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# Around Burntwood

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## TOP DEBATING PRIZE FOR BURNTWOOD STUDENT

Emily Cunningham, Year 13, has won first prize in the Benjamin Franklin Fellowship Debate Competition 2011 and an all expenses paid trip to the United States. This prestigious public speaking competition was held on the 5<sup>th</sup> April at the US Embassy, with students from Burntwood School, St. Cecilia's and Southfields Community College debating the motion 'Internet freedom is a universal human right'. Students were judged on their individual performances in reasoning and the delivery of their proposition. Following a lively and entertaining debate, Emily was judged to be the overall winner. All the students who took part performed exceptionally well. Burntwood Year 12 student, Maryuma Bader, was runner up in the competition and Year 11s, Basma Ikram and Margaret Gusah were highly commended.



## YOUTH AWARDS

Year 11 student, Raye Douglas, was awarded the Rotary Prize for 'Service above Self' at this year's Wandsworth Young Person of the Year Awards. Raye was recognised for her outstanding fundraising for the charity 'Cancer Research UK'. Year 9 student, Miriam Bouhafs, also received an award for her tremendous work as a carer. Held at Wandsworth's Civic Suite on the 6th April, the ceremony honoured young people in Wandsworth for their achievements, courage, generous attitude or ability to overcome difficult personal circumstances. *Photo: Councillor Piers McCausland, Mayor of Wandsworth presented Raye with her award*

## INCREDIBLE CHINA TRIP

During the Spring break, 17 students set off for a week exploring China. After an 11 hour flight they touched down in the newly built Olympic Airport in Beijing and within the hour were in the famous Tiananmen Square gawping at its size and smiling for the endless photos requested by the locals. The week included trips to the extraordinary 'Forbidden City', home of the last Emperor and 'The Summer Palace', the infamous Dragon Lady's favourite retreat. Sight-seeing was punctuated by meals where a range of dishes, all equally delicious, were served. Seaweed, crispy chicken, rice, beans, fish, pork, cabbage and at one point donkey were, for the most part, enjoyed! The heart of the trip was a journey to the nearby city of Tianjin to visit Burntwood's partner school, Dabizhuang High School. Students were overwhelmed by the warm welcome they were given and thoroughly enjoyed spending time in lessons with their Chinese counterparts. Then it was back to Beijing for the 'Temple of Heaven' and 'The Great Wall' to round off a truly memorable trip.



## SPRING CONCERT



One of the many highlights of this year's Spring Concert was Year 10 Georgia Wright's wonderful performance of her own composition, 'I'm Already Yours'. The concert programme included classical, jazz and popular music from across the globe. Soloists, the orchestra, choirs and ensemble groups performed magnificently with expert support from Miss Owen, Miss Rhomes and the Physical and Arts Cluster.



***Congratulations to Miss Wilson who completed the London Marathon in an amazing 4 hours 37 minutes and has raised a magnificent £3225 for her chosen charity, The Stroke Association.***

## **NUMBERS ADD UP FOR BURNTWOOD**

Year 10 students Violet Chaudoir, Rhiannon Douglas, Adele Lewis and Jeathra Sivarajasingam represented Burntwood in the South West London Enterprise Network Financial Literacy Challenge held this month at Ursuline High School. The challenge took the form of eight timed financial tasks that included organising a family holiday, buying a new car, planning a wedding and researching the best value loans and credit cards. Burntwood performed brilliantly achieving a very commendable 2<sup>nd</sup> place. As runners-up, students were delighted to receive a £30 HMV voucher each.

## **CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Burntwood's midday meal supervisors recently took part in the charity scheme 'Operation Christmas Child'. They filled shoeboxes with toys, school supplies and other gifts to be sent to needy children in the Ukraine.

## **HPV HEALTH FILM**

Dr Christian Jessen, presenter of the popular TV shows 'Embarrassing Bodies' and 'Supersize vs Superskinny', visited Burntwood School on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Burntwood's Year 7 students were invited by Wandsworth's Health Service to make a promotional video to encourage girls to take up the HPV vaccination against cervical cancer.

Students enjoyed the experience and were delighted to help raise awareness of the benefits of the vaccine. The film will be shown nationwide around schools and health centres to help encourage girls to be vaccinated next year.

## **CHOIR WORKSHOP**

Burntwood's Chamber Choir enjoyed an inspirational workshop with the award-winning octet VOCES8. The a cappella group demonstrated the individual

characteristics of a range of singing styles and the techniques to produce them. They then coached the Choir on a Bach Bourree in the style of the Swingle Singers. Choir members agreed that this was the most amazing workshop they had ever had.

## **LATIN TRIPS TO BATH**

50 Year 8 students visited the Roman Baths at Bath to see one of the best preserved religious spas of the ancient world.

As well as taking an audio guided tour of the Baths, students enjoyed a teaching session delivered by the Roman Baths Museum.

## **...AND ITALY**

This month, 35 Latin students enjoyed a 6 day trip to Italy to experience first hand some of the sites they have been studying. These included the

Colosseum, Roman Forum and Pantheon in Rome and Pompeii, Herculaneum and Vesuvius around the Bay of Naples. An extremely worthwhile trip!

## **ENVISION SUCCESS**

Burntwood 6th Formers' Envision Team, 'Who Are You', attended a star studded event at the O2 last month. They were invited to the 'vinspired National Awards' ceremony as finalists for the 'Connect Award', nominated by Envision for the fantastic work they have done in celebrating cultural diversity. Although the team did not win the overall category, they were Regional Winners and one of four national finalists. They were also commended for their volunteer work by MP Nick Hurd, Minister for Civil Society.

