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# *Around* **Burntwood**

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## **BURNTWOOD PRESENTS ITS POSITIVE IMAGE**

The quality of work produced by Burntwood's Photography students is known throughout the Borough. Burntwood's GCSE and A level Photography students were invited by the Arts Team at Wandsworth to be guest exhibitors at the launch of the Wandsworth Open Photographic Competition. This year's theme is 'Magic' and students were asked to mount a display of their work and give photographic tips and advice to the public, and provide ideas and inspiration for the theme. During the evening, students also had the opportunity to take part in a photography workshop with artist Zoe Burt. The deadline for entries to the competition is the 28th January 2011; any student interested in submitting work should see Mr. Bevan in the Photography Department.



*6th Formers Sophie Teasdale and Cassie Carthy were on hand to share their photographic expertise.*

## **BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT BURNTWOOD**

Burntwood is marking Black History Month with a number of engaging events and activities. The Library held a forum, 'My Story', inviting students and staff to explore their family histories and their links to South London, resulting in a colourful Library display. This theme of identity and belonging was explored



further in a whole school assembly. Library competitions celebrating Black History and Asian History are running throughout the month and the film 'Cry Freedom' was screened by the Humanities Department.

## **DEBATING CHALLENGE**

To support its potential Oxbridge candidates, Burntwood is working with the Education Team at Benjamin Franklin House to devise a programme that will help students to master the skills of debating and public speaking.

Twenty two Year 11 students spent a Saturday morning at Benjamin Franklin House, in the heart of the West End, brushing up on the origins of the British and American systems of government. This is the first of many events that will culminate in a debating competition to be held at the American Embassy next term.



## **JACK PETCHEY CELEBRATION**



Burntwood's Jack Petchey Award Winners were invited to attend a prestigious awards' evening at the Battersea Arts Centre on Wednesday 6th October. The Jack Petchey Foundation event celebrated the achievements of students from schools in Wandsworth and Merton. Burntwood's award winners, Olivia Bascombe, Saima Ahmed, Kayeshia Minto, Ella Keen and Eva Larkai were congratulated by the Mayor of Wandsworth, Councillor Piers McCausland, who presented them with medals and certificates recognising their success.

## SUPER SLEEPOVER FOR YEAR 7

Burntwood Library's 'Sleepover' for Year 7 students was a great success. Fifty nine Year 7s enjoyed an evening of games and quizzes followed by pizza and a movie. The 'Sleepover', organised and run by Burntwood Librarian, Mrs Siddiqi and Head of English and Media Studies, Ms Latimer-Jones, assisted by teachers and Sixth Form students, aims to help students new to Burntwood to settle in and show them that there is more to the Library than just books. The Year 7s thoroughly enjoyed the 'Sleepover'. As well as getting to know the school and making new friends, they now consider the Library a fun place to visit during the school day.



**AUTHOR, PAUL DOWSWELL**, visited Burntwood on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October. As a specialist in historical fiction and non-fiction, he discussed with students from Years 7 and 8 how he researches ideas and then incorporates them into his work. He also talked about his most recent book, 'Ausländer', a chilling and poignant thriller about a Polish orphan's subversion of Nazi ideals.

## KNOCK-OUT DRAMA WORKSHOP

This month, A level Drama students saw a thrilling production of 'Beautiful Burnout' at the York Hall, Bethnal Green. The show was performed by the multi-award winning, internationally acclaimed theatre company, Frantic Assembly, a company that specialises in high energy, physical theatre. The play conveyed vividly with its many exhilarating choreographed set pieces the story of a young boxer and his pursuit of success. The theatre, an historic boxing venue in the East End, added to the intoxicating atmosphere. A week later, students enjoyed a very productive workshop on the play with a member of the company. With Year 13 Drama students now devising their own show for A2, and the Year 12s embarking on the challenge of AS Drama, the whole experience proved both worthwhile and truly inspirational.



## SPRINGFIELD DEVELOPMENT

A new planning application for the regeneration of the Springfield Hospital site has recently been submitted to Wandsworth Council. As part of the public consultation, Burntwood School has revisited the plans and found them to contain interesting and appropriate proposals that seem greatly to improve the facilities provided at Springfield for patients, staff and the local community.

## STATIONERY SUPPLIES

Stationery is now sold in the Library at very competitive prices. This includes pens, pencils, protractors, rulers and book covers for A4 and A5 exercise books.

French, Spanish and English dictionaries are also available.



**YEAR 7 STUDENTS** enjoyed a performance of 'Second Chance' by award-winning theatre company, Tiny Giants. This thought-provoking drama covered a range of issues particularly relevant to the transition from primary to secondary school, highlighting many of the concerns that students may have when starting a new school. With humour, emotion and lots of audience participation, it successfully delivered important messages on road safety and travelling to and from school.

## X COUNTRY SUCCESS

The Wandsworth Schools' Cross Country competition took place on Tooting Bec Common on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October. For the first time, Burntwood entered a full Year 7 team as well as a Year 8 team. Having trained hard prior to the race, both teams gave fantastic performances and completed the 2000m course. Burntwood's top runners were:



**Diana Mihailova 7.3 Chloe Knight 7.5 Annabel Lettmann 7.0 Tara Finn 8.1 Nouran Shaltout 8.2**