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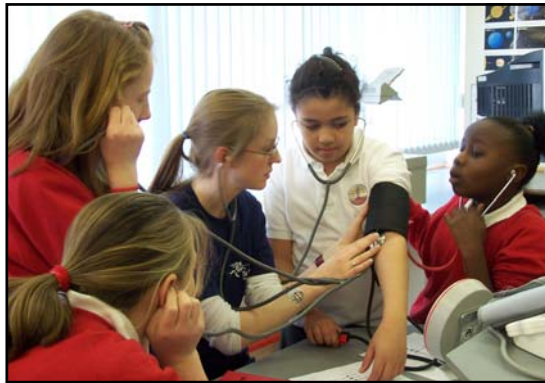
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## Science Roadshow Success

**BURNWOOD SCHOOL** has been awarded a certificate by the Higher Education Volunteering Awards in recognition of its support of and involvement in St George's, University of London's Experiments Roadshow programme.

Burntwood teachers and students assisted staff from the University in the development of the Roadshows which aim to raise young people's aspirations and increase their awareness of the range of educational and career opportunities in medicine and healthcare. The Roadshows, delivered by undergraduate volunteers, provide the opportunity for participants to try their hands at being Medics, Radiographers, Nurses or Physiotherapists. Burntwood students from Years 7 and 8 recently enjoyed the 'Nursing' and 'Prosthetics' Roadshows; this was particularly notable as former Burntwood student, Fatimah Javaid, now in her first year at St George's, was amongst the undergraduates delivering the sessions. The Roadshows are part of Burntwood's successful partnership with the University. Other collaborative projects include the remedial support in Science, Maths and English provided by Burntwood teachers for the Medical School's undergraduates.



## Envision Efforts

At the end of last term, Burntwood's Envision Team organised a fundraising event that included the sale of cards, cakes and gifts as well as a competition and a repair service. The team of 6th Formers raised a magnificent £150.63 for the Disasters Emergency Committee. Other Envision initiatives include the establishment of an effective recycling rota for the whole school.

Envision is a charitable organisation that supports 16-19 year olds in schools and colleges to develop their own social and environmental projects.

The first issue of Burntwood's student newspaper is 'hot off the press'. Editor, Year 11's Cerise Small, said, "It's been hard work but I'm really pleased with the finished product. I hope everyone enjoys it." The newspaper is funded by a Student Council bid to the Youth Opportunity Fund.

## Physicists visit Switzerland

AS and A Level Physics students have just returned from an informative and inspiring visit to CERN in Geneva.

CERN is the European Organisation for Nuclear Research and home to the world's largest particle physics laboratory. On site is a Large Hadron Collider that, in May, will be used to accelerate sub-atomic particles to recreate the way matter behaved after the Big Bang. The largest ever man-made particle detector will then be used to examine the results and help with the understanding of how the Universe is as it is.



The visit provided the 'once-in-a-lifetime' opportunity to see this specialist, giant LHC as once it is up and running it will no longer be open to the public. Students declared the visit an amazing experience and are unanimously agreed that they will continue with their study of science beyond school.



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**Burntwood School  
presents  
BUGSY MALONE  
13th-14th-15th February  
7pm  
Adults £5.00  
Concessions £3.00**

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### **Benefits of Skipping**

In January, Year 10 Junior Sports' Leaders took part in 'Jump Rope for Heart' workshop with Emma Boyle from the British Heart Foundation. Students learned a range of skipping styles and techniques and are using these skills to run a Skipping Club for Year 7. As well as being great fun and good exercise, skipping has other benefits too, as the JSLA students are organising a sponsored skipping event in March with the money raised going to the BHF.

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### **Author visits Burntwood**

South London author, Sophie Parkin, visited Burntwood School in January. She spoke about what a writer's life is like to Year 7 students in lesson time and answered questions from the students at lunchtime in the Library. This was followed by a creative writing session with Year 8 during which Ms Parkin explained that writing, like everything, needs practice. Students wrote about their first day in school using what they had felt, seen, heard, smelt and tasted for inspiration. The session provided an opportunity to look at writing from a wider perspective.

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### **Shakespeare Festival**

Following Burntwood's successful participation in last year's Schools' Shakespeare Festival, students are taking part in the 'Shakespeare Youth Festival', a new initiative aimed at 6<sup>th</sup> Formers. The brief is to direct, design and perform an abridged Shakespeare play. Year 13s Lydia Kinsey and Cleo Little have taken up the challenge alongside other Shakespeare enthusiasts in the 6<sup>th</sup> Form and will present their version of 'Much Ado About Nothing' in March.

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## **Is There a Doctor in the House?**

Sharon Hall, in her final year at St George's, University of London's Medical School, came to Burntwood to give prospective doctors the



opportunity to ask about the realities of studying medicine. Over thirty students attended and left the discussion knowing that top grades and focused work experience are top of the list if they want to pursue a career in medicine.

## **Wise Up Children!**

Burntwood Sixth Form was delighted to welcome Dr Warren Boucher and Dr Margaret Reynolds from the English Department at Queen Mary College, University of London. They came to speak to AS and A Level students about the study of English Literature at university and university study in general. Over one hundred students attended the event which was part of a series of talks designed to give students a taste of what a university future could hold for them.

## **Dance Show Triumph**

On January 26th, eight Year 7 students had the honour of representing Burntwood at the Chelsea Dance Festival in Eastbourne. Students performed 'When It Rains It Pours' to great acclaim to nineteen



other participating schools. Their original costumes and stage setting were highly praised by event organiser Fiona Smith who said that the Burntwood students "were a credit to the Festival, the School and themselves". Participation in the event was made possible by a performance to the whole of Year 7 who, keen to support their fellow students, each paid 50p to see the preview.

## **Perfect Paris Trip**

Students studying French in Years 12 and 13 enjoyed a trip to Paris at the end of last term. They spent three exciting but tiring days taking in the main cultural attractions and had the opportunity to improve their French speaking skills, conversing with waiters and locals in the many cafes and restaurants visited during their stay.

