



## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Two weeks ago, 150 Year 11s sat in an Assembly and were called out a form at a time to open their brown A4 results envelopes as part of our mocks programme. Receiving results like this, in imitation of what they will experience in August, is designed to impress upon Year 11s how little time they have left and what could be the outcome if they just continue as they are currently. There was, as expected, a mixture of smiles and tears. The Leadership Team and Mr Cullum (Year 11 Leader) have now interviewed all Year 11s and been impressed by the determination to do better for those who need to, or, for those who are already well focused, their commitment to continue striving to be the best they can. A second mock will follow in March and between then and now, all Year 11s will visit the 'AIM' room (designed to create Aspiration, Inspiration and Motivation). This extraordinary room, designed by Dr Johnston, is a huge visual representation of where each child is, where s/he should be and where their peers are. It has had quite an impact already and hopefully will make a difference to this year's results.

We have also begun, in earnest, the consultation process with the sponsors of the proposed academy. Last Tuesday was an opportunity for Shene parents to come in and hear what AET had to say. This week, students, staff and governors will be able to join in the consultation process, and local primaries are also being visited over the next few weeks. The intention is to give as many people as possible a say in the future of our school. If you were unable to make the consultation but would still like to contribute, please go to the Local Author-

ity website ([http://www.richmond.gov.uk/academies\\_programme](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/academies_programme)) and make your views felt.

**Ms L Kirby—Headteacher**

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## All schools with children in Years 3 to 9 - Home Access Grant

Home Access is a national initiative to supply a laptop and broadband connection to eligible low-income families with a child in Years 3-9. A national publicity campaign launches on 13 January and all schools are recommended to raise awareness of the scheme directly with parents. Details and publicity materials are available at [www.homeaccess.org.uk](http://www.homeaccess.org.uk).

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## POETRY COMPETITION

Hi All,

I am running a poetry competition this term from a National Organisation, Young writers, called Past Poets - Future Writers.



The poem can be in any style, on any theme and no longer than 30 lines. All entries should be in by the 5th February. There is also a link below if you would like to read more about the competition:

[http://www.youngwriters.co.uk/Past\\_Poets\\_Future\\_Voices.html](http://www.youngwriters.co.uk/Past_Poets_Future_Voices.html)

The top prize is £1000 for the school and £100 in vouchers for the successful pupil as well as having their poems in print. The library receives a free copy of the book, once printed, if one of our talented poets is successfully published. So come on everyone, get your pens out and start creating.

**Ms. Cullen**

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## SPORTS NEWS

The Y9 defending Borough Champions fell at the first hurdle tonight, coming second in their pool with Christ's and Grey Court. Too much Christmas pudding and some old fashioned cobwebs saw open shots missed and easy second chance opportunities squandered. A very slow start still had Shene comfortably in the lead at half time against Christ's but a poor second half shooting, rebounding and defensive display somehow saw Christ's win by a point. I can't actually remember them being near our basket more than 5 times in the whole game- but as my mum used to say "that's how the cookie crumbles".

The second game against what appeared a stronger Grey Court team saw a much improved performance and a comfortable win with great play from Kyarno, Bawar and Michael in particular. Unfortunately it wasn't enough as Christ's beat Grey Court in the final game to progress to the Borough Final.

**Mr. Costello**

# Shene News



## Year 9 students salute the Royal Navy on the HMS Raider

The Royal Navy & Royal Marines Commando invited Shene School students to visit a fully working ship on the River Thames and experience a taste of life in the Navy.



*Above: Daniel Okoli, George Gurtskaya, Rebecca Anstee, Kadeem Pinnock, Wilton De Oliveira, Charlie & Jamie Jalali -Farhani, Laura Miller, Suha Najjar, Billy Fairminer, Romilah Ayyubi, Artan Kelmendi, Hadi Shakir, on the River Thames, in central London.*

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2010, thirteen of Shene's Year 9 students braved Baltic weather conditions when they clambered aboard the HMS Raider, moored at St Katharine's Dock, Tower Hill.

The students had the opportunity to meet Royal Navy personnel and experience steering a small

ship, changing gears and signalling to other ships on the Thames. They also experienced what life below deck is like for Royal Navy & Royal Marines Commandos and visited the "mess" area and the Navy living quarters.

The officers were very impressed with our students and said that it was a pleasure to meet them. Artan won the prize – a Royal Navy baseball cap – for Best Driver amongst the group, as chosen by the Captain. The students all came away with Royal Navy washbags, fresh air in their lungs and a new experience of life on the waves!

**Ms K Pritchard**

## **YEAR 9 & 10 VACCINATION SESSION**

Please be aware that year 9 and 10 pupils will shortly be receiving letters offering the school leavers' booster (tetanus/diphtheria/polio). They will also be offered the MMR vaccination.

This vaccination session will be held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March.

If you have any queries please contact Mrs L Waddington/Mrs S Dalton on our school number, extension 130 (LW) Mon to Wed/311 (SD) Thurs/ Fri.

**Ms L Waddington**

# SHENE SCHOOL



**Calling all Parents/Carers, Students and Staff...**

**Shene School PTA is hosting a Family Quiz Night on**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 4.30pm in Hertford Hall**

The evening's Quizmasters will be our fabulous double act: Mr. Hudson and Mr. Walker, so bring your teams along (max. 8 people) and don't miss out!

There will be a Bar where you can buy snacks and drinks, but remember - you get a slice of pizza with your entry fee!

Tickets are available at the door and cost £5 for adults and £3 for children, which includes one drink and your pizza slice.

If you have any questions please contact Kate Sinfield at [ksinfield@sheneschool.net](mailto:ksinfield@sheneschool.net) or call: 020 8876 8891

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