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## Celebrating Success at Burntwood

Burntwood students have performed exceptionally well this year at both GCSE and A Level. The number of A Level students gaining A to E passes is 99%, with an impressive 75% of those being A to C grades. At GCSE, a magnificent 97% of Burntwood students achieved 5 or more A\* to G passes with 74% of those being A\* to C grades. Some of Burntwood's students gave 'outstanding performances' in their exams, receiving special mentions from the exam boards for being among the highest scoring candidates in the country.



They are Rachel Cosgrave in A Level Art and Design, Sana Moazzam in A Level Photography and Charlotte Mugarra D'Cruze in GCSE Spanish.

Students with a variety of special educational needs also achieved some fantastic results with four A Level students gaining 10 good passes, four AS Level students gaining 10 A to C grades and thirty one GCSE students achieving 229 passes between them.

In the KS3 SATs, 90% of students achieved Level 5 and above in English, 87% in Maths and 82% in Science. Congratulations to all those who sat exams this summer.



### Author Visit in Childrens Book Week 3 – 7 October

**On October 7, famous author, Mary Hooper, will be visiting Burntwood to talk to students about her work. She will hold a lunchtime session in the Library for Years 7 and 8 and following the talk, students will be able to buy a signed copy of one of her books. Entrance is free with a ticket which can be collected from the Library.**

### £10,000 for Burntwood's Grounds

Learning through Landscapes, the National School Grounds Charity, has chosen Burntwood as the only school in London to receive £10,000 of Heritage Lottery money in this round of funding to spend on a project that will have a lasting effect on Burntwood's school grounds. The 'Hearts and Minds' project will focus on the redevelopment of an area of the grounds, providing a multi faith garden and teaching and learning space that will reflect Burntwood students' rich and diverse heritage. As well as providing the services of a consultant, Learning through Landscapes has arranged for a volunteer workforce from EDF Energy to kick off the project. They will spend a day in October clearing the chosen site.

Burntwood needs parents, students and staff to get involved too and the advice of a builder and a landscape gardener are required to get the project started.

If you are able to help with this or in any other way, please call Mr Harper on 020 8378 4041.

# Science Speakers

**This term**, Year 10 Applied Science GCSE students have already enjoyed two fascinating talks by speakers involved in very different types of scientific employment. Mark Durham, who works as a paramedic for the London Ambulance Service, discussed the extensive training and practical skills required in his job. He described his typical day and students were able to look at some of the equipment used on an ambulance.

Tristan Slater, an engineer and Track Technology Manager with Transport for London, talked about the scientific knowledge and training required by the engineers employed by London Underground and answered a variety of questions on how the Underground system works. He encouraged Burntwood students to consider an engineering career, saying that women are under represented in this field.

Other events coming up this term include a practical First Aid session with Mrs Cavanagh and a visit from The London Fire Brigade.



## Charity Run

**On Sunday 4 September, 50 Burntwood students and staff took part in the Lucozade Hydroactive Challenge for Women to raise money for the Teenage Cancer Trust. The run took place Hyde Park on a beautiful sunny day with 20,500 participants including a number of celebrities.**

**The sponsorship money is pouring in but if you missed the event and would like to make a donation please see Ms Smith in the Geography Department.**

## Chamber Choir's Czech Trip

**Following the visit to Burntwood by the Jablonne Youth Choir in March, the Chamber Choir will be making a reciprocal visit to the Czech Republic in October. The Choir will give two concerts during their stay. Find out more about the trip in the next issue.**

## Travel Wise Plan for Burntwood

**Burntwood students have been selected to take part in an innovative project called Travel Wise, an exciting new programme developed by London Gifted & Talented and Transport for London. The project involves students working to change and improve the school environment by creating a School Travel Plan.**

The Plan will tackle the congestion and pollution caused by the school run and will promote walking, cycling and bus travel as the healthier and sustainable options for travelling to and from school.

As well as consulting with parents, students and local transport organisations, those working on the project will examine ways in which the Plan will work for Burntwood.

This could include improving road crossings, introducing local speed restrictions and dedicated cycle ways, providing secure cycle storage, and extending public transport provision. Funding will be available from the DFES to help implement the Plan.