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# AROUND BURNWOOD

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## Outstanding Drama Productions at Burntwood

The Drama department staged two memorable productions at the end of February.

Shakespeare's 'The Taming of the Shrew' was performed as part of a double bill with a new play, 'DeoxyriboNucleic Acid' by Dennis Kelly, written for the Shell Connections Festival with the National Theatre. Both productions were outstanding thanks to the hard work of both



students and staff in front and behind the scenes. As well as being seen at Burntwood, 'The Taming



of the Shrew' was performed by Burntwood students in February at the Secombe Theatre, Sutton as part of the Shakespeare Schools Festival.

Burntwood's production of 'DNA' will be staged at the Lyric Theatre Hammersmith in April.

### MP visits Burntwood

Tooting MP Sadiq Khan visited Burntwood School this month to take part in a Whole School Assembly. Its theme was 'Women We Admire' and was linked to International Women's Day, a celebration held annually to inspire women around the World to achieve their full potential.

Mr Khan spoke of the respect he has for those who fought so hard for women to be given the right to vote. Mr Harper, Mrs Brookes and 6th Former Sky Yarlett also contributed to the Assembly, describing women who have been an inspiration to them.



Your Power' put her through to the Wandsworth Final at Chestnut Grove School on March 15th and as the borough winner she will now go forward to the London Schools' "Speak Out" Challenge! Final to be held in London in July. English teacher Ms de Caires organised the Burntwood round of the competition and provided invaluable help as students prepared their speeches.

### Public Speaking Success

Year 10 student, Karen Boadu, has triumphed in the Wandsworth Schools' "Speak Out" Challenge! In February, Sean Kennedy from the Jack Petchey Foundation visited Burntwood to encourage Year 10 to take part in the borough-wide competition that tests public speaking. To enter, students had to deliver a speech on a subject about which they have strong feelings. Karen's speech, 'Your Voice is



### Sparkling Spring Concert

This year's Spring Concert delivered an uplifting mix of solo and ensemble pieces. Students and staff provided an entertaining programme of classical, traditional, world and popular music. The concert included a routine from Burntwood's Cheerleaders and a performance of 'A Spectre on the Moor', a new piece written for the Chamber Choir by composer David Gough.



## Resources Assistant Post

Burntwood School wishes to appoint a member of staff to work part-time, 22.5 hours per week, 40 weeks per year, in the Media Resources department. The salary for the post is £9,963.

Applicants will need the ability to work as part of a team and be able to communicate both orally and in writing with staff and students. Text processing skills (50 wpm) are essential as this is a major part of the work.

An application form and further details are available from the School. The closing date for completed applications is Friday 20th April 2007.

## Sporting Success

Year 7 student, Karin Muya, represented Wandsworth at the London Cross Country Championships that took place this month in Eltham. Karin gave a fantastic performance taking 7th place and beating her own personal best time.

Following their success in the Wandsworth Schools' Indoor Rowing Challenge, six Burntwood students from Years 8 and 9 have been selected to represent Wandsworth in the Inter-borough Challenge at the end of March.

## Student Council Bids

Burntwood's Student Council has just been informed that the bids for grants it submitted to Wandsworth Council have been successful. The first is for £1,000 to finance a school newspaper to be written by students for students, and the second is for £10,000 that will fund a wildlife garden within Burntwood's grounds, providing a pond and areas to be used for scientific study.

Details will appear in the next issue of Around Burntwood.

## School Profile 2005/6

The School Profile for 2005/6 is now available for parents to read on the following website:

[www.schoolsfinder.direct.gov.uk](http://www.schoolsfinder.direct.gov.uk)

# National Science Week 2007



To celebrate National Science and Engineering Week 2007 an exciting week of cross curriculum science activities was on offer to students and staff. These included a daily brain teasing quiz, competitions, some stupendous rocket launches, a masterclass on making slime, and a spectacular Flashes and Bangs chemistry show. An air dancer was also in residence to alert students to the significance of the week.

## Steel Band at Commonwealth Day Observance

Burntwood's Steel Band was honoured with an invitation to perform at the Observance for Commonwealth Day 2007. Students played a variety of pieces to welcome those attending the event held at Westminster Abbey on the 12th March in the presence of Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh. Guest speakers included the actress Shilpa Shetty who with others spoke on this year's theme, 'Respecting Difference, Promoting Understanding'.



## University Visit

Year 12 students visited Churchill College Cambridge in March with students from Ernest Bevin College, Graveney and Chestnut Grove schools, Burntwood's partners in the University Access Scheme for South Wandsworth. On arrival, students had a tour of the college campus and had the

opportunity to ask a second year student at the college about university life. After a lovely lunch, students took in Cambridge's wonderful architecture. Burntwood Year 12 students have taken part in the European Youth Parliament Regional Debating Competition held at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London. Competition from the 19 other schools involved was very strong but students enjoyed the experience.

## Illustrator's Talk

Sophie Herxheimer, artist and illustrator, visited Burntwood Library this month to talk about her work. She explained how an idea can be developed into an illustration that works with text. A workshop followed with students producing some exciting images. An exhibition of Sophie Herxheimer's work can be seen at the European Commission from the 23rd April. Details on the EC website [www.cec.org.uk](http://www.cec.org.uk).

