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## Burntwood Exam Success

**Burntwood's examination results are again impressive.** This year there was a record number of A level entries with an overall pass rate of 97.3%. The great majority of students leaving Burntwood go on to the university of their choice with three going to Cambridge. GCSE results were very good with 70% of students gaining five or more A\*- C grades, and Burntwood's SATs results for English, Maths and Science exceeded the targets set. Sadiq Khan MP praised Burntwood's performance saying "I would like to congratulate your school on its individual success and pay tribute to the hard work of the students, teachers and governors. You should be proud of your achievements."



## Diversity Day 2006

**Burntwood School launched its Double Decade celebrations on the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2006 with Diversity Day.**

Students and staff were invited to wear their national costume or something that reflected an element of their heritage. The School community entered wholeheartedly into the spirit of the day, resulting in a spectacular display of colour with over 50 nationalities represented.

Deputy Principal, Mr Harper said of the day "Since



Burntwood began in 1986, twenty years ago this month, celebrating our diverse backgrounds and cultural and religious heritages has been central to the life of the School. Burntwood was founded on these principles and ever since then we have developed a strong sense of community and belonging. Diversity Day has given everyone in our School community the chance to express their heritage within the context of Burntwood's rich tradition of friendship and cooperation." Celebrations will continue over the next few weeks, with highlights including a Double Decade Open Day at the School on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October.



## Geography Lake District Trip

At the very end of last term, 80 of last year's Year 8 students spent a week in Ambleside in the Lake District. Usually, rain features strongly at some point in the week but this year it was exceptionally hot with temperatures over 30°C. Fell walks were modified to accommodate the extreme temperatures with staff and students weighed down with as many litres of water as they could carry for each excursion. Students also enjoyed a boat trip on Ullswater Lake and persuaded the captain to fly the Burntwood flag. Other highlights included a visit to the Aquarium of the Lakes and an entertaining staff and student talent show.

## Sports Activity Day

Year 10 enjoyed a Sports Day with a difference this month when the Army came to Burntwood to put students through their paces with a range of team



building and fitness exercises. The day-long event was a great success with students, testing their mental as well as physical agility.

## Dance Workshop for Year 10

The Siobhan Davies Dance Company visited Burntwood this month with an improvisational workshop for Year 10 students.

The workshop involved exploring ensemble and solo ideas from the Company's piece 'Bird Song' which is part of the 2008 GCSE syllabus. Students were very creative, producing some excellent dance compositions.



## Burntwood Choir at Henley Festival

Burntwood's Choir has taken part in a variety of high profile events already this year, including Carmina Burana at the Albert Hall with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra under their principal music director Daniele Gatti, and the Henley Festival, again at the invitation of the RPO. For the Festival, the girls sang to a capacity audience in the main event of the evening, a programme of words and music inspired by Shakespeare, featuring actors Robert Lindsay and Zoe Wanamaker on a floating stage. In October, the Choir goes into Pinewood Studios to re-record the Snow Queen in French and Spanish and hopes to be selected to represent England again at the International Eisteddfod in Llangollen in 2007.

As well as reaching the high musical standard required for the world famous competition, the Choir needs to raise the money to fund the trip. The first of a variety of fundraising events will be a ceilidh on the evening of Saturday 7 October, when Burntwood's Main Hall will resound to the playing of the Committee Band, who are well known on the folk music scene in this country and abroad. Novices and experienced dancers alike will be put through their paces, and the Choir will be on hand to sing. Tickets cost £10 for adults, £5 for students or £25 for a family ticket. They can be reserved in advance and paid for on the night; please email [diane.moody@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:diane.moody@blueyonder.co.uk), putting "Burntwood ceilidh" as the subject.



## Hyperactive Children's Support Group

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28 Worple Road, Wimbledon  
SW19 4EE

[www.hacsg.org.uk](http://www.hacsg.org.uk)  
020 8946 4444

5 sessions this term

£40 per session per parent

For information call 020 8544 1100  
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## PE students visit Army Barracks

Students studying PE GCSE and for the Junior Sports Leader Award had the opportunity to visit Chelsea Barracks this term to find out about different regiments in the Army. The girls took part enthusiastically in the activities on offer at the 'London Soldier 2006' exhibition, which included painting camouflage, abseiling and sniper shooting. They also learnt about the importance of communication and teamwork.