



Maltings Newsletter

*Specialist Sports
and Science
Academy*

3 February 2012

Message from the Principal

This week saw students from various years visiting the Natural History Museum and the Tate Gallery. I was especially pleased with the reports back from members of the public and drivers of the coaches about the exceptional behaviour displayed from the students - very well done to everyone.

On Saturday, some of our girls played Hockey for Miss Hicks' local hockey team against a team from East London. Our girls did really well and came back from 0-3 down to win 5-3. **Rosa Tofts, Alisha Stuart** and **Kayleigh Cardy** all scored goals. I like to see students being given opportunities to widen their horizons and I appreciate all the efforts of both staff and parents to enable this to happen.

J Szynal

The BETT Show 2012

The Year 13 ICT Trip was a huge success. The students were amazed at the latest technology for schools which went on show at the annual British Educational Training and Technology Show, at the Kensington Olympia. The students were overwhelmed by how information technology is advancing in Education. They gathered much information for their project work and the experience of talking to Educational Practitioners was invaluable. The BETT show run over 3 days and was visited by thousands of people.

Miss Cater



Student Voice

The BETT trip was a great day out as it gave us the opportunity to look at and try out new software, and gave us a chance to stock up on pens, getting a total of 20 pens and 3 pencils. I don't think I will need to buy any for a while! And watching Jack cope with his pregnancies was definitely worth the trip.

Yasmin Taylor



The ICT trip to London was a memorable experience that I won't soon forget. Getting pregnant was by far the best part.

Jack Hawes



I thought that the BETT 2012 trip gave a good insight into the technologies that are used in schools all around the country. I visited Microsoft and enquired about the Windows phone and online version of SharePoint and viewed a presentation by Google about Chromebook and future projects. I visited LEGO and interacted with an NXT Home Security System and enquired about various 3d software for different departments. Apart from the LEGO, one of my favourite bits of technology at the exhibition was an interactive projector. It acted just like an Interactive Whiteboard but you didn't need a special board or have to touch the wall. There was a 'wand' (Wii style controller) that was the 'pen'. I could interact with the projector from 10 metres away! I thought that it would be beneficial to the Academy because not all students like standing up in front of the class so this piece of technology would allow them to interact with the projector from their seats.

Sam Groves

There were plenty of laughs and banter on the train journey there and back. Jack becoming a Dad of two and pregnant with his third was one of the highlights that turned heads of passers-by. The trip was really inspirational, and it was good to see all of the latest innovations in ICT and how they can benefit children's learning.

Amie Humphries



POWERING LEARNING



**Maltings
Academy**
To make our best better

Last Monday, some Year 7 and 8 students who had taken part in the Gadgeteer after school club with Mr Owen, were taken to the Microsoft Research Laboratory to celebrate their participation in the club. The club was formed as part of a pilot scheme to generate interest in programming. Maltings Academy were one of only eight schools in the country to take part. The four boys, **Adam Crowe** and **Nathan Govus** from Year 7 and **Ben Cox** and **Tom Smythe** from Year 8, were all awarded certificates for their work, and were shown prototypes of new technologies the research lab were involved with, as well as lectures from two of the staff. The boys had worked hard in the club, and all thoroughly enjoyed the day.



SCHOOL NURSE DROP IN

WHO FOR?

EVERYONE

WHERE?

ROOM 107

WHEN?

TUESDAY LUNCHTIMES

1.10PM – 1.40PM

WHAT FOR?

ANY HEALTH ISSUES

The following sessions are being run after-school in the Science department to support year 11 GCSE students:

Thursday	Physics	Mr Mills	Room 115
Monday	Biology	Mrs Davey	Room 112
Pm tutorials	Chemistry	Mr Tompkin	Room 116

The following sessions are being run after-school in the Science department to boost year 11 A/A* GCSE students:

Monday	Physics	Mr Mills	Room 115
Thursday	Biology	Mr Bullock	Room 111
Wednesday	Chemistry	Mr Tompkin	Room 116

Rotary Chef Competition 2012

The Rotary Chef competition was great. There were four of us competing and each of us had 2 hours to cook a three course meal which had to be relatively healthy. We had to serve the meal to two judges. We all had a great time and each one of us served an excellent meal, however, there had to be only one winner... **Marley Valentine!** **Megan Richardson** came 2nd, I came 3rd and **Michael Stewart** came 4th. The experience was fantastic and I'd do it all over again.

A big thank you to the Rotary judges and **Mrs Burgess** for making it all happen.

Jess Mitchell 9KWR

Options Year 8 Students

Later this term year 8 students will be making their choices for subjects that will be studied in years 9, 10 and 11. To give advance warning Options Evening will be 23 February and before that date you will receive a letter with further information. We are currently conducting a straw poll to give us a general idea of which subjects are most popular, but the final decision will be taken jointly by students, along with their parents and the Academy.

We look forward to seeing Year 8 parents on the 23 February.

Academy holiday dates:

13 February to
17 February 2012
Half Term

2 April to 13 April 2012
Easter Break

4 June to 8 June 2012
Half Term

Friday 20 July 2012
Last day of Summer Term

FOR STUDENT ABSENCE IN YEARS 7 - 11 please ring 01376 512911 ext 1217 before 8:15am and leave a message – *Thank you*

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Thank you