



ST PAUL'S ACADEMY

Educating children in Greenwich

Breaking News

- *Congratulations to Rebecca Garrett and Amy Achour from Year 10 who have been selected to represent St Paul's Academy at the Greenwich Dance Christmas Performance*
- *The U14 Gaelic Football Team has been crowned London League Champions following their 3 – 07 (16pts) to 2 – 05 (11pts) victory over St Brendan's*
- *Joe Meade from Year 10 has been nominated as South London's Gaelic Football Player of the Year*
- *Congratulations to Nkemjika Eka of Year 8 who has now scored 53 goals in inter-school football fixtures*



Dear Parents and Guardians

“St. Paul's praised by Ofsted.
Congratulations to all members of the school community.

Principal: Pat Winston

We are just completing the longest and, in many ways, the most difficult half term of the year. However, during these eight weeks a huge amount has been achieved including our Ofsted Inspection, fund raising for our Advent Charities, the Year 11 mock examinations and, of course, preparation for the great feast of Christmas.

Praise from Ofsted

As we anticipated, we were visited by Ofsted at the end of November and at the end of their two day visit they concluded that St. Paul's was a good school with outstanding features. The report is extremely positive with many complimentary remarks about our community. The team acknowledged many strengths including academic performance but they were most impressed by the values held by students and the respect they show for others. The inspectors saw this as an outstanding feature of our school and a reflection of the strength of our community.

I look forward to sending you a summary of the inspection when the final draft of the report is published in the New Year.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the staff of St. Paul's Academy, without whose dedication your sons and daughters would not make such significant progress. I have said many times that the staff, both teaching and support, give far in excess of their contractual obligations and without this generosity of time and spirit St. Paul's Academy would not enjoy the reputation it does.





Focus Days and Activities

These days, it is becoming more and more common, both nationally and through the Church, to have particular days or weeks set aside for specific topics. We are, of course, used to certain events such as Remembrance Sunday in November and the more recently established World Aids Day which is held on December 1st. Both of these occasions have been marked in school and this half term we have also focussed our attention on Enterprise Week and Anti-Bullying Week. The aim of Enterprise Week is to enable students to have a first hand, practical but safe experience of making money; there are obviously many ways of doing this but one which was particularly successful this year was the challenge put to Year 9. Each form was given £10 and told to go away and, using only that money, see how much profit they could make. The ideas that students came up with were fantastic and ranged from using a chocolate fountain to coat marshmallows with hot, liquid chocolate to hiring DVDs and charging other students to watch them. 9E made the most profit ending up with grand sum of £80 and the total profit for the year group was in excess of £250. Overall, this was an extremely enjoyable learning experience.



Anti-Bullying DVD produce by students

During Anti-Bullying Week assemblies featured a DVD made by a group of our Year 8, 9 and 10 students about the consequences of bullying. The students were advised and supported by a professional actor and director, Naomi Cortez, who helped them produce a high quality and hard hitting film. Having shown it to students at St. Paul's, the DVD is going to be taken into other schools and, through the education authority, it will hopefully be made available to youth groups. The marketing of the DVD, which is actually entitled 'Consequences', will be undertaken by a Year 10 Enterprise group which is a fantastic example of different areas of the Academy working together.

Music Department hits a High Note

We have also experienced great success in music this term, branching out into new ventures. The mass for the feast of All Saints on November 1st, not only featured some spectacular singing from individual students, as well as from the choir and indeed the whole school, but also for the first time our students provided the instrumental accompaniments. Equally impressive was the fact that our students wrote three pieces of music, including the Gloria, which were performed for the first time during this Mass; it was very obvious at the end of our celebration that everyone present had been very moved by the occasion. Some students also took part in the London Jazz Festival,



playing a piece actually composed by our Head of Music, Mrs Presencer. This was a superb opportunity for them to work with professional musicians and to experience the excitement of live performance. We are looking forward to many more diverse ventures in the future.

Swipe Card meal payments

As you are all well aware, the breakfast and lunch system at St Paul's works extremely well with many students availing themselves of the meals on offer. However, I have been asked by the office staff to remind you that payment by cheque is by far the most convenient way of putting money on to your sons' and daughters' swipe cards. A cheque ensures that the amount of money you give your child is the same amount which is put on the card; we are finding that some parents and carers are giving their children large sums of money only to find that not all of it is being put on the swipe card. Putting on money in this way also means that students waste less time queuing at the office and that congestion on the bottom corridor is kept to a minimum.



Fund Raising

Of course, no Christmas Newsletter would be complete without me giving you details of our Advent Fund raising. This year I am delighted to tell you that we have raised in excess of £3,000 and worked closely with Sr. Ann O'Connor in Kenya, supporting her work in schools and with children who have HIV/AIDS. Our commitment to this project is long term because, as a community, we undertook to see a number of students through their secondary education, which has to be paid for in Kenya, and obviously this requires annual funding. This year the Student Forum also elected to support Demelza House which is a hospice offering care for children and young people who suffer from chronic or life shortening conditions as well as respite care for families.

The original Demelza House is in Sittingbourne but there is huge need for such care in other areas and so a site has been bought in Eltham. Our aim was to raise as much as possible for the new institution as well as raising awareness within our community about the need for huge growth in the hospice movement. Most of us will have contact with the hospice movement at sometime in our lives and we very much hope that our school will maintain contact with Demelza House, and continue to support this project in any way we can.

As we approach Christmas, we remember that we are celebrating Christ coming among us; the small baby in the manger was the all-powerful God coming to us in the most humble and powerless way imaginable. I would like to wish all members of our school community a very happy and peaceful holiday.

Best Wishes

Patrick Winston

Principal

Important Dates

Wednesday, 16th January
Year 9 to Whitstable

Wednesday, 30th January
Year 9 to Whitstable

Friday, 18th January
Year 10 & 11 Science Module Tests

Tuesday, 5th February
Enrichment Day

Wednesday, 6th February
Ash Wednesday Liturgical services
for all year groups

Thursday, 7th February
Year 10 Consultation Evening at 4pm

Holiday Dates 2008

Spring Term

Monday 7th January 2008
Thursday 3rd April 2008

Spring Half Term

Monday 18th February 2008
Friday 22nd February 2008

Good Friday

Friday 21st March 2008

Easter Monday

Monday 24th March 2008

Spring Holidays

Friday 4th April 2008
Friday 18th April 2008

Summer Term

Monday 21st April 2008
Friday 18th July 2008

May Day Holiday

Monday 5th May 2008

Summer Half Term

Monday 26th May 2008
Friday 30th May 2008



Netball at St. Paul's

Netball at St Paul's Academy has continued to flourish this season with the highest number of players ever. Each year group has a team which trains every Monday and which plays both friendly and league fixtures throughout the season.

However, the biggest news this season is that St Paul's has gained admission to the Bromley Netball League; this means more competitive games against strong opponents which raises our game monumentally. We are also now registered with England Netball which means our teams are officially recognised and will receive even more invitations to various tournaments held across Kent and London. In September, the Year 7 and 8 teams competed in the London Academies Netball Championships held on a treacherous day at Coldharbour Leisure Centre. Despite the horrendous weather conditions, both teams played well and the newly formed Year 7 team in particular showed great potential coming fifth in a tough group of 13 schools. The Year 8 team also performed well and were placed fifth in their age category.

The U16 team, whose members show huge dedication, is moving from strength to strength and for their efforts have had numerous, glorious victories against old rivals! They were also delighted to come fourth in their group at the recent Kent County Netball Championships held at Rainham School, Gillingham. All girls played excellently despite several finger injuries and finished the day exhausted but proud of their collective performance.

Even though the winter days grow darker and colder, we will continue to train on Mondays in order to maintain fitness and skill levels and we are also pleased to announce that we are introducing termly Netball Master Classes, which will be held indoors and will include fitness programmes as well as nutritional advice. Keep your eyes on the notice boards for more details of this, girls!

Finally, details of the St Paul's Academy Netball Club's trip to Spain in May are being finalised so watch this space.

From our Football Correspondent

The Second Chapter

Football teams throughout the school have taken part in a number of fixtures including the National Cup and the Kent Cup. The complete set of results to date is:

YEAR 7

OPPONENTS	COMPETITION	SCORE
Trinity	Friendly	Won 6 - 0
Harvey GS	Friendly	Won 9 - 4
Knight's Academy	National Cup	Lost 1 - 3
St Columba's	Kent Cup	Won 3 - 2
Kemnal TC	Friendly	Won 7 - 4
Swanley	Kent Cup	Won 9 - 0
Trinity	Kent Cup	Won 7 - 0
St Columba's	Friendly	Won 9 - 2

Goalscorers:

B.Owusu-Ansah 13,
W.Orimolusi 11,
A.Baptiste 7,
B.Anidugbe 6,
O.Isichei 5,
O.Adeloye 3,
S.Shote, 2,
B.Holdsworth 1,
C.Normahoned 1,
T.Fadipe 1,
(Own Goal 1)

YEAR 8

OPPONENTS	COMPETITION	SCORE
Trinity	Friendly	Won 2 - 0
Harvey GS	Friendly	Lost 2 - 3
Sackville	Kent Cup	Won 15 - 1
Kemnal TC	Friendly	Won 5 - 2
Meopham	Kent Cup	Won 5 - 0
Hayes	Friendly	Won 2 - 0
City of London	Friendly	Lost 3 - 6
Hayesbrook	Kent Cup	Lost 2 - 5
Bishop Challoner	Friendly	Won 4 - 1

Goalscorers:

N.Eka 14,
D.Conteh 7,
K.Okogwu 5,
K.Makinde 2,
JC Hines 2,
J.Olufade 2,
G.Murphy 2,
K.Sharpe 1,
C.Shiel 1,
J.Keating 1,
C.Dunleavy 1,
H.Hill 1,
(Own Goal 1)

YEAR 9

OPPONENTS	COMPETITION	SCORE
Trinity	Friendly	Drew 4 - 4
Harvey GS	Friendly	Won 8 - 0
Chatham GS	National Cup	Won 5 - 4
Hurstmere	Kent Cup	Won 2 - 1
Kelsey Park	National Cup	Lost 3 - 8
Cleeve Park	Kent Cup	Won 3 - 1
Hayes	Friendly	Lost 2 - 3
Coopers	Kent Cup	Drew 2 - 2
City of London	Friendly	Won 6 - 2

Goalscorers:

O.Odebunmi 14,
A.Wright 6,
N.Eka 5,
M.Brobby 4,
A.Bridge 3,
G.Inkulu 3,
S.Lingwood 1,
L.Obembe 1,
L.Akanni 1,
T.Nihill 1,
A.Marshall-Peacock 1,
A.Swain 1,
(Own Goal 1)

YEAR 10

OPPONENTS	COMPETITION	SCORE
Trinity	Friendly	Won 6 - 1
Woolwich Polytechnic	Friendly	Won 2 - 1
Harvey GS	Friendly	Won 7 - 2
Kemnal TC	Kent Cup	Lost 0 - 1
Eltham Green	National Cup	Won 5 - 2
Geoffrey Chaucer TC	National Cup	Won 4 - 2

Goalscorers:

M.Fabiyi 8,
J.McGilly 4,
J.Gillespie 3,
M.Kolawole 3,
J.Baptiste 2,
L.Hubbard 1,
O.Akande 1

YEAR 11

OPPONENTS	COMPETITION	SCORE
Chatham GS	Kent Cup	Lost 2 - 6
Bexley BA	Kent Cup	Lost 1 - 4

Goalscorers:

D.Isichei 1,
J.Higgins-Page 1

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OPPONENTS	COMPETITION	SCORE
Hayes	Friendly (U14)	Lost 0 - 4
Hayes	Friendly (U12)	Won 3 - 0
Chislehurst & Sidcup GS	Kent Cup (U13)	Won 6 - 0
Tunbridge Wells GGS	Kent Cup (U16)	Won 6 - 2
Bexleyheath	Kent Cup (U13)	Lost 1 - 6
Canterbury HS	Nat. Cup (U15)	Lost 2 - 4
Gravesend GGS	Kent Cup (U16)	Won 1 - 0
Beaverwood	Friendly (U13)	Won 2 - 1
Fort Pitt GS	Kent Cup (U16)	Won 4 - 6

Goalscorers:

V.Asare 6,
A.Offe 6,
T.Murphy 3,
A.Light 2,
C.Swain 1,
L.Smith 1,
H.Goodes 1,
M.Mbang 1,
R.Kayode 1,
L.Trieu 1,
B.Jones 1,
M.Kersnauskaite 1.

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