



CSEP END OF TERM NEWSLETTER

March 2005

CLASSES COMMENCE

SATURDAY 16TH APRIL 2005

Parents & Children Association

It's that time again - Our annual Prize Giving is upon us. The Parents and Children Association will be having a meeting on Saturday 23rd April at **10.45am sharp** to discuss and plan activities for Prize Giving which takes place on Saturday 9th July 05. Parents please put your thinking caps on for any suggestions.

Black History Monthsssss

It's never too early to plan BLACK HISTORY MONTH! Lets make it a big event at CSEP ALL suggestions, ideas, themes, designs, individual or group work welcome.

Here is a list to start you off

1. Black History Bus Tour around London for all the family?
2. Black History Quiz competition? Students v Teachers or Parents v Teachers?
3. Is there an interesting book or play you would like to publicise to everyone at CSEP?

**ANY SUGGESTIONS PLEASE PUT THEM IN THE PARENTS SUGGESTION BOX
SITUATED ON THE INFORMATION DISPLAY DESK IN RECEPTION**

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Don't forget, we have a fully stocked Resource Library in the Basement, that is accessible on Saturday's from 11:00am—2:30pm for anyone who wants to do any research on the above.

Useful Black History Websites:

www.rootsforreal.com , www.everygeneration.co.uk , www.pro.gov.uk

PACEMAKERS—CSEP Mentoring Programme

The first mentoring sessions have been very successful.

There are presently four Mentors delivering sessions to eight Mentees (students from CSEP and the waiting list) on Saturdays between the hours of 10.00am—2.00pm.

After the Easter break we will commence our second wave of mentoring sessions which will be extended to the wider community and selected secondary schools.

Any parent, guardian or teacher can refer a student to be mentored **or** students can refer themselves to be mentored. The applications are situated on the display information desk in reception.

We are looking to train more mentors within the Pacemakers Programme, so if you are serious about giving something back to our youth and empowering our youth, please do not hesitate to complete the "Mentoring Programme 2004 / 2005 Declaration of Interest" Form in reception.

I.C. - INFORMED CHOICES

Gun Crime Awareness Programme

CSEP has been awarded a Home Office Connected Fund Grant to host interactive and informative I.C. (Informed Choices) workshops that will focus on gun crime and gun culture among the young people and the Black and Ethnic Minority (BME) community in Croydon.

There will be a mix of heady facts and community involvement aimed at identifying the truth about guns, gangs and good I. C. available to us all.

The aim is to tackle the growing fear of gun crime facing our young citizens, provide information and support to assist streetwise I. C. making for young and old alike!!!

Most of all we hope to be inclusive and engaging:

The aim is to have a Parents and Student debate to air opinions in an open forum.

Access to the correct crime statistics, crime prevention tactics and advice for young people and their parents helping to make those I. C.'s

Direct access to senior Police personnel to discuss the reality faced by the BME community

Tackle self-esteem issues that lead to gang activity and provide stimulating fun filled educational activity for Croydon's young people on Saturdays.

The I.C. workshops kick off on 16th April and will be held every Saturday morning at CSEP between 10:00am and 1:00pm.

A detailed schedule will be made available at reception, and a full programme summary will be circulated shortly. Places are limited and will be on a first come first serve basis.

For more information about the I.C. programme contact Nicky Cook or Jacinth Martin on 0208 686 7865 or by e-mail info@csep.org.uk

Free Computer Training

Here is some **GOOD NEWS** for parents. **We have introduced ICT computer training sessions on Saturdays'**, so when your child is attending their classes **YOU CAN WORK ON Your Basic Word and Excel skills.**

The dates for the sessions will be as follows:

BASIC WORD

Saturday 16th April and Saturday 7th May 2005 at 12:30pm—2:00pm.

BASIC EXCEL

Saturday 11th June and Saturday 2nd July 2005 at 12:30pm—2:00pm.

At the end of each session you will be issued with a certificate to add to your portfolio. Good luck.

We will add Internet and E-mail to the schedule for September 2005.

So book now to make sure there is a space available or you'll miss out!!

Please speak to Linda or Jacinth at Reception, or alternatively, call Nicky Cook, ICT Co-ordinator, Monday—Friday on 020 8686 7865.

Connexions Funding For Students in Years 8,9,10 and 11

At the beginning of February 2005, an evaluation form was sent to parents of those children in the above year groups who have been invited to attend Saturday school as a result of funding from Connexions. We requested that the evaluation form be completed and returned back to us as this information is vital as it may hold the key to further funding and sustainability of the Project. A poor response recorded.

PARENTS, PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN YOUR EVALUATION FORM.

GCSE and Post 16 Workshop

GCSE and Post 16 workshop for parents/carers of children in Year 11 will be rescheduled after end term. Information regarding the new date will be sent to parents.

Prize Giving 2005

Parents/carers wishing to attend the Prize Giving Committee meetings, are more than welcome to do so. We welcome suggestions from Parents and Children regarding a theme for our 23rd Prize Giving event, which will take place on Saturday 9th July 2005, at Stanley Halls, South Norwood from 7:00pm. Please give your suggestions to Linda Hanson, Pat McCarthy or Vee Benn.

Mobile Phones

Some children have their mobile phones turned on in class, they also receive and make calls. **THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.** Children must turn their phones off whilst in class, and must not make or receive calls. In addition to this, hands free ear pieces must be removed. We would appreciate parents help in relaying this information to their children. We will confiscate mobile phones if the above happens in the future and will request parents collect the phone from us.

Calculators, Pens, Pencils

Children in Years 8,9,10 and 11 **MUST** have a calculator for their Maths lesson. **ALL CHILDREN MUST** have a pencil case with a pen, pencil, ruler, colouring pencils, eraser and pencil sharpener. Parents, please encourage your children to have the right equipment for their lessons.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

19th March 2005	LAST DAY OF TERM
16th April 2005	PUPILS RETURN
16th April 2005	Basic Word training for Parents
23rd April 2005	Parents and Children Association Meeting
7th May 2005	Basic Word training for Parents
21st May 2005	Open Morning, Parents to meet with teachers
21st May 2005	LAST DAY OF TERM
11th June 2005	PUPILS RETURN
11th June 2005	Basic Excel training for Parents
2nd July 2005	Basic Excel training for Parents
9th July 2005	Prize Giving at Stanley Halls, South Norwood, 6:45pm
9th July 2005	NO SATURDAY SCHOOL TODAY ONLY
16th July 2005	Pupils End of Year Party and LAST DAY OF SCHOOL YEAR