



# KEEPING UP TO DATE WITH NEWS AND EVENTS

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## ARTSMARK GOLD FOR BURNWOOD SCHOOL

BURNWOOD SCHOOL is pleased to announce that it has been awarded Artsmark Gold for the third time. Artsmark is a national award scheme managed by the Arts Council that recognises schools with a high level of provision in the Arts. By gaining an Artsmark, a school shows its commitment to the wider development of young people and staff and to raising the profile of the Arts in the school and local community. Artsmark Gold is the highest level of achievement a school can attain. Each year, the standards required to reach this level have become more rigorous and now fewer than ten percent of schools achieve Artsmark Gold.

Throughout June, students and staff 'Dropped Everything and Read' during Tutor Period as part of the National Year of Reading.

*Shown here students from 7.2 with their reading choices.*



### Year 10 students attended an NHS careers exhibition

at the Business Design Centre, Islington this month. The event provided

unique higher education and careers guidance within the areas of medicine, healthcare and the allied health professions. Students had the opportunity to ask representatives from universities, Royal Colleges and other professional bodies about the options available to them. Students found the exhibition provided a wealth of information on how to support their career choices and university applications.



## Junior Maths Challenge

In May, Year 7's top Mathematics set and the top two Mathematics sets in Year 8 took part in the UK Junior Mathematics Trust Challenge, a competition that tests reasoning and mental agility. All the students who took up the Challenge did extremely well. Gold Level Certificates were awarded to Elizabeth Wakefield, who achieved the best result in the School, Jennifer Higham, Ewuraba Hama-Lansiquot, Nada Smiljanic, Kanako Jarman, Zosia Niedermaier-Reed, Diane Pearce, Nausheen Ahmed, Nurhan Abbud and Nanami Tsuruta. Silver Level Certificates went to Aisha McHayle, Jeathra Sivarajasingam, Naomi James, Jasmine Schultz, Sivarajini Inparaj, Frances Shaw, Kerry Flanagan, Talia Augustine, Mah-Rukh Ahmad, Amy Cameron-Johnstone, Kikelomo Thomas-Smith, Elizabeth Bellis, Hazel Graham, Zouina Assassi, Madeleine Sheahan, Sinead Longden and Evangeline Rodrigues. Thirty three students gained a Bronze. Congratulations to all who took part.

### Art and Maths Competition

Mathematical artists and artistic mathematicians from Year 10 are invited to take part in the Maths and Art Departments' Interior Design Competition to create a mural with a mathematical theme. The winner will be given an area of wall along the Maths Department corridor to realise their design. The competition provides students with a unique opportunity to leave their artistic mark on Burntwood, and in doing so, transform the grey of the Lower Teaching Block corridor into something more vibrant and colourful. All the best designs will be awarded prizes. There is still time to enter. Students should talk to Ms Overton or Mr Alvarez for more information.



*This month's Jack Petchey Award winner is Year 8 student Kim Smith. She was nominated for the Award by Ms Watson for making significant progress in Literacy.*



## Sports Day 2008

Good weather and some great performances from athletes in Years 7 and 8 helped to make Sports Day a fantastic event. This year's tutor group banners and cheerleading were also of an incredibly high standard, adding to the enjoyment of the day. As usual, the hard work and dedication of the PE Department ensured the event's success.

### Old Vic Theatre Trip

Students from Years 8 and 9 enjoyed a wonderful performance of Pygmalion at the Old Vic Theatre this month. Tickets were provided by the Old Vic as part of its 'London's Language' Project. Using the play as inspiration, the project is encouraging students to examine how communication amongst young people is evolving in the ever more diverse culture of London. Students whose effort and achievement in Drama lessons have been of a high standard this year were given the opportunity to see the show.

### Year 6 Transition

This month Year 7 students visited Broadwater Primary School to speak to Year 6 pupils about transferring to secondary school. The girls provided very helpful and reassuring information on uniform, homework and the school day. The students were brilliant Burntwood ambassadors and helped to allay the pupils' concerns. Burntwood looks forward to welcoming its new students on Induction Day in July.

The English and Media

Department arranged a trip for students in Years 7 and 8 to the Regent's Park Open Air Theatre to see a production of Twelfth Night. The girls were delighted by the play's comedy and are looking forward to studying a Shakespeare text in Year 9.



### Athletics Success

Burntwood's team of Year 7 and 8 students took part in the Wandsworth Athletics Championships on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June. Five Year 10 Junior Sports Leaders, Charlotte Fogg, Rosie Byrne, Zainab Osman, Laura Highman, and Farah Chowdhury accompanied the team and acted as officials for the day. Burntwood's results are as follows: 3 gold, 1 silver and 2 bronze medals. Faith Sewell gained a Gold medal in the 100m and the Long Jump. Maddie Turner and Alina McLellan achieved Personal Bests in the 800m. Zoe Onyenuforo gained a Gold in the 200m, Talia Augustine achieved a Gold in Shot and Rebecca Chapman a Silver in the same event. All the athletes who came 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> in their events will go forward to represent Wandsworth at the London Championships in July.

### Cheerleading News

Burntwood's Cheerleaders took part in a Saturday bag pack event at Sainsbury's, Wandsworth, raising over £250 for the Squad's competition fund and the Teenage Cancer Trust. The Squad is preparing for the BCA International Cheerleading Championships which take place in Telford in July. The Academy's Pee Wee and Junior Squads will also compete for the first time at this event. Students interested in trying out for next year's High School Squad should attend Burntwood's Cheerleading Club, held on Monday lunchtimes in the Gyms. Burntwood's Cheerleading Academy is open to children and adults from the local community. For more information or to book a trial class please contact Coach Paul at [paul@cheervision.co.uk](mailto:paul@cheervision.co.uk).

