



SUMMER TERM NEWSLETTER 16th SEPTEMBER 2006

Welcome Back

Welcome back to all students, teachers and parents, with a special welcome to new students and parents. This new academic year we will continue to support students each Saturday, in addition, there will be new workshops for students and parents. Please see the Diary Dates at the end of this newsletter, also visit our website www.csep.org.uk for regular updates and information.

CSEP Website—www.csep.org.uk

Our new website was launched during our annual Prize Giving evening on 8th July 2006. The website features the following: Up-to-date Calendar, Past and Current Newsletters, information on job vacancies, activities within the project and the borough of Croydon, Past projects with video highlights, details on the various committees we have and how you can become involved in CSEP and much more. Please log on to www.csep.org.uk for comprehensive up-to-date information.

WE NEED YOU—SATURDAY RECEPTIONIST

Would you like to volunteer your time on Saturday as our Receptionist from 9:45am—2:30pm (term time). We are looking for a Receptionist with past experience in performing administrative tasks, with a good telephone manner and a friendly disposition. If you think this role will suit you, please contact Linda Hanson on 020 8686 7865 or email info@csep.org.uk or visit our website www.csep.org.uk for a role description.

Prize Giving—Saturday 7th July 2007—7:00PM at Stanley Halls, South Norwood

We would like all parents to help us to produce another successful Prize Giving evening, where we celebrate the achievements of all our young people. We are raising funds to make what is always an enjoyable and memorable evening,.....but we need your help.

Again, our Prize Giving target this year will be £1,000.00. **PLEASE PLEASE HELP US TO REACH THIS TARGET.** The Parents and Children's Association (PCA) are looking for helpers at our annual Prize Giving event in addition your support and help at our Prize Giving Committee will be much appreciated.. If you wish to volunteer, please speak to Vee Benn. Forthcoming dates are: **23rd September. 4th November, 20th January, 10th March, 12th May, 9th June and 16th June,** please make every effort to come along.

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Parental Involvement

CSEP welcome involvement from parents and carers. The aim of CSEP is to support the learning of students. Parents/Carers you are the first educators of your children and as such, your valuable knowledge and experience can benefit all the students who attend CSEP. Here are some suggestions of ways parents can become involved in the life of CSEP.



- Helping in classrooms: Contact **Pat McCarthy**
- Prize Giving committee: Contact **Vee Benn**
- Parent and Children's Association: Contact **Jacinth Martin**
- Fundraising Committee: Contact **Felicia Amoye**
- Maintenance of the building i.e. painting, decorating, general repairs, carpentry
- Art, craft, music: Contact **Pat McCarthy**

If you have any other suggestions, we will be glad to hear them. Please speak to Mrs Pat McCarthy or Linda Hanson.

PACEMAKERS Mentoring Programme - Mentoring Matters

CSEP continue to offer that extra support to young people this year, as we enter into the third year of our very successful PACEMAKERS mentoring project. We continue to match young people with trained Mentors whom they can discuss all aspects of their academic pursuits in an impartial and open setting.

This year the PACEMAKERS project is even better for young people. We continue to train more new Mentors from a wide range of careers and backgrounds, so there is someone who is just right for each individual to talk with!!! We are also going to have some special workshops during the year that will help the young people to improve in those vital areas of their academic and personal life. New this year for greater flexibility we are providing time slots for mentoring during weekdays and upon request during school holidays. The Mentoring project continues to grow from strength to strength, and CSEP has acquired additional funding to conduct research on the benefit the mentors are having academically on young people and also to provide mentoring support for even more young people this year. So if your child or someone you know can benefit from being matched with a mentor please do not hesitate to contact us on 0208 686 7865 or visit http://www.csep.org.uk/projects_pacemakers.htm for more information.

CSEP Black History Bus Tours

A shame on you if you did not attend any of the TWO>>>> Black History Bus Tours conducted by the renowned Historian Steve Martin on behalf of CSEP. Full coaches left CSEP early in the morning with a full running commentary all the way past West Croydon (Samuel Coleridge Taylor), through South London up to the seat of Government (Olaudah Equiano) through to St Mary's Catholic Cemetery (Mary Seacole) variety & theatre (Ira Aldridge) and culminating at the Parish Church Holy Trinity Clapham Common (The Wilberforce Centre) to view the powerful and moving stain glass window showing references to slavery.

STOP PRESS!! STOP PRESS!!

Next year 25th March 2007, commemorates 200 years since the act was passed by parliament to abolish Slavery. Keep up to date and regularly check the website to see what CSEP is planning, visit www.csep.org.uk.

PCA and Black History Month

Black History Quiz Saturday 28th October 2006.

All children and parents are welcome - start swotting, lots of prizes to be won, start thinking of your team names. Why not check our new fantastic updated website www.csep.org.uk and test yourself on last years questions. Don't forget you can walk away with that coveted "Black History Medal"!!!

Careers Week 2006

Theme **"I Can Reach for that Goal - anything is possible"**

October Half Term Week 23rd October 2006 - 28th October 2006

Special guest this year is barrister Shaun Wallace 27th and first black winner of mastermind 2004. Careers confirmed so far are: PR, Marketing, RAF, Civil Engineering, Stock Exchange, Law, Medicine, Running Your Own Business, Engineering.

We are also running two "self help" sessions on "Money Management" and "How to be Streetwise". For this year's Careers Week we are inviting attendees from a variety of secondary schools and supplementary schools within the borough. This will give everyone a unique opportunity to get "up close and personal" to ask any questions and gain as much information as possible about their careers of choice. Remember anything is possible keep focussed and tell yourself.....

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Family Learning Week October 2006

Croydon's Family Learning Week organised by the Family Learning Forum takes place this year from 6th—14th October at various venues around the borough.

We have listed a few activities which we thought students may be interested in.

Friday 6th October 2006

- Where were you born? Suitable for all. 9am-1pm, 2pm-6pm. Shirley Library, Wickham Rd, Shirley.

Sunday 8th October 2006

- Bollywood. Suitable for 6+. 3-3.45pm. Croydon Clocktower.
- Tae Kwon-do. Suitable for 6+. 12.30-1.15pm. Court Area, Croydon Clocktower, Katharine Street.
- Have a go at First Aid. Suitable for all. 11.30am-4.30pm. Court Area, Croydon Clocktower, Katharine Street.

All activities are FREE of charge, so take advantage while you can. To see a full list of activities, venues and dates, pick up a copy of the Family Learning Week magazine at CSEP reception.

Safer Streets Website

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 website www.saferstreetz.co.uk to find out more.

VISIT TO THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES IN KEW

Saturday 25th November 2006 **"Caribbean Family History Day"**

Visit website www.csep.org.uk for further information from October 2006

Learndirect Opportunity

Parents, make use of the opportunity to learn new skills using Learndirect.

At **learndirect** you can find:

- hundreds of online courses in computers, office skills, self development or to improve your maths or English, designed so that you can learn at a time, place and pace to suit your needs
- information on over 1,350 **learndirect** centres to help you with your local learning needs
- as well as information on over 9,000,000 courses from UK providers, the **learndirect** Advice now offers a free careers and guidance service to help you reshape your future

Learndirect Open Days and One to One Sessions for CSEP Parents are as follows:

Thursday 12th Oct 06 time: 7pm-9pm

Saturday 14th Oct 06 time: TBA (in line with other workshops that day)

One to ONE sessions

Tuesday 17th Oct 06 time: 7pm-9pm (by appointment only)

Thursday 19th Oct 06 time: 10am - 1pm (by appointment only)

Please contact Nicky Cook on 020 8686 7865 to book your place, further details can be found on our website www.csep.org.uk.

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, Website or Prize Giving Brochure? This is a great way to advertise your business or event to over **300** potential clients, their family 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 or Linda Hanson for further details. The deadline to receive the text for our Website or Newsletter is Saturday 28th October 2006.

AN OPPORTUNITY NOT TO BE MISSED!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

23rd September 2006	Prize Giving Meeting—all welcome
7th October 2006	Black History Activities
14th October 2006	Black History Raffle tickets go on sale Transition Workshop Key Stages 3 and 4 Learn Direct Introduction to parents
21st October 2006	LAST DAY OF 1/2 TERM
4th November 2006	STUDENTS RETURN Local Network Fund workshop for parents Prize Giving Meeting—all welcome
18th November 2006	SATs Workshop Key Stage 3
25th November 2006	CSEP AGM National Archive Visit SATs Workshop Key Stages 1 and 2
2nd December 2006	Key Stages 1 and 2 Parents Open Morning