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TOP MARKS FOR BURNWOOD STUDENTS

BURNWOOD STUDENTS achieved a very strong set of exam results this year.

The performance of students at A level was excellent with an overall pass rate of 98%. 68% of the A levels were graded A – C. At GCSE level, results were also pleasing; 72% of the papers taken were graded A*- C and 98% A*- G. This year, a record number of Burntwood students came amongst the top ten in the country. The exam board, Edexcel, announced that Mercy Dennis-Smith achieved 100% in this year's AS Geography exam and Sana Ghani and Khatija Riaz also came



Some of Burntwood's top scoring students

in the top ten in the country in this year's GCSE Urdu examination. The Art and Photography Department is particularly pleased that 25 students are amongst the country's top scorers, achieving 100% in GCE Fine Art, GCE Photography and GCSE Art and Design. This year more students than ever will be going to their first choice university and all students who wish to move on to higher education will do so. Mrs Dorfman said that she was delighted with Burntwood's continuing strong performance in public examinations. "I am proud of our students' hard work and commitment, and of the staff who work tirelessly to support them in achieving academic success." Megan Fitzgerald from Edexcel's Press Office, said, "Burntwood's students have performed exceptionally well and we congratulate them on their success." A selection of the students' work can be viewed at www.burntwoodschool.com

BURNWOOD HIGH ACHIEVERS

Four Burntwood students who achieved excellent results at A level this year were invited to attend a reception for High Achievers at Wandsworth Town Hall this month. Accompanied by Mr Gibbs, Burntwood's Director of the Sixth Form Curriculum, students enjoyed refreshments and speeches and were warmly congratulated by Director of Children's Services, Paul Robinson. Cleo Little, Katherine Bailey, Jennifer Morgans and Emma Fossett will soon take up their university places at Oxford, Lancaster, York and UCL respectively.



BURNWOOD'S NEW STUDENTS MAKE THE GRADE

Thirty two girls took part in Burntwood's Summer School in August. The week-long programme was for Year 6 pupils making the transition to Burntwood's Year 7. The girls enjoyed lessons in Literacy, Numeracy and ICT and had the opportunity to make new friends and become familiar with the school lay-out. They were mentored by Burntwood sixth formers who proved excellent role models and provided invaluable support and encouragement in the classroom. The week concluded with a party and presentation of prizes and certificates to celebrate the girls' achievements. The Summer School was led by Ms Latimer-Jones, Head of English and Media Studies, at Burntwood. She said, "The transition from primary to secondary school can sometimes seem daunting. The Summer School is very successful in preparing Year 6 pupils for making that transition, giving them the confidence to get their secondary school careers off to a flying start."



Catherine Cooper Burntwood School Nurse

"I am delighted to be here in partnership with Burntwood School to assist in creating an environment that promotes healthy living as well as responding to the needs of individual students. I will support teachers, parents and carers and offer information, advice, and if required, referral to outside agencies. For individual students, I offer daily lunchtime 'drop in' sessions. I am in school every day during term time. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any concerns or queries on 020 8378 4007."

Cheerleaders' Championship Success

Burntwood's Cheerleading Squads took part in their second International Cheerleading Championship on the 25th and 26th July. The Burntwood High School Squad of 18 competed in two divisions over the weekend. It gave commendable performances and gained 3rd place in the Schools' Cheer division and 5th



place in the Senior Level 3 division, bringing back two more trophies to add to its growing collection! The weekend was a fantastic celebration of the hard work put in over the entire season and the Squad is very grateful to all those who have supported its fundraising events this year. The Burntwood Cheervision Community Seniors and Pee Wees performed very well too and achieved 1st place in the Junior Level 1 division. For more information on how to become a cheerleader please contact Coach Paul at paul@cheervision.co.uk.

Burntwood's Cheerleaders and their mothers volunteered to cheer on those running for the Great Ormond Street Hospital Charity in the Adidas Women's 5k Challenge, which took place on September 7th in Hyde Park. Sporting GOSH purple T-shirts, the girls entertained the runners with a variety of stunts and cheering and boosted the morale of both the GOSH runners and the 15,000 women who took part in the race. Next year, the Cheerleaders plan to take part in the Challenge themselves.

Lake District Trip for Year 8

Another successful Geography trip to the Lake District took place in July when eighty Year 8 students travelled to the picturesque village of Ambleside in Cumbria. Students experienced the vast and spectacular landscape with long walks over the Fells and around the Lakes. Year 9 student, Isobel Singh, said of the trip, "My time in the Lake District was an experience I'll always remember. The contrast between smoky, speedy London and calm, serene Lake Windermere was unbelievable. It was hard to believe that we had reached this 'world' in a matter of hours. I had an interesting week and loved the sense of achievement I felt when I reached the top of the hills. Even though walking isn't my cup of tea, I would recommend seeing The Lakes in person. It was priceless."



Model UN Conference

In July, Burntwood students participated in a Model United Nations Conference at Mulberry School for Girls in East London. Students from Years 9, 10 and 12 represented Burntwood at the event with great success and enthusiasm. Students were assigned a UN Member State to represent and then, with students from 20 other schools across London, debated a variety of issues on the UN's agenda. Burntwood students tackled 'Women and Development', 'The Gaza Strip Conflict' and 'Ethical and Sustainable Development', using diplomacy and negotiation to great effect. The Conference concluded with a discussion on how to eradicate world poverty. See Mr Carvalho if you are interested in taking part in the next conference in December which will focus on "Violence against Women".

New Links with India

The British Council has provided funding for four Wandsworth schools including Burntwood to establish links with a group of schools in India. The three year partnership will focus on 6th Formers supporting Year 7s in curriculum projects. Burntwood welcomed two educationalists from Mumbai who visited this month to observe classes and meet with teachers. A Model UN Conference held via the Internet will launch the project this term.