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“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world” - Nelson Mandela

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends of PA,

It is with pleasure that I welcome you to our Paddington Academy Christmas newsletter which brings to a close a highly successful term in which our students have been recognised again and again for their successes, achievements and opportunities.

This term I am delighted to announce the launch of the ‘Paddington Promise’ as detailed on page eleven. As part of this pledge, students enjoyed two fantastic residential; one for Year 11 at PGL which combined learning and outdoor pursuits, and one for Year 8 to the Outward Bound activity centre in Aberdovey, Wales. Grateful thanks to Mr Goodman who organised the Year 8 residential. It was the first time a full year group have been offered a trip. As you will read, they had a wonderful time.

We have also enjoyed a regal term. I was very proud to accompany the Teens and Toddlers group with Mrs Williams and Mrs McIndoe to the visit by HRH the Duke of York where the students presented their skills and talents working with the toddlers. This was followed one week later by the Media students participating in the ‘Game Designers’ launch and meeting HRH Prince William. Not to be outdone, the A level Law class spent a wonderful day at the House of Lords as visitors of Baroness Donaghy, CBE.

Thank you to the John Laing Charitable Trust for their sponsorship grant towards the Paddington promise and the Outward Bound Trust for their financial contribution and enormous support through their activity centres and amazing staff.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support and hard work for our school community, and wish you a happy and peaceful Christmas time along with very best wishes for 2014!

Warmest wishes,

Oli Tomlinson
Principal



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Student Focus

By Popular Demand, Paddington Academy Held Its Second International Evening

Fun for all as the Academy celebrated 64 cultures



On 19th of September 2013, Paddington Academy held – by popular demand- its second International Evening and celebrated 64 cultures representative of PA students and staff.

International Evening celebrates some of the many different cultures among students and staff. To match last year's success -and to make it even better this time- students and parents worked together with friends and members of staff to coordinate and assemble a showcase of different cultures. Paddington Academy's second International Evening proved to be even more successful than the first one.



The Academy was filled with wonderful lights, sounds, smells and tastes of cultures from around the world – transforming the school into an enchanting international bazaar. Visitors had the chance to sample authentic dishes from Bangladesh, Kosovo, Iraq, Morocco, Pakistan, Somalia, Egypt, Portugal, Spain, France, Malaysia, Ireland, England and even Cornwall was represented with flags and delicious traditional products displayed at their own stall. Guests were treated to a spectacular fashion show from Morocco, a traditional Kosovan dance performance, a slice of Notting Hill Carnival complete with flamboyant headdresses, costumes and music traditionally associated with carnival – all excellently orchestrated by Mr Bernard, drama teacher at PA and regular carnival follower. Hypnotic traditional Bengali tabala drumming brought Bangladesh alive and an impromptu traditional dance performed by Somali mothers was a wonderful surprise. To round off the evening 6th form students Shivash Tassalot & Kemal Deris (Head Boy) with their team named 009 SK International, treated the audience to an eclectic music and dance extravaganza which complemented this exceptional evening. [...] P3

Fun for all as the Academy celebrated 64 cultures



[...] P2 Kemal Deris, PA Head Boy, said: "It was an absolute honour and I felt privileged to take part in such a meaningful and fascinating event where many cultures came together as one to celebrate International Evening. It was a total and phenomenal pleasure for us to be given the opportunity to perform in front of a multi-cultural audience. I would like to thank all colleagues, PA teachers and parents who took part in this wonderful event. I cannot wait for the next PA International Evening."

Miss Lansley, the architect of this fabulous PA extravaganza, said: "My initial concerns that we wouldn't be able to top last year's success thankfully proved unfounded. The whole of the PA community came together, pulled out all the stops to ensure the event surpassed last year - a true testament to the strength and community cohesion of staff, students, parents and friends at Paddington Academy."



Oli Tomlinson, Principal at Paddington Academy, said: "Words cannot express how delighted I am with the success of the evening and the hard work that staff and students put in to making it a success. This event was a demonstration of the community cohesion at the heart of Paddington Academy."



Student Focus

Celebrating Success - Awards Evening 2013

Hard Work Brings Rewards



Paddington Academy held its annual Awards Evening on Thursday 24th October 2013. The event was a wonderful opportunity for students, teachers and parents to celebrate academic progress, achievements and attitude to learning for the past year.

Students across all year groups were nominated for awards and special prizes were given out for Contribution to the Community and Learners of the Year.

The “Learner of the Year” awards were presented to students in recognition for their hard work, determination to succeed and excellent results. The winners this year were: Refah Al-Thafiri (Y8), Sundus Hassany (Y9), Tahir Ali Hassan (Y10), Nawal Mohamed (Y11) and Victor Assuncao (Y12).

A tradition now at the Academy, the memorial award to honour a very special PA teacher, Pandora Gabbidon was presented to Year 10 student Teuta Selmani for her passion for literature and learning.

Prizes were presented by Mrs Tomlinson the Principal, Ms Hakim and Miss Selmon – both governors at PA. - Mrs Tomlinson also gave a lovely opening speech to the audience and between prizes; some exquisite pieces of entertainment were performed for the audience by the talented Satra-Sia Samana-Kisoon from Year 9 and Sarah Ahmed from Year 13.

PA Students Visit the House of Lords

On the 10th December 5 A Level law students visited the House of Lords by special invitation from Baroness Donaghy, CBE. The students were chosen for this trip as a reward for gaining the highest marks in a recent mock exam and were accompanied by Mr Jones.

The day began with a tour by the Baroness of the House of Lords which incorporated all of the meeting rooms, library and eating areas. This was followed by lunch in the member’s cafeteria where students had the opportunity to ask the Baroness about her career and the way that she became a member of the House of Lords. It helped students to understand the significance of the House of Lords in the process of law making and to gain an insight into the working day of a Peer.

They were then able to attend Question Time in the House of Lords chamber. This allowed the students to see the daily work of the Lords and the way that issues are debated and decided. For the students, one of the highlights of the day was the opportunity to meet Lord Sugar and to see him speaking in the chamber afterwards. The day was a wonderful experience and a unique opportunity for the students and one that they will always remember. The Baroness was extremely kind and was delighted to meet PA students and gave them an insight into law making in the UK.



Dance Students Take Over the Pitch at the Rugby League World Cup

PA students light up opening ceremony with electric performance

Students from Paddington Academy and Wilberforce Primary were among the biggest curtain-raisers the sport has ever seen.

On Saturday 26 October 2013, students from Paddington Academy and Wilberforce Primary School impressed tens of thousands of spectators with a beautifully choreographed dance performance on the pitch in Cardiff Arms Park. The students were joined in their dance extravaganza by 500 student dancers from other schools across Wales and South West England. As part of the pre-tournament celebrations around 1,500 performers took part in the opening ceremony at the Millennium Stadium which included among the attractions spectacular firework displays, trapeze artists, famous dancers and former rugby legends.

Students, from year 5 to year 11, rehearsed intensively since the beginning of term and attended after-school rehearsals during weekends to achieve peak perfection for their dance routine.

Zosia Shimell, Head of Dance at PA, said: "I am very proud of the commitment and the dedication students from PA and WP have shown for such a fabulous extra-curricular project. They have produced an outstanding piece of work that highlights the exquisite talent that our students possess. This was a once in a life time performance and each student rose to the challenge and delivered every aspect impeccably."

Phoebe Razik, Year 8 students at PA, said: "We had so much fun rehearsing for this routine and I am so happy to have taking part in such an amazing event. The crowd was overwhelming and I never thought I could perform at such a big event."

The event was even more special due to the fact that this year is the only time all 14 nations united during a rugby league world cup. It was also a record crowd for the event with a turnout of over 45,000 spectators.



What planet, friend, is this?

Paddington Academy Actors Perform Return to the Forbidden Planet



Budding actors and actresses at Paddington Academy delighted audiences this week with performances of Return of the Forbidden Planet.

Students across all year groups at the Academy (7 to 13) gave a total of six performances during the week of 9-15 December, including three matinee performances for children from local primary schools. Over 1,000 primary school children came to see the production. The End of Year Show at PA has become an annual event for local primary schools.

Whilst the musical is written by Bob Carlton and inspired by Shakespeare's "The Tempest", the students at Paddington Academy put their own unique spin on the performance. The show was a journey into hyperspace...

set in the future and full of upbeat music with characters larger than life. As the spaceship gets stuck in an asteroids storm and the crew is frightened by an alien monster, the captain (Bilal Al-Khanchi, Year 12) did an amazing portrayal of saving the ship and falling in love with the lovely Miranda played by Year 9 student, Satra-Sia Sumana Kisson; all this in an amazing set, probably the best setting ever seen at the Academy.



Accompanying Captain Tempest on his meteoric journey were: a cheeky robot called Ariel (Tori Drummond – Year 10), Doctor Prospero -a mad professor played by Year 10 Mohamed Meftah, a love struck chef (Year 10's Charlie Wigglesworth), a glamorous scientist (Mariam Sanyang–



Year 12), a very musical team of space cadets and an exceptional crew.

Satra-Sia Sumana Kissoon , Year 9 student who played the role of Miranda, said: "We have all had so much fun rehearsing and performing this show. The audience laughed in all the right places and it was great that so many people came to see us."



Tarani Ariyanayagam, Head of Drama, said: "We were delighted that so many members of the local community came to watch the musical and we were particularly pleased to welcome children from the local primary schools. The show has become an annual tradition at Paddington Academy and this year's performances did not disappoint. The students loved performing it and judging by the rapturous applause and cheers you could hear at the end of every performance, the audiences certainly enjoyed watching it!"



PA Fundraising and Sponsorship Activities

The Academy held a very successful race night on the 28th November raising over £1,400 towards the cost of the next language residential to Barcelona in June 2014.

Thank you to the following companies for sponsoring the races:

- Anne Jagger
- Coach Direct
- Capita Education
- Caramelo Dance Company
- Enterprise Support Services
- Thornton Consulting
- Base Building Services
- Viking

Our fundraising activities will carry on throughout the year as we hope to raise £20,000 this academic year to use as a contribution towards residential and educational visit experiences, which is part of the Paddington Promise to students. We would like to thank the John Laing Charitable Trust for starting us off with a grant of £2,000 towards our target figure.

All funds received will be used to contribute towards the cost of visits and used especially for students who would otherwise be unable to go on trips. If you know of any companies willing to sponsor students for visits please contact margaret.murnane@paddington-academy.org

Student Focus

PA Students Share their Recommendations with European Central Bank



During a two day residential from Monday 4th November to Tuesday 5th November 2013, students from Paddington Academy shared their recommendations with the European Central Bank (ECB) representatives and policy makers at the Child and Youth Finance International Conference (CYIF) in Frankfurt.

Representing the UK, Mohamed Musa and Granit Degruti – Year 13 students at PA – and 22 other youths from Europe and Central Asia engaged in issues of financial entrepreneurship, financial inclusion and financial education for children and young people.

The summit was a great opportunity for students and organisers alike to emphasise the importance of financial education (PA is the first school in the UK to run a financial awareness programme with experts from My Finance Coach) and present their ideas on making finance more friendly for young people.

Conference participants included professionals from a wide area of expertise such as senior representatives from Ministries of Education, Ministries of Finance, central banks, UNICEF, multilateral agencies, education practitioners, financial institutions, academics, media personalities and other leaders in their fields.

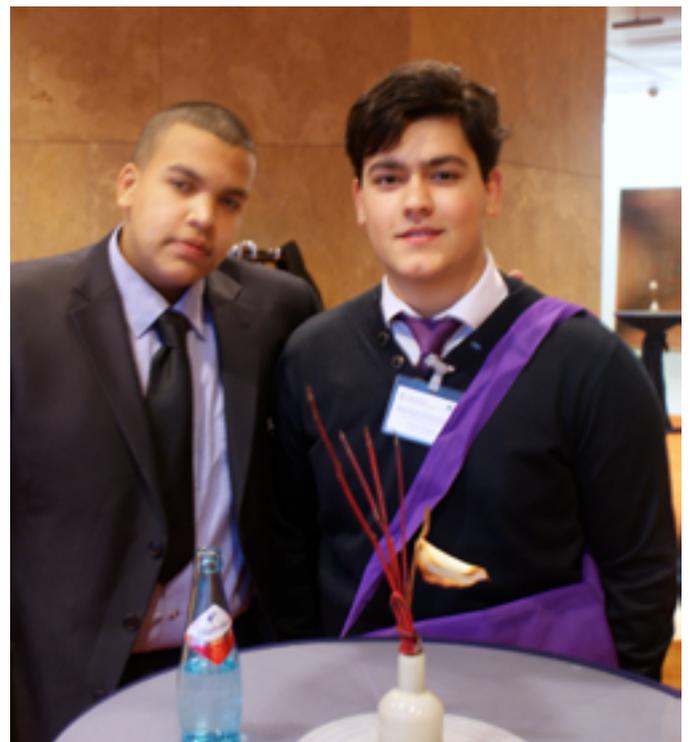
In his address, Mr Draghi the ECB President, said: “While

education in general is critical for the health and wealth of society, so is financial education. In the modern world, wherever you live, it is essential to have the skills and knowledge to manage your money and to know at least something about how the economy works”

Mohamed, Year 13 student, said: “The conference stressed the importance of the commitment by banks to financial literacy and inclusion of the younger generation into the financial environment. This has been an important experience for me especially as I want to study economics at university”

Granit was excited about meeting the Governor of the Bank of Albania, he did not think he would ever meet such an important person. Meeting the president of the ECB was just the icing on the cake.

Ms Laura Snow, Director of Student Support in Sixth Form at the Academy, said: “This was a high profile opportunity where the students were able to network with international students, bankers and policy makers. They really felt like they had contributed to the issue of finance and youth.”



Age UK Project

For the third year running Sixth Form students have taken part in a voluntary inter generation project working with older learners. Older learners from the local community attend computer lessons every Monday evening in the Academy. Sixth formers have helped them to build up their confidence using technology. Students Joanna and Johnny Manby-Brook who benefit from these classes are looking forward to the lessons when they start up again after Christmas as they feel there is so much more to learn.

The attendees have enormous praise for Zaid Dardak, Year 12 student who has been a wonderful teacher. The silver surfers were all given tickets to watch the production of the 'Return to the Forbidden Planet' which they all enjoyed.

Maximising Potential

In October a group of female students studying Maths, Business and Economics from Year 12 and Year 13 were invited to the offices of Huxley Associates Ltd in the City, to take part in a workshop event.

The aim was for the students to gain insight of a major company, empower them and get advice on how to get ahead in the banking and finance sector. The students listened to motivational talks given by accomplished women who are successful in their careers; they also worked in teams to build a spaghetti tower, networked with a number of staff from the company, looked at careers, career routes, various employability skills and were given valuable interview tips.

Students were very confident in their interaction with the facilitators of the programme and asked many relevant questions. Some of the students comments read: "I would like to work in this kind of environment" or "I liked the professional environment and the professionalism of the day."

Kids Count I STANDfor campaign

During a Year 12 assembly in September Raphaella, a Kids Count ambassador, sang a song she had written which is going to be used in an anti- bullying campaign. The launch of the iSTANDfor campaign was held subsequently at Westminster Hall in November and attended by four PA students: Nadeem Hussain, Giulia Alitahir, Mariam Sanyang and Kasean Coe.

After a welcome speech given by Gordon Henderson MP, invited guests were given the chance to network with young people from and supporters of Kids Count. Raphaella told her story of how she was bullied at school before singing three songs which were well received by the audience. Maryiam, Kasean, Nadeem and Giulia now want to be involved with Kids Count and promote activities which will support students in the future.



Students Meet HRH, The Duke of York to Discuss Mentoring Programme Progress



On Thursday 7 November, students from Paddington Academy had the opportunity to meet HRH, The Duke of York. The Duke visited a project run by youth development charity Teens and Toddlers at St Mary of the Angels Nursery. There, he met the students taking part in the programme and observed their classroom session and nursery time with the toddlers.

The visit followed a reception hosted by His Royal Highness at Buckingham Palace in July as part of his 'Backing Youth' initiative to support young people in their personal growth and career development. At the time, PA student Al-Hussain Al-Karim -now reading Law at Cambridge- gave a moving speech about the impact of extra-curricular activities on academic progress.

The students, who have been working on the programme since September, enjoy being role models for the nursery children and developing new skills for themselves. Paddington Academy is currently running its fourth Teens and Toddlers project, which is funded by the charitable

trust of private equity firm Bridgepoint.

Commenting on his visit, The Duke of York said: "I am hugely impressed with the programme, and how far these young people have come in such a short space of time. My advice to them is: make the most of it, because this is an opportunity that few young people have."

Oli Tomlinson, Principal of Paddington Academy, said: "It has been a privilege for our students to meet His Royal Highness today and to show him how they are working with the toddlers. The project gives our students a fantastic opportunity to learn new skills and it has been a pleasure to see how each student is thriving in this environment."

Diana Whitmore, CEO and Founder of Teens and Toddlers, said: "We were delighted to host The Duke of York and to have the opportunity to show him around one of our projects and introduce him to some of our young people."

Roy Apps is Patron of Reading at PA

BAFTA winning author Roy Apps is Paddington Academy's Patron of Reading. Roy has published over 70 books and is a scriptwriter, writing scripts for television programmes such as Byker Grove and working with actors such as Penelope Keith. As a lyricist he worked with The Young Shakespeare Company on The Hunt for William Shakespeare, a musical for young people.

Patron of Reading is a national initiative. The author might be a writer of fiction or non-fiction, a poet, a storyteller or an illustrator. Roy Apps is Paddington Academy's special, designated children's author with whom the academy will form a personal attachment. He will work with us to raise the profile of reading for pleasure with pupils, parents and staff. We are proud to have him join us to make sure that the students in this academy will add personal growth as well as enhanced professional chances to their already impressive exam results.

Roy will visit us several times a year over the next three years; Partly to run workshops directly with the students and partly to make sure we are on track with our approaches to personal reading. He has already made a hit with our Year 8 students and given focus to the strategy team who will make sure this all happens. Last Thursday, he spent the afternoon at Paddington Academy, speaking firstly to the students and then meeting with members of staff to give the process an official start.

This is an opportunity for many departments, including English, EAL, SEN, Media, Graphic Arts, Performance and Music as well as the 6th Form team. Students from the Media department videoed and photographed Roy's presentations to Year 8 as well as a Nurture group. It is to be hoped that all departments will be able to give suggestions as well as make demands for creating activities which will increase the students' personal reading in all subjects.

Patron of Reading is a strategic approach, to ensure that reading for pleasure becomes embedded in the life of Paddington Academy; in the thinking and planning as well as the curriculum. This is so that personal reading is seen as integral to education rather than just a desirable activity not connected with other forms of exploration such as research or homework projects.

By Barry Chaplin, PA's Librarian

Paddington Promise to Students

Paddington Academy Launched the Paddington Promise to students this academic year. The principles of the PA promise are written below and we hope to ensure that each and every student in the academy benefits from this new initiative. We look forward to reporting at the end of the academic year on how this project has impacted on the students.

Every year, every student	Go on a cultural visit for enjoyment (e.g. theatre, museum, gallery, fine dining)
	Present to an outside audience
	Read one book per term
	Represent the Academy to visitors, in a competition or as part of a team
At least once in their PA journey	Meet someone inspirational
	Go on a residential trip
	Take a significant leadership role on an extended project
KS3	Visit somewhere outside London
	Take part in an extra-curricular club regularly
KS4	Take part in a meaningful work experience placement
	Take part in a mock interview
KS5	Visit a university campus
	Full job application process
	Take part in an extended volunteering project or charity work

Exciting Times Designing Games with BAFTA



Year 11 GCSE students attended the BAFTA Young Game Designers Launch this term. They worked with industry professionals throughout the day developing their ideas during workshops on business, audio, art, narrative, gaming and coding. Students from PA came up with some fantastic ideas for games called, 'Move Ya Body', 'Taken Away', 'Zombie Run' and 'Bad Cop, Bad Cop.'

At the end of the day industry professionals huddled together to agree on the best ideas. Mazeda Ali-Islam, Mahnur Ayyaz –Elahi and Lina Salih designed a game called 'Fatal Possession' and was voted the Best Gameplay and Game Design, as well as Best Game Structures and Narrative Design. Huge Congratulations to both of them.

As if the day could not get any better HRH Prince William, The Duke of Cambridge attended the event to support the students. A huge thank you goes to BAFTA for having us as their guests, and for putting on such a fun and engaging day. We did not want it to end.

If you would like to enter the BAFTA Young Game Designers competition opening in March 2014, please go to www.bafta.org/ygd. If you are interested in entering let Miss Slevin in the media department know that you are interested, and we can organise some workshops for you.



Champions at Worlds Scholar's Cup

By Lirak Krasniqi, Year 9

Paddington Academy students are the UK champions of the World Scholar's Cup and have now qualified for the global round in Singapore.

On Saturday, 7th December, five PA students spent a day at Walthamstow Academy for the World Scholar's Cup. The five students - Miriam Bengougam, Lirak Krasniqi, Mahdi Hijazi, Mary Abkir, Mahdi Hijazi and Jahida Begum - took part in four events against hundreds of other students.



Teams from across the country competed in subjects such as History, Science, Literature, Arts, Social Studies and a special area which included questions from The Science of Decision-Making. It was a full day competition which consisted of four main events: Collaborative writing, The Scholar's Challenge (individual quiz), The Team Debate and The Scholar's Bowl (team quiz). PA students, both the junior and the senior team, have done brilliantly competing against very strong teams that have a long tradition in this type of challenge. PA students did extremely well and are entered in the global round that will take place in Singapore in June 2014 – there the competition will be between thousands of students from many countries. We wish our students good luck en route for Singapore and we will keep you posted.

The World Scholar's Cup was created to be something different from traditional academic competitions and conferences: a celebration of the joy of learning, a tournament as rewarding for the team that came in last as for the team that came in first. The World Scholar's Cup is an enrichment opportunity that aims to motivate students not just to demonstrate their existing strengths but to help them discover new ones.

Year 8 Residential

As part of the PA Promise to students to create opportunities to enrich experiences outside of the classroom and with the help of Outward Bound the Head of Year 8, Mr Goodman, organised a three day residential to the Outward Bound activity centre in Aberdovey, Wales.

Outward Bound who specialise in offering opportunities to students supported the Academy by approving a grant application for £8,500 towards the cost of the trip. One hundred and 20 students participated and this was the first time the academy focussed on a whole Year group. The academy hopes that with the help of successful funding applications it will be able to repeat a whole year residential for the Year 8's as an annual event. This ensures that all of the students in the academy will attend at least one residential throughout their time in the academy.

Independence was the main goal of the weekend. Activities and sessions were planned to allow students to develop their independence and personal responsibility skills. These attributes match the school's vision for students and allows the students to work on and improve their communication and team-working skills. Students behaved impeccably and all of them pushed themselves to learn and master new activities and experiences. The students had smiles on their faces all weekend and new friendships were formed and old ones strengthened.

The students experienced the outdoors in a new way, and we hope these new experiences will foster a passion for exploring the outdoors through education and beyond; possibly in further education or as a career or hobbies.

We are extremely grateful to the Outward Bound Trust for contributing £8,500 towards the cost of the residential and for their continued support to the academy in so many different ways



Student Focus

Meeting with a Superwoman

This term, Paddington Academy students had a rare opportunity of meeting a very special guest to the academy, Miss Bonita Norris – the youngest person in the UK to climb Everest.

Students from across all year groups got to hear Bonita's extraordinary and inspirational story.



Here is what one of the Year 7 students, Sahar Al-Ahmade, thought about the visit:

"[...] I first found out about it when Marwa Abderrahin, a student from my class, told me all about this wonderful news. To be honest, I did not really know much about Bonita Norris at the time, so I was not eager to see her. However, I soon realised how amazing and brave she really is and was and could not stop thinking about her achievements.

Furthermore, a few students were lucky enough to have lunch with Bonita, including two of my classmates, Marwa Abderrahin and Tariq Abdelrahmen. They enjoyed it thoroughly and told me how fun it was and how they learnt so much about Bonita Norris.

Year 7 also had a fantastic assembly with Bonita Norris, where she told us all about her journey to Mount Everest and who and what inspired her to climb the peak. Well,

if you are wondering what the answer to that question is, do not worry because I am going to answer it for you. In fact, it was a lecture about some people who climbed Mount Everest that made her say to herself: "I am going to be the youngest person ever to climb up Mount Everest!" Of course it took her a lot of time to complete her dream (two years exactly), but she completed it! [...]"

The majority of the students found this rare encounter with such a role model inspiring and motivational and felt that it had benefited them enormously.

PA Term and Holiday Dates

2014

Term 3

Tuesday 7 January 2014 - Friday 14 February 2014

INSET Monday 6 January 2014 (school closed for students)

Half term holiday Monday 17 February 2014 - Friday 21 February 2014

Term 4

Tuesday 25 February 2014 - Friday 11 April 2014

Moderation Day Monday 24th February 2014 (school closed for students)

Parents Evening Thursday 10 April 2014 (4:30pm-6:30pm)

Parents Morning Friday 11 April 2014 (9:00am-12pm) (school closed for students)

Easter holiday Monday 14 April 2014 - Friday 25 April 2014

Term 5

Tuesday 29 April 2014 - Friday 23 May 2014

INSET Monday 28 April 2014 (school closed for students)

Public holiday Monday 5 May 2014

Half term Holiday Monday 26 May 2013 - Friday 30 May 2014

Term 6

Monday 2 June 2014 - Friday 18 July 2014

Parents Evening Wednesday 3 July 2014 (4:30pm-7:30pm)

Masters of the British Taekwondo Championships 2013



On the 7th and 8th September, PA Taekwondo students took part in the British Taekwondo National Championships at the Manchester Velodrome. They competed against the best athletes in the UK.

The British Nationals is recognised as the most prestigious tournament of the year and clubs from all over Britain attend it to kick start their journey to Rio in 2016. The event was closely watched by world champion Sarah Stevenson MBE and other prominent members of the GB Team.

Paddington Academy entered a team of over ten students led by Master Mark Sargeant. The students left the school on Friday the 7th and the first hurdle they faced was the weigh-in which was quickly followed by a post weigh-in feast. The majority of PA students competed in the Class A Category alongside contestants such as Olympian Lutalo Mohamed - reflecting the high standards of the championship. That said, the PA team excelled and kept their teacher extremely happy. All students won a medal but the highlight of the whole weekend was the phenomenal success of Shafiq Tong.

Shafiq took the top spot in his category drawing the attention of the whole Manchester Velodrome. Overall the team did exceptionally well winning 2 trophies for their combined efforts.

A big congratulations to: Safiq Tong, Zeinab Khalil, Sky Armstrong, Chloe Sullivan, Sara El Dandrawy, Izzy El Dandrawy, Reyan Eter, Mahsa Esfahami, Imaan Magaou, Zina Oukhaled and the student coaches for representing the school so well in such an important competition.



