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## TOP EXAM RESULTS FOR BURNTWOOD STUDENTS

**Burntwood students delivered record results in this year's summer examinations.**

At A level, an impressive 46.8% of entries achieved A\* - B, and at GCSE level, Year 11 students achieved Burntwood's best ever results, with 79% of students gaining 5 A\*- C grades and 69% achieving 5 A\*- C grades including English and Maths. Burntwood's top A level performers include Asante Crichlow, whose 3 A\* and 1 A grades have secured her a place at



Cambridge University to read Natural Sciences and six Burntwood students gained places at prestigious universities to read Medicine.

Burntwood students who achieved outstanding results at A level and GCSE level this year were invited to attend a reception for the Borough's High Achievers at Wandsworth Town Hall. Students enjoyed refreshments, speeches and congratulations from the Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Services, Councillor Mrs Kathy Tracey and the Assistant Director of Children's Services, Mr John Johnson.

**Burntwood's A level and GCSE level students celebrating their achievements at Wandsworth Town Hall**



## BURNTWOOD'S SILVER ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

**THIS MONTH, BURNTWOOD SCHOOL IS CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF SUCCESS.**

A day of festivities was held on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> September. Throughout the day, current and former students, staff and governors gathered to meet up with old friends, exchange memories of their time at Burntwood, view displays from Burntwood's archive and take a last look around the school before it is transformed under its extensive programme of rebuilding.

**BURNTWOOD'S CHAMBER CHOIR** is also celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> birthday. In 1986, when Mayfield School and Garratt Green School amalgamated to form Burntwood School, the best initiatives from both schools were incorporated into the new school's ethos. Mayfield's choir, run by Debbie Lammin, was one such initiative. The Burntwood Chamber Choir has gone from strength to



strength, providing students with unique experiences and opportunities to which they otherwise would not have access. Past and present members of the Chamber Choir joined forces to become the Silver Anniversary Choir and performed two pieces in the evening's celebratory concert. The event also raised £566 for the Commonwealth Countries' League Education Fund. Burntwood is currently sponsoring two girls in Rwanda so that they can stay in secondary education. If you were unable to attend the celebration, but would like your name to be added to Burntwood's new 'Alumni Database', please email Charles Harper at [charles.harper@burntwood.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:charles.harper@burntwood.wandsworth.sch.uk).



## ANCIENT GREEK LAUNCHED AT BURNTWOOD SCHOOL

Latin has been taught successfully for many years at Burntwood with students able to study the subject up to A level. This term, a new classical language has been added to Burntwood's extended curriculum. Following a successful bid for funding to the charity, 'Classics for All', Ancient Greek is now being enjoyed by students from Years 8 and 9, who are learning the subject via video conferencing lessons with a tutor from the University of Cambridge. Burntwood is the only school in London to be awarded a grant and also the only one to be delivering Ancient Greek lessons in such an innovative way. The funding will support students' study of Ancient Greek for three years, taking them up to GCSE level. Interest across the school is such that the possibility of setting up an additional class is being explored.



## YEAR 9 PARLIAMENT VISIT

Burntwood's Year 9 students visited Parliament this month to deliver over 2,000 messages in a bottle from children across the UK. The messages were written as part of Oxfam's Water Week, an initiative to encourage young people to think about and take action on the global issue of access to water. Students got involved in a variety of ways that included taking part in sponsored events and holding special assemblies. Brianna Rouse, Emma Coggins, Emilie Nelson, Charlotte Grigorey and Nouran Shaltout, accompanied by Geography teacher Ms Howes, met with Stephen O'Brien, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for International Development, to talk about safe access to drinking water and basic sanitation for less developed countries.



## VOICING PROTEST THROUGH ART

30 Year 11 students visited the world famous Bodleian Library in Oxford to study the archives of the African National Congress, examining in particular the organisation's poster campaigns. The trip is part of a Lottery funded project, run by Brixton based artists who were involved in the anti-apartheid movement in the 1980s, which is exploring the relationship between art and protest. This will be followed up with a trip to Tate Britain's archive and an all-day workshop with the artists. The resulting pieces of work will be exhibited in the Contemporary Arts and Learning Gallery in Brixton.



## FREE TO DANCE

Ben Hammond, from the organisation 'Free to Dance', visited Burntwood on Wednesday 28th September. He gave an inspiring talk to Year 7 and 8 students about his mission to break the world record for the longest ever dance by an individual. Next month, he is attempting the 131 hour dance marathon to raise awareness amongst young people of the plight of the people of Burma. His aim is to encourage others to use their freedom of expression to support those who do not enjoy the same freedoms as we do in the UK. Following the talk, students and staff had the opportunity to try out a few of Ben's dance moves for themselves.

This month, author Mary Hooper visited Burntwood School to talk to Year 7 students about her new historical novel, 'Velvet', a romantic thriller set in Victorian London. Mary Hooper described to students how she researches her books and then shared with them her writing techniques. Students asked a range of thoughtful questions and were able to purchase signed copies of Mary's books. Authors Bali Rai and Sophie McKenzie will be visiting Burntwood later this term.

**October is Black History Month.** Events and competitions for students will be running throughout the month.

