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Burntwood Celebrates Examination Success

BURNWOOD STUDENTS have produced a very strong set of examination results this year with excellent achievement at A level and GCSE level. Burntwood's A2 results are particularly good; the pass rate was 96% with 45% of grades received being A and B grades. Fourteen students gave outstanding performances, achieving A grades in all their subjects. Student Jessie Wyld gained one of the highest overall marks in the country in GCE Drama and Theatre Studies, placed in the top ten out of the 9,944 candidates who took the exam in June. At AS level seven students achieved A grades for all their subjects. The number of students gaining 5 A*-C at GCSE level was 68%, well above the national figure, with the number of A*-A grades achieved increasing this year to a very impressive 26.5%. In addition to this, Burntwood is delighted to announce that this year's 'value added' score has risen dramatically, which means that students exceeded their individual targets. Congratulations to all Burntwood students who took exams this summer.

Imagined Voices

The project 'Imagined Voices' concluded on the 20th September 2007 with a celebration at Portcullis House, Westminster. The event marked the culmination of several months' collaboration between Burntwood students and Rommi Smith, Parliamentary Writer in Residence for the exhibition, 'The British Slave Trade: Abolition, Parliament and People'. This event celebrated the hard work and dedication of all those who have supported and contributed to the project, including Burntwood students, Ms Latimer Jones, Head of English, the English Department and Design and Technology teacher Ms Wilberforce. A number of MPs including Tooting's Sadiq Khan also attended the event and heard students reading some of the very passionate and uplifting prose and poetry produced in response to the project's theme. A selection of this work can be viewed at www.slavetrade.parliament.uk/slavetrade/yourvoice/.



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Cheerleading Triumph

BURNWOOD'S Cheerleading Squad gave a fantastic performance at the 2007 BCA International Cheerleading Championships held at the end of July in Telford, Shropshire. This was Burntwood's first competition requiring the squad of 18 students to perform a routine in front of a panel of 10 judges and an audience of 4000! The girls from Years 7 to 10 performed brilliantly and came 2nd in their division. Burntwood will next compete at the Southern Classic Competition in Brighton in November.

Cheerleading has proved so popular with Burntwood students that the School, in partnership with Dance 49, has set up a Cheerleading Academy. Open to boys and girls from the local community aged 6 to 14, it will provide young people with the opportunity to take part in an exciting sport incorporating team work, sportsmanship, self confidence and physical fitness through gymnastics, tumbling, stunting and dancing. Burntwood's Cheerleading Academy opens this term. For information, contact coach Paul at paul@dance49.co.uk.





Cookery Club News As part of its commitment to 'Making a Positive Difference to the Community', the Tooting branch of Sainsbury's has donated cooking equipment and ingredients to Burntwood School. Branch manager, Julian Buckman and training manager, Joyce Brown visited the School in September to present the generous donation to students at Burntwood's very popular after school Cookery Club. The pack includes aprons, chopping boards and baking trays as well as all the ingredients needed to make pizzas. Students are looking forward to cooking with the new resources. The Cookery Club is run as a Citizenship initiative with the support of Sodexo's Ms Lowles and Ms Amadi.

Free Books For Year 7 **booked up**

Booked Up is a new national programme which aims to encourage Year 7 students to read for pleasure. It is run by Booktrust, an independent reading charity, and is supported by the Department for Children, Schools and Families. It is inspired by, and builds on the success of the national Bookstart and Booktime programmes, which provided free books to infants and reception pupils. At Burntwood School, Year 7 students were introduced to the 13 titles on offer by the Librarian, Ms Siddiqi, on their first day at school. To help them make their choice, each Year 7 student filled in a questionnaire about their reading habits, visited the School Library to look at the books on offer and then took part in further discussions in their English lessons. All Year 7 students have now made their selection and their books will be in school by December 2007. Students will read the books in English lessons and then complete a further questionnaire in the Summer Term to see what effect the free book had on their reading.

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Author Visit for Burntwood

Cathy Hopkins, author of the popular Mates, Dates series of books, visited Burntwood School this month. She spoke to 120 Year 7 students about how she became a writer and the three series of books that she has written. A lunchtime session attracted a large number of students who came to the Library to ask Cathy questions and buy signed copies of her books. In the afternoon, she spoke to two Year 9 classes, most of whom had read one or more of her books. Cathy and her editor, Anne Clarke, were so impressed at the depth and variety of questions posed that they asked if Burntwood students would look at future book covers and feedback to Cathy's publisher on which cover to use prior to publication.



Geography Fieldwork

Burntwood has been working with the national Geography Action Plan and the Royal Geographical Society to bring new technology to its fieldwork. Year 10 students used hand held computers to record data from noise metre readings around the Wimbledon Tennis Championships as one part of an investigation into the environmental impacts of a large sporting event. They then used Geographical Information software to analyse their data. Year 12 students were out in the field at the Sir Joseph Hood Memorial Woodland to investigate woodland management in an urban area. They were given an informative tour through the wood by Merton Council arboricultural manager Dave Lofthouse. Year 8 enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Lake District staying at Ambleside Youth Hostel on the shores of Lake Windermere. This trip has been running for more than 10 years and is as popular as ever, providing students with the opportunity to gain valuable learning experiences outside the classroom.

