

# Shene News

For  
Pupils & Parents

26th February 2010



## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

The Academy consultation is moving swiftly now, and we are in lots of meetings to try and get the possible outcomes for the current and future students of Shene School. All students contributed ideas, via a 'zing' session, about what the new Academy could be called, the uniform, the specialism and the buildings. Local Primaries have all held meetings so parents and residents could express their views. On Monday, the first Stakeholder group will meet at Shene, comprising students, staff, local resident reps, a rep from TfL, LA reps, governors, a Primary Head, Richmond PCT representative, a Sport England rep, Richmond College and Richmond Adult College reps, a police liaison officer and someone from the Chamber of Trade and Tourism. A very eclectic group, as you see, so there should be some really interesting ideas put forward. All stakeholders will be asked to vote on the new name and the uniform, so keep a look out for future news. We will be texting all parents to enable you to vote easily and students will vote via a paper ballot: these are the current plans.

Please read the latest blog for some lovely news about successful student nominees and the money we raised for the Haiti appeal: it really is heartening how many students supported this so worthy cause.

On Tuesday 2 March, we are holding the Pathways evening, where Year 9 parents will have the chance to hear about the wide range of curriculum options available (up to 25 GCSEs) and to visit subject area staff to find out the details of the courses. The following day, Ms Bowe is holding the 4<sup>th</sup> Parenting Group meeting in the library. This is

proving to be a very useful group for the parents who attend. If you are interested, please do contact Ms Bowe on [dbowe@sheneschool.net](mailto:dbowe@sheneschool.net) or telephone the school to speak to her in person.

On Friday, the KS3 Drama group performed the Alan Ayckbourn play *Ernie's Incredible Illucinations*, preceded by members of the Year 11 Dance group. The dancers performed their exam pieces, including their own choreographed performances. These were a mermaid's sea dance, and the very moving chase, and final capture, of a gazelle by a lioness. The audience loved these, as they did the very funny, well rehearsed and beautifully performed play, which is perfect for students of all ages, and I believe that the East Sheen Primary children who saw it in the afternoon enjoyed it immensely too. Lots of praise and thanks due to Mr Walker, the Director; Ms Simms, Head of Drama; and Ms Fairbairn, Head of Dance.

**Ms L Kirby**  
Headteacher

## JACK PETCHEY AWARD FOR JANUARY

Staff were asked to nominate students for consideration for the Jack Petchey scheme. There were several categories including attitude and attainment. The nominations were received and the shortlisted students were voted on by the student council. The winner was Shahab Rami-Galandarabad in year 10 because it was thought he would use the award constructively.

The scheme awards students with £200 to donate to the department of their choice. Shahab chose Geography because it could go towards a trip, although he was torn between asking for that or something that would be a benefit for years to come. Ms Booth said she was 'delighted'.

Shahab was nominated for many reasons including his 'genuine positive outlook' towards school and his conscientious attitude.

We hope Shahab reaps the benefit of his choice in the next trip. Well done.



## SPORTS NEWS

The Year 11 basketball team were awesome in the Borough Tournament held at Christ's this evening. They easily won their first match against Grey Court, with efficient rebounding and baskets from Ibrahim and Jake. Freddy, Patrick and Josh handled the ball effectively and closed out an easy win. Their second game was against Christ's, and the small lineup of Josh, Ryan, Harmeet, Daniel and Michael used their speed and agility to win the game comfortably 9-0, including a spectacular 3-point buzzer beater from Josh. The final saw them take on a strong Whitton team- champions of the other borough pool. Shene more than matched them, but paid the ultimate price for missing some open lay-ups and second chance opportunities in what was a very tense game. Although level on points (Whitton having lost to Grey Court) unfortunately they came second due to the head-to-head record.

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It was a pleasure to coach them - they were an absolute joy to take and their attitude, skill and sportsmanship were a credit to the school

TEAM: Champion, Soubra, Ivey, Craig, Okoli, Vega, Laflin, Reid, Singh

**Jack Costello**  
Director of Performance Faculty

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## YEAR 9 & 10 VACCINATION SESSION CHANGE OF DATE

Please note that this session which was originally scheduled for Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March will now be held on 17th 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**

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## SPORT RELIEF

On Monday March 22nd a group of bouncing young people will be jumping up and down in aid of Sport Relief.

There will be a boys' team and a girls' team. They will be required, as a team, to jump continuously on the trampoline from 9am-4pm.

This will be held in the Sports Hall.

## THE TEAMS:

Jade Cubitt  
Becky Anstee  
Gabrielle Hendricks  
Courtney McMullen  
Laura Miller

Charlie Farhani  
Billy Fairminer  
Marco Halliday  
Kadeem Pinnock  
Craig Madhlazi

Please come and support them.



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## YR 7 PARENTS' EVENING

To all Year 7 Parents—important event coming up. The Year 7 Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 16th March from 4—7 pm in the Palewell Building. To pre-plan, please phone Mrs Roach to make an appointment to see her during the evening. Tel: 020 8876 8891 (ext 106)

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## BBC SCHOOL REPORT DAY

On March 11<sup>th</sup>, a group of approximately 15 Year 9 students have been chosen to take part in the BBC School Report day, involving them creating a news report and publishing it on the internet.

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## CHARITY NEWS

### **We got £500 for Haiti!!!**

Staff and students raised an amazing £500 using some very inventive means. These included a concert, home made bread baking, bucket shaking and the wearing of outrageous outfits.

Well done to all those involved.

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## MANDARIN CHINESE WORKSHOPS



Mandarin Chinese workshops are starting on Monday 22nd March for Year 9. This is a very exciting new venture which will introduce a fascinating culture to our students. Topics will include:

- Chinese language and introductions
  - Chinese culture and geography
  - The Chinese New Year (Year of the Tiger)
  - Chinese characters
  - Chinese food
- ...and a whole lot more..

See Mr. Rougeon for more details.



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## AUDITIONS

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March  
In Hertford Hall @ 3pm

## FINALS

Monday 15th March, 2010  
7.30pm in Hertford Hall  
Tickets £3 Adult £1 Child

**All tickets must be reserved in advance.**  
**To reserve your ticket see Ms Simms or**

**Mr Walker.**

**No reservation—No entry!**

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