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B2B Basketball Tournament



Victorious: Jules Christian (right) and Nathan Hall.

Basketball Bosnia style

A group of Stockwell Park High School basketball players recently returned from a trip of a life-time to Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils spent ten days in the town of Trebinje as part of a tour which was about far more than just sport.

Mr Butor (coach) accompanied the pupils on the trip and took the team to play daily matches, train with professional coaches and above all mix with people from a very different culture to their own.

Mr Butor said, "This was a fantastic experience for all our pupils. They trained with some excellent players, got to know many new people and had the chance to explore a new culture. I was very proud with the way they represented Stockwell."

Healthy Stockwell

"A healthy body equals a healthy mind" - that was the message given to pupils during the recent Health and Well-Being sessions held at the school.

Pupils across Key Stage 3 took part in a series of classes designed to help them make

informed choices about how they live, eat and conduct relationships.

The sessions were organised as part of Stockwell Park High School's implementation of the 'Health for Schools' policy. Pupils listened to talks given by

experts from outside agencies on subjects ranging from healthy eating to healthy relationships.

Organiser Ms Johnson said, "The sessions were generally very positive. Pupils participated well and learned a lot."

Young Stockwell Park High School basketball star **Jules Christian** went all the way in the two-a-side B2B tournament in Merton, South London. Jules teamed up with a another young player from Bacons College and the pair lifted the cup following a series of dazzling performances.

There were also several other outstanding efforts from Stockwell Park High School players during the event at Harris Academy in May 2009. Stockwell Park High School had representatives in five under 15 teams, **Jules Christian, Maurice Gilbert, Francios Poati-Tchiciya, Monsur Rahman, Immanuel Mbang, Ola Ayodele, David Cavaca.**

Title

Despite fielding the youngest team in the competition, the players showed no fear. They displayed great courage and skill to overcome opponents older and bigger than them. Everybody acquitted themselves well with Francios' team also reaching the semi-finals.

They were eventually knocked out following a great tussle against two boys from Lambeth College which left Jules and his playing partner Nathan Hall to take the title.

Proud

Coach Butor said, "The boys' commitment to performing the fundamentals well, with a positive attitude proved the key to their success. This was a great performance from everyone, but particularly by Jules to win the competition. I am very proud of them all."

David Cavaca said, "It was good fun playing two-a-side. It is really useful because it helps improve your skills."

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Transformation trustees visit
Stockwell Park High School



On 19th October 2009, Stockwell Park High School played host to members of the Board of Trustees of the Transformation Trust.

The aim of the Transformation Trust, launched last July by Partnerships for Schools (the government's funding body for Building Schools for the Future (BSF)) is to provide every young person in new BSF schools with opportunities and experiences that will help them identify and fulfil their potential.

Extra Support

Projects funded by the Trust, which has already secured £2 million in sponsorship, aim to support extra-curricular activities ranging from the arts and sport through to mentoring and careers-focused schemes.

The Transformation Trust Board particularly wanted to hold their meeting in Stockwell Park High School's new building on Clapham Road. Stockwell Park remains the only new school to date to have its design rated 'Excellent' by the government's Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment.

Consultation

Trustees Lord Puttnam, Lord Newby, Baroness Morris, Baroness Sharp, Sir John Sorrell, Sir Tim Brighouse, Sir David Bell and Tim Byles CBE, consulted Stockwell Park High School pupils Reggie Kensah, Bruno Rodrigues, Elhan Ali, Talan Karim, Crystal Stamp-Roberts and Savion Blackwood about the type of activities that pupils would like.



Pupils' suggestions included opportunities such as work experience in hospitals to sample career opportunities in the health service, taster days at the universities of Oxford and Cambridge, visits to art galleries and West End theatres. Members of the Board enjoyed meeting the pupils and expressed great interest in their ideas. Trustees then went on a tour of the building, visiting lessons in Drama and Art.

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Formal opening of our outstanding new building



At last! Our new building opened and it was a wonderful occasion. Ms Tapper opened the ceremony and outlined the importance of the school vision. Ms Tapper thanked the Governors, the Local Authority, the builders, the architects and a wide range of people for their help.

Phyllis Dunpace, Executive Director, Children and Young People's Service also thanked the school and the Governors for making the re-building of Stockwell Park High School possible.

Top row: Thomas Bingham, Abdubasit Daud, Bottom row: Elhan Abdi-Ali, Talan Karim, Stefan Edwards

"Stockwell Park High School is a Business and Enterprise College so aspiring entrepreneurs have an advantage if they attend our school. The Business and Enterprise projects at our school, such as 'Make Your Mark with a Tenner' are very encouraging and give us pupils an opportunity to build and run our own business."

Elhan Abdi-Ali (9a)

Pupils see health and safety in action on the new school site



Members of the Stockwell Park High School Science and Technology Academy learning first hand about health and safety on the Willmott Dixon site where Phase Two of the new school building is being constructed.

Laura Mathews, Architect, and Darren Whiting, Construction Manager, explain aspects of the design and working of the new building to pupils visiting the site office.

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Stockwell Park pupils are outstanding leaders

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CLASS PRESIDENTS AND VICE PRESIDENTS

It gives us great pleasure to introduce to you our Class Presidents and Vice Presidents in Years 7, 8 and 9. They represent the School Council in Key Stage 3.

Our Presidents and Vice Presidents were elected by their year groups. They have spent this term learning how to lead, make speeches and organise CHABOP Day at the end of term. They are making good progress.

Our Trainee Leaders in Year 10 have made 'phenomenal' progress according to Ms Williams (Assistant Headteacher).

They help to run the school, perform duties and are helping to run Leadership Groups on a range of topics such as the Behaviour Management Group, Enhanced Learning Group and so on. More about these important groups in our next issue.

PREFECTS / HEAD BOYS AND HEAD GIRLS

Prefects, Head Boys and Head Girls are extremely important officers in the school. They represent the school, lead assemblies and perform duties.



Head Boys and Girls 2009



Prefects (Boys and Girls) 2009



Trainee Leaders (Boys) 2009



Trainee Leaders (Girls) 2009



Year 7 Presidents & Vice Presidents 2009



Year 8 Presidents & Vice Presidents 2009



Year 9 Presidents & Vice Presidents 2009

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Writing Academy



From left: Elhan Abdulbasit, Jade, Aminah, Danielia, Laura, Cadelie, Stephanie



Stockwell Park media pupils pose with actor Adam Deacon outside BBC headquarters

Live at the Beeb!

A group of Year 9 pupils got to experience life at the BBC during an exciting end of term visit recently. The Stockwell Park High School pupils mingled with stars, chatted to radio presenters and got to see the news being read live during a day long tour of the corporation. The trip offered pupils the perfect introduction to life in the media.

Highlight of the day for some pupils was having their photograph taken with actor Adam Deacon, who starred as Jay in the acclaimed film 'Kidulthood'. Pupils also took part in a question-and-answer session with a range of employees from across the BBC – from accountants to broadcasters.

Ruben Bell was among the enthusiastic pupils who took part in the day. He said, "It was a really interesting day. We got to see them reading the news live and we spoke to loads of people. It has given me a goal to aim for because I now want to work as a broadcast assistant." Mr Godsal who accompanied the pupils said, "The visit was a great success. The pupils really enjoyed seeing how the BBC works."

Globe Players Shake Things Up

One of the many groups of visitors who came into school this year was the Globe Players. The performers presented their interpretation of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, a play studied by Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 pupils in preparation for their end of year examinations. The pupils revelled in the experience, an opportunity to experience the magic of theatre first hand.

Workshops held by the Globe Players enabled many of the pupils to develop their understanding of Shakespeare's language, theatre, characterisation and themes. **Elhan (8A)** said, "It was a great to see the words come alive from the page. Shakespeare is meant to be performed so it was great to get the chance to see it."



Abdulbasit and Laura even got to act as BBC news reporters while Cadelie won the Weakest Link challenge after the pupils participated in a game show. Abdulbasit said, "The trip was brilliant and it has been a great experience to publish our first newspaper."

The visit involved a sneak-peek into the news reporting studios and the hub where the breaking news is received and processed. The pupils also saw the dressing rooms where celebrities such as Prince, J-Lo and Take That had stayed as well as getting the chance to try out weather reporting and seeing where 'Blue Peter' and 'Friday Night with Jonathan Ross' are filmed.

Studios in White City.

Members of the Writing Academy enjoyed great success with the publication of the first edition of the pupil-run school newspaper, 'The S'Park', which was available to purchase at the Business Fayre. They had the perfect preparation for the world of media after an Academy visit to the BBC Studios in White City.

More Jack Petchey Award Winners

Since the last edition of the Achievement Awards Magazine, another six deserving pupils have won Jack Petchey Achievement Awards for which they received certificates and badges, as well as a cheque for £200 to spend on something that benefits other people as well as themselves. **Helena Santos** who was nominated for her services to the school and House, for being a good role model, for her care towards others and for her work as a peer mediator.

Jules Dang-Akodo represents the school in all sports and is one of the stars of the basketball team, which resulted in a call up to the Basketball Academy at FNP Belgrade. He was winner of the London Regional Basketball Tournament, winner of the B2B, 2 on 2 under 15 tournament and has been chosen for the England Under 15 Basketball Team.

Judith Densu was nominated as an outstanding pupil and natural leader who commands respect and is respectful in return. Judith is a very skilful footballer and captain of the Year 9 and 10 girls' team and a player for the London Schools football team.

Rajid Ahmed was nominated for his work developing Business and Enterprise in the school and was elected as President of the school Chamber of Commerce. He has enormous energy and enthusiasm and is able to transmit his entrepreneurial spirit to those around him.

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JACK PETCHEY WINNERS HONOURRED AT AWARDS CEREMONY

Adam Saeed Adam, Elhan Abdi, Johnbie Muawuke-Mpinda and Chloe Rice were invited to the Lambeth Jack Petchey Awards Evening where they received medals for their achievements.

The pupils received their medals from the Mayor of Lambeth, Councillor Christopher Wellbelove and the Director of Pupil Services, Phyllis Dunipace. It was a splendid occasion, featuring high quality entertainment and was thoroughly enjoyed by the pupils and their parents.



Mrs Richardson (Governor and Gift Guide Leader) won a Jack Petchey Award. Michelle Shockley also won an award for Gift Guides.

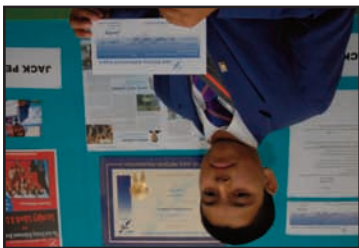
Alexandra Levy-Bennett won the award for the leadership qualities she has shown throughout the past 12 months both in her tutor group and in her House. She has a no-nonsense attitude to work and refuses to accept mediocrity.



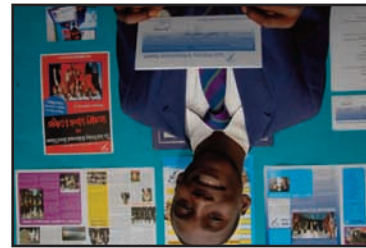
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Alexandra Levy-Bennett

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Stockwell Park Film Academy

Initiated last year, the Film Academy is an innovative cross-curricular after school project. Working alongside well-known artist David Blandy and the prestigious Gasworks Gallery, the aim of the project has been to increase pupils' understanding and appreciation of the art and media industries.

Ten Year 9 pupils got the chance to dabble in film-making, taking turns in front of and behind the camera. The project encompasses English, Art and Humanities and was designed to encourage pupils' creativity.



ENTERTAINING

The group worked collaboratively to produce entertaining comic strips as well as an impressive short film on the theme of Stockwell Park's exciting future. Ms Hatfield, one of the organisers said, "The pupils have had a wonderful and unique experience and a fantastic introduction into film making. Each week they used skills applicable to art and English."

NEXT STEPS

So what happens now? Well, some of the Film Academy's work will be available to view on the revamped school website. The group's work will soon be recognised at a special ceremony at Gasworks Gallery.

Drama Leadership Programme

Kubi Springer of Sisterhood TV channel ran a session with pupils on leaders from the world of entertainment. Pupils heard Kubi speak about her own career and progression.

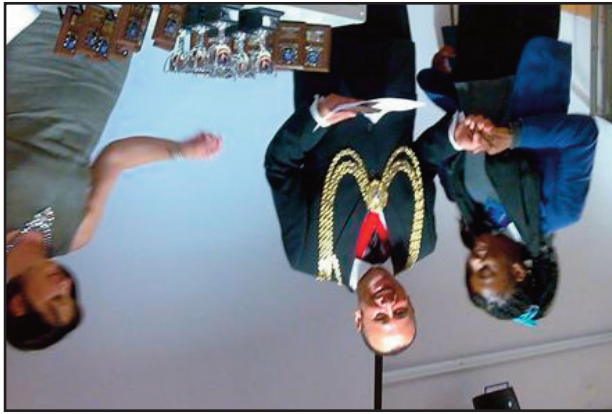
She used an unusual method to illustrate to the pupils that those who grasp opportunities they are given are the ones who get ahead in life.

She held up a £5 note and asked the pupils "Who wants it?" All the pupils threw their hands in the air but only one pupil walked forward to take it. This pupil won the £5!

Pupils left the session inspired to strive hard for their goals and full of dreams for the future.



Gifted and Talented: Our young scientists accept their prizes from the Mayor.



Out of four competitive learning events, Stockwell Park High School pupils won two and were runners-up in another. This made us the most successful team of the eight schools competing.

Some of our gifted and talented Year 8 and 9 pupils took part in the Lambeth Science and Technology day held at the Key Worth Centre at South Bank University in June 2009.

Science soars



Business Fayre 2009

Pupils organised the 2009 Stockwell Park High School Business Fayre. The event was planned from start to finish by the pupils with minor support from members of staff.

It was a great illustration of the enterprising spirit at Stockwell. Almost every pupil in Years 7, 8 and 9 was involved in organising the event, from the table lay-out, decoration, pricing and selling.

Busy Bee



London's Business Future: Stockwell Park Young Chamber

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Young Chamber is a national project designed to establish links between schools and businesses. We have recently set up Stockwell Park Young Chamber which will give many of our pupils the opportunity to develop invaluable skills to take into their future careers. Over the coming months they will take part in a number of projects designed to enhance the pupils' leadership skills and to give them a taste of the workplace.

Young Chamber member Paulo Gouveia said, "Young Chamber is a great experience. We get to work as a team and learn all about business and we will also get to work with other schools at some point."

The longest queue of the day was undoubtedly for 'The Stocks'. Members of staff sporting allowed themselves to be bombarded with water balloons for the day. Not many pupils were prepared to miss the opportunity to throw water balloons at teachers!

Sherece Burger, who was manning the dart stall said, "We made quite a bit of money actually. We were definitely in profit by the end of the day. It was fun coming up with the idea and then trying to get people to spend money at your stall."

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Consultation with pupils

We started to consult with pupils about their learning and about the management of the school in detail because it is important. This process of consultation is also a key part of the management of our new school. Below is a snapshot of what the pupils told us about the school.

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Company Programme Launch

Monday 23rd November 2009 saw the launch of Company Programme 2009 at Stockwell Park High School. The Company Programme offers pupils aged 14 to 19 the opportunity to set up and run their own real company over the course of one academic year, with the support and guidance of a volunteer adviser from the world of business.

Pupils elect a board of directors from amongst their peers, raise share capital, market and finance a real product or service of their own choice and sell it to the public.

Skills

Pupils develop their enterprise knowledge and understanding, skills and attributes in a business context.

They learn by doing, coping with a changing and evolving business, developing essential skills such as teamwork, communication, problem solving, managing risk, creativity, innovation and leadership.

The evening event opened with a welcome by pupils from Stockwell Park High School's 'Tasty Tuck' Business and the Young Enterprise Lambeth team.

Wide range of visitors

Over sixty pupils from Dulwich College, Alleyns School, Globe Academy, Putney High School, Burntwood School Emmanuel and John Paul II School, to name a few attended the launch.

Company Programme Business advisor Jos Van der Perre, through a Christmas advertising campaign for Nike. Ms Lake, Assistant Headteacher described the event as an informative and highly successful event.

Excellent Programme

The Company Programme thanked Ms Lake and the school for hosting the event, "Having a venue that was so central to all the participating schools was fantastic. We were delighted with the response and the numbers of students attending. It was such a good opportunity for many of our schools to meet up and feel part of the bigger picture of the Company Programme.

We hope your students found it useful and informative as well as enjoyable."



Stockwell Park Business Fayre 2009



Stockwell Park Business Fayre 2009



Read all about it! Stockwell Park Book Club members Denise Lamunu and Shaquilla Springer (left) and Lachnstof Burke, Kyle Kinghorn, Tirhas Daniels, Gayduo Kpardeh (right)



Pupils are being encouraged to read for pleasure through the setting up of a new book club. Ms Findlater and Ms Hatfield set up this after-school but pupils will soon be taking over the running of it themselves. The emphasis of the club is reading for pleasure as opposed to reading for information. Keen readers throughout the school meet to share their reading experiences and escape into the world of literature. Book club member **Johnbie Muawuke-Mpinda** said, "It's great to have the chance to read in a quiet place, experiment reading different things and then to talk about what you have read with other pupils. Everyone in the club reads because they love it, not because they have to, so we have some really interesting discussions."

On the reading list this term have been 'Chinese Cinderella' by Adeline Yenmah, 'Coram Boy' by Jamila Gavin and Robert Louis Stevenson's 'Treasure Island'.

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Smooth sailing: Andrew Charalambas, Reggie Kensah and Fahmindur Rahman get ready to set sail.



Ship-shape: Sea Cadets Paulo Gouveia, Daniel Smith, Dwayne Matthews, Anton Davies, Shakur Muroa, Fahmindur Rahman and Reggie Kensah.



In the driving seat: Adam Abubakar gets behind the wheel of a power-boat.



Ahoy there!

Building on the success of the Army Cadets, the school is developing a Sea Cadet Unit. Thanks to generous sponsorship from The Worshipful Company of Fuellers, 15 pupils went on a sailing weekend in Essex as a first step to establishing a Sea Cadet Unit.

The pupils got the chance to handle power boats and sailing boats and undertook Start Sailing and National Power-Boating courses. They experienced two days on the water as well as an interesting trip to the coastguard station.

Back in school, the pupils did a presentation in assembly where As a next step we will be making links with our local Sea Cadets Unit based on HMS Belfast at Tower Bridge.

Cadets march in Lord Mayor's Show

On Saturday 14th November 2009, our Army Cadets marched in the Lord Mayor's Show courtesy of The Worshipful Company of Fuellers. Two Fuellers prize winners rode on the float (pictures below)

Sir Antony Reardon Smith (Clerk to The Worshipful Company of Fuellers) said, "Your young people were a great credit to the school, the cadets were very smart and marched excellently.

They were all helpful and very cheerful despite the awful weather. The school should be very proud of them. Mr Hopkins was particularly helpful and his leadership was much appreciated by me. The two pupils on the lorry were charming as was Ms Jordan. I do hope they enjoyed the experience. They were also a credit to the school."



Pupils watching and learning during Anne Frank fortnight.

Leadership for primary schools

Local primary schools have been enjoying the benefits of our excellent Leadership Development Programmes with staff and pupils of the school. Stockwell Park High School has been delivering leadership development to a number of primary schools in Maths, Science, Peer Mediation, Black Rose and Sports Leadership Development in Basketball.

Under the guidance of Ms Browne, Year 5 and 6 learners at one school tried their hands at forensic investigation.

Mr Butor passed on some of his basketball skills to youngsters at another local school, while Mr Stodern devised a Maths programme aimed at providing extra stimulus for Year 5 Gifted and Talented pupils at Walnut Tree Walk Primary School.

Ms Boothe delivered a workshop in conflict resolution, anger management and peer mediation. A selection of trained Stockwell Park High School pupils displayed their own leadership qualities by assisting her at St Stephen's Primary School.

Mr Stodern said, "The primary school pupils who took part in the sessions seemed to get a lot out of them and it was nice to meet a few potential maths stars of the future!"

The leadership sessions have been a great success and are another example of how Stockwell Park High School delivers Business and Enterprise skills to and with the wider community.

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Anne Frank Exhibition

In July, Stockwell Park High School pupils took part in an eye-opening interactive exhibition based on the life and death of one of World War II's youngest heroines. Anne Frank was the same age as many of our pupils when she was killed but - even in her short life - made a huge difference. Key Stage 3 pupils participated in poetry and drama workshops, watched informative DVDs and even had the chance to hear from a Holocaust survivor during the two-week exhibition.

Selected Year 9 pupils who were trained in history leadership led some of the sessions on the Anne Frank story. The exhibition was rounded up with a closing ceremony during which members of the community were invited to take a look at all the hard work done by pupils. Those pupils who took part in the workshops felt they had learned a huge amount while everyone drew upon the power of the Anne Frank story which proved that just one young person can make a difference to the world.



Trained Stockwell Park High School pupils pass on their knowledge to pupils at St Stephen's C of E Primary School.



Mr Stodern working with young maths whiz-kids from Walnut Tree Walk Primary School.