

School NEWS

Friday 25 November 2011



Healthy Minds Awards

Congratulations to Kai, Tia, Amy and Ava who collected their certificates and medals at an award ceremony at City Hall on Thursday 17 November:

Best Peer Mediator – Amy, W7

Smartest Peer Mediator Uniform – Ava, S5

Jack Petchey Award – Kai, B8

Jack Petchey Award – Tia, S8



Visit by the Mayor of Lambeth

The School was pleased and proud to welcome The Mayor of the London Borough of Lambeth, Councillor Christiana Valcarcel, on Thursday for a formal visit to the school. The Mayor enjoyed a thorough tour of the school, speaking to the students about their work and their experience of being at the school. She saw some impressive Art, English, Science and Humanities work. Our students are always keen to share their enthusiasm for their school and their work with visitors.



The Mayor then accompanied the Headteacher on break duty to see as many students as possible. She greeted our students with genuine warmth and interest and answered multiple questions about her role and her robes. Lots of our Year 7 students had met the Mayor previously at primary school last year. Her genuine commitment to understanding the experience of young people in Lambeth was great to see, and it is clear she enjoyed her visit to a school so in tune with her own values about excellent opportunities for all of our local children.



GCSE French Speaking Controlled Assessments

Tuesday 29 November

Students must prepare and learn their speech about a leisure visit as well as their answers to the fifteen questions about hobbies. Use the white booklet for support. Please see Mr Roberts with any queries.

Year 11 Mock Examinations

All Year 11 will have mock examinations in the key subjects of English and Maths in the last week of term. Good qualifications in English and Maths are the passports to all future learning and careers. We have decided to hold the mock exams in December so that in the new year we and Year 11 students have the clearest possible picture of what they can already do well and what they need to improve to succeed.

The students have already discussed a revision timetable with their mentor. Please could families support their children over the next three weeks and encourage them to prepare fully for these mock examinations.

Tuesday 13 December	Wednesday 14 December	Thursday 15 December
English Language Paper 1 2 hrs 15 mins	English Literature Poetry 1 hr 15 mins	Mathematics Linear P2 1 hr 45 mins (80 students)
English Literature Modern Texts (Of Mice and Men, An Inspector Calls) 1 hr 30 mins	Mathematics Unit 3 1 hr 15 mins or Linear Paper 1	
	Philosophy and Ethics 1 hr 30 mins	

There will also be some real GCSE module exams for some students in Years 10 and 11 in January:

- ⇒ 10 January English Paper 1
- ⇒ 19 January Business Studies
- ⇒ 23 January History
- ⇒ 23 January Psychology
- ⇒ 24 January Geography
- ⇒ 30 January Product Design

Good luck to all students in their exams - though the harder you work, the more luck you have.

Year 10 Work Experience

The time for Year 10 Work Experience is nearly upon us and not all of our young people have been able to secure places independently. If you have any contacts at all that would be willing and able to accommodate a young person for a week or two beginning Monday February 6 please contact Anthea Springer by e-mail workrelatedlearning@the-elmgreen-school.org.uk

Thank you for your support!

College Stars of the Week



Dates for your Diary

Thursday 1 December – 7.00pm
Awards Evening

Tuesday 6 December - 6.30pm
Christmas Music Concert

Wednesday 7 December—7.00pm
PPF Forum

An Inspector Calls

On Wednesday 16 November, the English Department took 87 Year 11's to see 'An Inspector Calls'. The production was excellent and really demonstrated the central message of the playwright; that society should be a community where all members are accountable for each other. This message is strikingly similar to The Elmgreen Way and really hit home with our students.

Christine ' *It was surprisingly good. Really dramatic in parts* '

Molli ' *Thrilling. Especially when the set collapsed. I really enjoyed it* '

Fred ' *I think seeing the play will really help me achieve in my Literature GCSE as it brought the text to life* '

It was a really valuable experience for all who attended and I would like to thank our year 11 students for their excellent behaviour on the visit.



Library News

At Humanities Focus Club this term we are making a model of The Hajj. The Hajj is a pilgrimage that takes place in Mecca every year and all Muslims – if they can afford it and are physically able - are expected to complete this journey in their life time. Each year around 2 million Muslims converge on Mecca, the holiest place in Islam. Once they arrive, they must brave enormous crowds and the fierce heat of the desert as they perform the Hajj rituals. Last week we started making clay models of the buildings of Mecca. Next week Mr Hussein and Mrs Hasan are coming to talk to us about their personal experiences of The Hajj. Please join us on Monday in the library after school if you would like to join in this project.



PARENT PROMOTERS' FOUNDATION

PPF FORUM on Wednesday 7 December 2011
7.00- 8.30 pm

The Elmgreen School

A lively discussion by and for local parents and carers



**"HOW TO HAVE FUN AND STAY
SAFE, GROWING UP IN LONDON"**

Come along, add your views and pick up tips.

The PPF Forum will be preceded by a short business meeting.

Light refreshments will be available (sorry no under18s).

HANDS UP FOR MORE ACTION?

Do you have what it takes to be a Director of the Parent Promoters Foundation (PPF)?



The PPF is the charity run for and by local parents and carers which was originally set up in 2003 to campaign for funding to create The Elmgreen School. It's the Foundation body of the school. Over the years, PPF members have contributed their time, energy and skills to help create and support this community's excellent school.

The PPF has hundreds of members who support us magnificently, contributing as and when they can. Some members take a more active role however as Directors of the PPF. The Directors meet at the school 6 times a year to plan future events and initiatives and to feed into the work of the Foundation governors. There are 5 Foundation governors who work with the other governors, monitor, challenge and set the strategic direction of the school. The Foundation governors have an additional responsibility as guardians of the ethos.

Our AGM on Wednesday 7 December is your opportunity to put yourself forward for election as a PPF Director. *No experience is necessary. We particularly welcome interest from parents/carers of black or minority ethnic origin in order to help ensure that the PPF directors are reflective of the local community.*

If you're interested please call/e-mail PPF Project Manager, Kate Scrase for more information. If you do want to stand for election as a director please note your nomination form must arrive by [5pm on Wednesday 1 December](#).



CONTACT PPF Project Manager, Kate Scrase, 0208 678 9181 (after 4pm) or 07976 356268 or kscrase@the-elmgreen-school.org.uk

PPF Quiz Night

PPF Quiz night last Friday was a real success, stretching brains - and waistlines! - as players enjoyed an excellent buffet meal and competed to answer the intriguing questions posed by Quiz master Tony Pizzoferro.

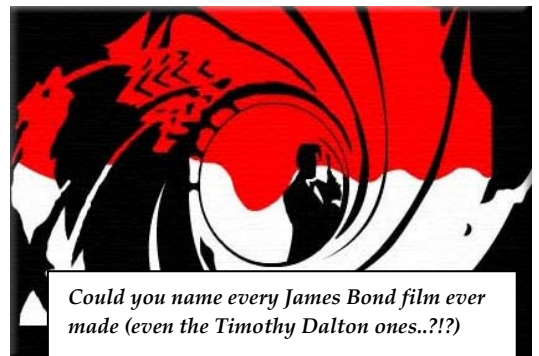


You can rest assured that your children's education is in safe hands – as The Elmgreen School staff team triumphed – leading from the start and never losing prime position – they were first place in every round!

Families, friends and neighbours of The Elmgreen School enjoyed a fun evening together whilst raising a whopping **£573.75** which will be used to support academic and vocational bursaries for students and the work of the PPF itself. Thanks you to everyone who helped out and to all who came along and made it such a great evening.

Our next big social event will be the fabulous **Family Bingo night on Friday 18 May** – when you can bring the whole family and all your friends – Why not make a note in your diary now?

PS: if you were kind enough to donate the lovely crumble then please contact Jo Wallman (07711181826 or jorussell@wallmanhat.freeserve.co.uk) - she has your Pyrex dish and jute bag.



Could you name every James Bond film ever made (even the Timothy Dalton ones..!?)

Fundraising Week 5 – 9 December

There will be a number of events taking place during the penultimate week of term organised by Year 11 students to help raise money for the school Prom. Events include:

Monday 5 December	Year 7 PS3 Fifa 12 tournament Year 8 table tennis tournament – lunchtime, market square
Tuesday 6 December	Year 8 PS3 Fifa 12 tournament
Wednesday 7 December	Year 9 PS3 Fifa 12 tournament Year 10 table tennis tournament – lunchtime, market square
Thursday 8 December	Year 10 PS3 Fifa 12 tournament Year 11 table tennis tournament – lunchtime, market square
Friday 9 December	Non-uniform day Cake and biscuits sale Year 7 table tennis tournament – lunchtime, market square Sprint contest – Frederick Vs Mr Silly

Post 16 Options

Our Year 11s are in the middle of a busy and important year. They have important decisions to make about their post 16 options and they have preparation to do for final exams. They are being well supported and guided by school staff as they navigate their way through the year. We are very proud of the progress they are making.



An important stage of this process happened this week when all Year 11 students had one to one meetings with a member of their college team or the senior team. It was an opportunity to discuss their Post 16 options. The meetings were very successful and all the students showed real professionalism in the way they discussed their future career paths and choices for next year. The majority of students also began to fill in their application form for our Sixth Form and we are looking forward to receiving as many as possible this term, in advance of the final deadline of Friday 6 January.

We encourage students to continue to research their options and ask Ms Springer for careers advice or Mrs Blake about the Sixth Form. They can also independently research by using these websites:

<http://www.bestcourse4me.com/>

<http://www.careersbox.co.uk/>

<http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk/Be-An-Apprentice.aspx>

<http://www.fasttomato.com>

<http://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/>



Election of Parent Governors

Following the elections that ended on 24 November the following have been elected for a four year term of office



Adrian Butler



Joseph Crosbie



Deborah Lewis



Emma Marks



Kate Scrase



Helen Ward



Frankie Waugh