



Winter Term Newsletter

Saturday 9th December 2006, will be our last day of term!

NEW TERM BEGINS SATURDAY 13TH JANUARY 2007!!

Sponsored Reading

The students will be given a task to do over the Christmas holidays 'Sponsored Reading' the forms for the sponsored reading will be given out to the students on the last day of term and should be returned by 13th January 2007.

GCSE Workshops

CSEP have scheduled GCSE workshops on 3rd February 2007 for years 10 and 11 .This is a great opportunity to get yourselves ready for your exams!

Open Morning

Open morning for KS 1 & 2 and year 7 is on 17th February from 10.30-12.30am, if you would like to make an appointment, please see your child's teacher.

PCA and AGM

The next PCA and AGM is on 27th January 2007, **ALL** parents are welcome and encouraged to attend and take an active roll.

Reminders

Mobile phones need to be switched off while students are in class. This is becoming an Issue as the class is being interrupted by phones ringing.

It has also been noticed that some of the students have left the building in between classes to get to the shops. This is not permitted except for the science students before their afternoon sessions begin.

There is also **NO** eating or drinking in the class rooms and hats and hoods are not allowed on in the building.

Students Behaviour

Behaviour in the classes for the upper school has come to our attention, please remind students that there is no time for the teachers to deal with behaviour as all students and parents were informed on their induction.

Web Site

Please log on to our web site www.csep.org.uk for any updates and interesting information you may need.

Safer streetz Web Site

We the 'Safer Streetz' group working alongside the CSEP (Croydon Supplementary Education Project), Home Office, and "Informed Choices" on the project Digital Graffiti. Please visit our web site www.saferstreetz.co.uk to find out more.

Advertising space for your business or event in our Prize Giving Brochure

Do you have a business or an event you would like to advertise in our newsletter, web site or Prize Giving brochure? This is a great way to advertise your business or event to over 300 potential clients, their families and friends. The cost of an advert is very competitive compared to the possible return you could receive as a result of advertising in this way. 1/4 page : £35.00 1/2 page : £70.00 Full page : £125.00 (page size A4 black and white) Please speak to Pat McCarthy for further details. The deadline to receive the text for our web site or newsletter is March 2007.

New Students

CSEP would like to welcome all the new students that have joined CSEP Saturday School!!

CSEP young Poets and Writers

Well done to all the students who took part in the 'Poetry writing competition' for Croydon Council. CSEP are hoping to send a variety of the poems to Lite Bites funding to be put into another competition. All poem entries need a £5.00 entry fee, and parents will be asked to pay towards the entry so CSEP could win £500 to help towards the costs and improve the resources of the Saturday School.

Standing Order Amendments

All parents need to amend their standing order forms! If you haven't already, please make sure you amend the forms ASAP. Standing Order Forms are located at reception.

Choir and Dance

Auditions for the Choir and dance ensemble will be held in the new term, please see Mrs McCarthy for time and dates.

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Careers Week 2006

Very Successful Careers Week during the October half term week. Many students attended from neighbouring secondary schools especially St Mary's High School.

Here is a selection of comments taken from completed feedback evaluation sheets by the students after each workshop.

Career Workshop = Writer & Historical Researcher

"I do history at school and this has helped me a lot more than what my teachers teach on black history"

Career Workshop = Money Management

"The talk on this should be done again because it was really useful"

Career Workshop = Running Your Own Business

"It was a good learning activity"

Career Workshop = Paramedic

"How to be a doctor or paediatrician"

Career Workshop = Trainee Solicitor

"Excellent role model, very informative, stimulated other interest and aspirations"

The icing on the cake at the end of Careers week was the Barrister Shaun Wallace (winner of mastermind 2004) who came to CSEP on Saturday 28th October and facilitated a session on Law to a packed room of students, parents & teachers. He even donned his traditional wig that is worn in court and took time out to sign autographs and take pictures with the students and teachers.

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all CSEP's students and parents
We wait for your safe return!!!**

CSEP Black History Month Heritage Day 28th October 06

This was the first CSEP Heritage Day which kicked off with a Black History quiz at 12.00pm Midday. The teams were "New Era" "Isis" and "Red Endeavour". The winning team "Red Endeavour" received their winners medals from Shaun Wallace.

Prizes for the raffle were generously donated by Treasures Gift shop and Kizala gift shop
We were entertained by Poet & Barrister - David Neita who recited some of his inspirational poems from his book of poetry. (Watch this space for his upcoming book launch)

Finally we all gathered outside in the car park for a Caribbean Stilt Walking performance to the sounds of soca by international and professional stilt performer Kyle Walcott. This was a fantastic experience especially when he jumped over the head of a 6ft 3ins person- magical - watch this space for stilt walking workshops next year.

CSEP visit to The National Archives 25th Nov 06

This year the students from CSEP were specially invited by The National Archives located in Kew to take part in the young people's workshops as part of it's annual Caribbean Family History Day

Students left CSEP by coach at 8.30am in the morning and on arrival embarked on a full programme of history activities including filming by Patrick Vernon on behalf of Every Generation

Shango Baku -actor & performer acted out a realistic and convincing portray of Olaudah Equiano - the students were enthralled and ears pricked up to be taken back in time to experience the life of Olaudah Equiano (especially in full costume).

Professional dancer **Abrafi** conducted a dance workshop and was impressed by CSEP's talented dancers and the speed at which they learnt the routines.

Beyond facilitated a creative writing workshop and discovered many budding CSEP writers.

Historian Steve Martin led a session about Inspirational People..... and then who should walk in ?.....ex athlete now TV sports presenter and star of the BBC programme "Who Do You Think You Are" **Colin Jackson**..... who was immediately quizzed by many questions from excited CSEP students he also signed autographs and took pictures with the students.

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