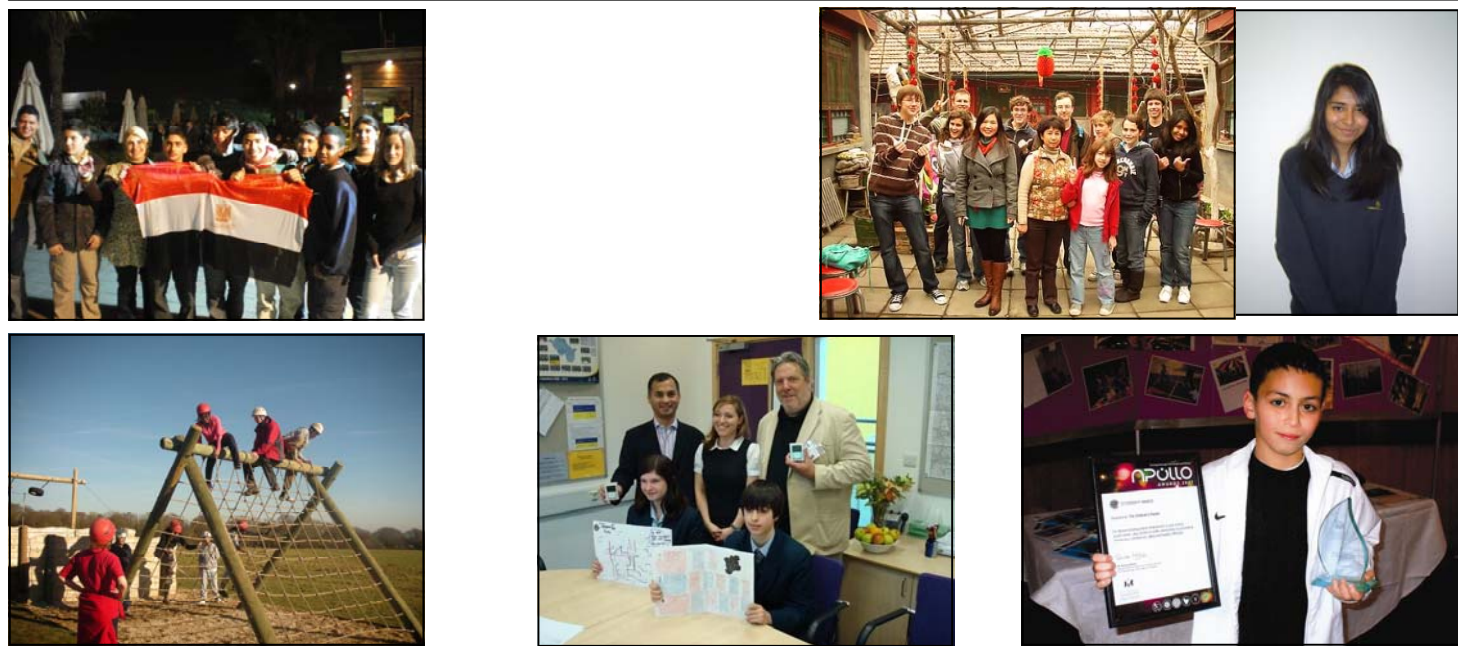
Though excellent links with the Brokerage business students had the opportunity of working in the city and attended several workshops held in the United Bank of Switzerland in the centre of the business world.

All of Year 10 took part in the Lion Heart Challenge and got through to the second stage of the competition

Gifted and talented students from Year 10 took part in a Business and Enterprise programme organised by the CfBT Education Trust in partnership with Entrepreneurs in Action.



## Residential & Competitions



## Sports



good range of after school sports clubs which include football, netball, taekwondo and many more. Though the academies association with Queens Park Rangers students have entered football leagues with other schools achieving an impressive record.

Sport has featured strongly in the academy over the last year. Students have a

The academy basketball team has particularly shone by receiving the Westminster Basketball trophy.



Pictures : Right: Yr 10 Football Team  
Left : Yr 10 Basketball Team

# Media—A Year in Review

## Academy Gold Awards



To cap the month, and in fact the year off, we had our First Inaugural Academy Gold Awards on the evening of the 7<sup>th</sup> July to launch the Jubilee year of the United Church Schools Trust. This will now become an annual event. All glitz and glam, this event took an enormous amount of planning and preparation and it was great



to see that the effort of the staff and students involved was rewarded by special guests on the night. There were more sharp suits and designer dresses than the Beckham's wardrobe and



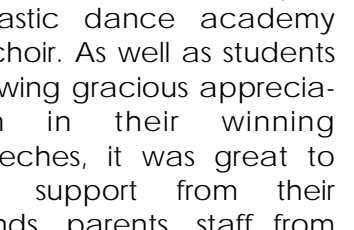
the rainy side entrance of the Academy was our Hollywood strip for the evening. Looking at a wide variety of exceptionally well produced work by all media students



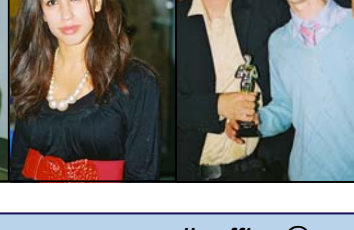
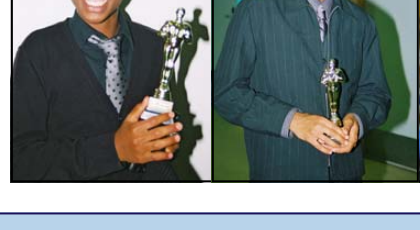
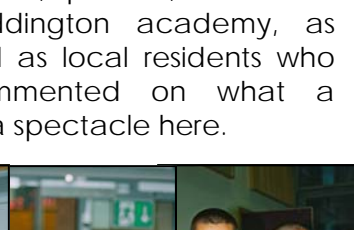
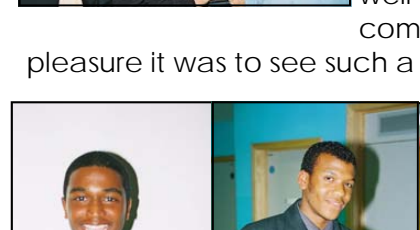
over the year, this awards show gave the students a chance to show off their skills and to celebrate their achievements. It was clear to see that the students enjoyed the limelight and thoroughly deserved recognition for their effort and creativity. The event was a great



success, entertaining all for an hour or so, with performances from the fantastic dance academy troupe and the academy choir. As well as students



showing gracious appreciation in their winning speeches, it was great to see support from their friends, parents, staff from Paddington academy, as well as local residents who commented on what a pleasure it was to see such a spectacle here.



Market Research

If you were out and about in the January sales, you might just have spotted some of the Year 12 Btec First Diploma students carrying out some Market Research. Braving the wind and cold, our students plucked up the courage (after a good 20 minutes or so anyway) to ask shoppers some key marketing questions and learnt the hard way the dedication and temperament needed to work in PR.

Adulthood Screening

In June, 18 AS Media students were privileged enough to be invited to a special, private screening by BBC 1Xtra of 'Adulthood', Noel Clarke's sequel to the very successful 'Kidulthood', and after watching the film in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox's HQ in Soho Square, our students got the chance to grill the man himself, with an exclusive Q&A with writer, star and director of the film Noel Clarke. Set around West London (you even get a glimpse of the Academy building in the film) and dealing with issues that affect the area and young people who live there, this was en-

joyed and criticised in equal measure. Our students did particularly well in grilling Noel Clarke, asking all the uncomfortable questions and challenging his portrayal of life in West London. In particular, recognition should go to student Abdullahi Hassan for standing up and debating with Noel about the exaggerated realism in the film and to student Stacey Brennan for defending female decency. The link to the full session, broadcast on 1Xtra, can be found here <http://www.bbc.co.uk/1xtra/max/adulthoodqa.shtml>

Broadcast with the BBC

On Wednesday 11th June the Year 7 academy choir went to the BBC broadcasting house in Portland Place for a combined primary school concert with choirs from St Augustine's school, and Greycroats Hospital school. They were also joined by the world renowned BBC singers (the only professional choir in the world).

The show was recorded and filmed potentially for future release.



Performing Arts, Theatre, Music & Dance



The performing arts department has

achieved great things this year and has helped students gain confidence whilst inspiring them to be the very best in everything they aim for. Theatre performances began in December 2007 with an amazing Christmas production of "Follow the Star" Throughout the year the Studio theatre opened its doors to local primary schools, residents and the wider community.

The Spring show held on the 1st May was absolutely packed with a very enthusiastic audience in the Studio theatre. After many hours of dedicated practice, fifty four students presented a varied set of music and dance pieces. Congratulations to all of the performers for their fantastic efforts in what was an amazing show of talent, hard work and dedication.



One of the highlights of the year came from a visiting



troupe of performers from the Globe theatre who enthralled students with a performance of "Much ado about nothing" in the academy on the 24th April 2008.



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Combined Primary Schools Workshop & Concert



Monday 17th March saw three primary schools spend a fun packed day at Paddington academy. They were assisted by five Year 9 academy students as part of the academy's outreach project, firstly for a choral workshop which was then followed by a performance in the school hall.



Royal Albert Hall Dance Performance

On Monday 16th June Paddington Academy dance students gave an amazing dance performance in the Royal Albert Hall to the dance creations of George Gershwin in "Summertime", they performed a solo hip-hop routine and a contempo-

rary piece in the finale with twelve other schools. Students had rehearsed for the Summertime performance over several months, in after school and holiday sessions.

