



Charlton Park Academy

Newsletter July 2015



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Students celebrated National MOVE Day in June.

The Mayor of Royal Borough Greenwich, Lorraine and Parent Governor, Graham Harknett



We have come to the end of an amazing year. Our students have achieved so much both academically and in their personal lives.

Many of our Post-16 students have achieved their Duke of Edinburgh Awards, students took part in a range of exciting experiences, such as the Science Day, MOVE Day, Communication Works, Achievement Awards, Food Revolution Day, Capital Growth and Sports Day. All of which could not have happened without the hard work of our brilliant staff team.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of our committed and creative staff members for their contribution to making this year a success for our students and for their colleagues.

I know that I could not achieve my aspirations for our school without them and I feel sure that you, as families and friends of our school, recognise their dedication and hard work. Thank you all for the contribution that you bring to our team.

Wishing you all a great Summer break and looking forward to next year,

With thanks,
Lorraine, Head of Education
and the staff team

Achievement Awards 2015



Achievement Awards 2015 at Charlton Park Academy. Students, staff, parents and carers celebrated with Cllr Clive Efford MP. and Millwall FC's Ben, Sid and Alfie

On Wednesday 20 May, Charlton Park Academy hosted an event to celebrate students' academic success.

Parents/Carers, Staff and Governors celebrated the achievements of all the students at Charlton Park Academy and were delighted with the accreditation and qualifications the students have achieved through their hard work across the year.

The Academy were delighted that Cllr Clive Efford MP and Millwall football players Ben Thompson, Sid Nelson and Alfie Pavey attended the Academy's celebration

and presented awards to the students. The students were thrilled to meet the players and the politician Cllr Clive Efford MP. Ben, Sid and Alfie spent the afternoon with the students and took photographs with them. The students have achieved a wide range of qualifications including:

- A Level Fine Art
- BTEC Level 1 Science
- ASDAN Towards Independence
- OCR Cambridge Progression English and Maths

Student and Staff Achievements

Students:

Charlie successfully attended the week long residential RDA Horse Riding at Bradbourne in June 2015.

Jayson for consistent and enhanced use of iPad for communication using Proloquo.

Megan, Khadijah, Shannon, Nathan, Dean achieved: **Bronze Duke of Edinburgh and ASDAN Awards:**

Towards Independence, Using Transport, Meal Preparation and Cooking Progression, Photography and Multimedia, PSHE short course, Everyday living, **Plus:** Entry Level 1 OCR in Math and English.

Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award:

Ashley, Lukas, Kristen, Roderick, Paige, Emma, Tien, Jack, Danny and Harry.

Staff:

Marian Jarley for dedicated hard work and support for the class.

For completing their trainee teacher courses:

Prem Chandler

Ber Allee

Ben Peters

Lewis Patience

Carol Walker

Aliye Batmaz

Amy Donaghey

Josi Cakebread

Congratulations to staff on their appointment as Pastoral leaders:

Heather Fraser

Jo Simson

Kurt Knocke

Gabby Senior

Emily Sweetapple

“ Great to see @CharltonSch and @ASDANeducation students engaged in different types of learning. Creative literacy! [twitter.com/CharltonSch/st...](https://twitter.com/CharltonSch/status/1066666666) ”

Twitter 10/6/2015



Communication Works 2015

'A voice now and for the future'



Communications 2015: Top left to right - Education City, Kathryn with Tom Griffiths, students selling cake and tote bags, Sensury Guru's Magic Carpet proving popular, Cenmac, MERU, Sound Beam's seminar and staff from Greenwich's Toy Library Service.

It was a pleasure to receive some wonderful feedback on this years' event. The companies commented on how engaging and inspiring many of our young people were, and attendees on how welcoming and friendly the Academy felt.

We opened our event with Tom Griffiths, Healthcare Scientist in the Augmentative Communication Service at Great Ormond Street Hospital, who gave us an informative presentation on

how the new commissioning is working.

We are extremely appreciative to Tom for giving up his valuable time to be with us. Tom's presentation was followed by a short film which you can now view on our website (www.charltonparkacademy.com/CW2015). We were thrilled, after sending emails to other high tech AAC users to take part, the comedian *Lost Voice Guy* replied with a contribution. There are many people to thank for making the

day a success but I would especially like to thank Sam Goncalves for her presentation on how she is using Rix Wikis for EHCP and for our amazing students and their wiki presentations. Well done to classes London Bridge and Baker street on their enterprise projects and to James again for his brilliant eye gaze designs.

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Lots of fun was had at Sports Day including a visit from The Mayor of Royal Borough Greenwich, Cllr Clive Efford MP and volunteers from Lloyds Bank, Royal Bank of Scotland and The John Roan School. Below: Balloons being released in memory of students we lost recently.

Sports Day 2015

On Thursday 9 July Charlton Park Academy held their annual sports day carnival – welcoming students, staff, friends, families and VIP guests.

The weather was definitely on our side with bright sunshine all day, and this added to everyone's excitement. There was an early start for all involved making sure all the stalls, bouncy castles and equipment was out and ready but fuelled by tea and coffee everyone got it all set up.

This year's sports day was even bigger and better than previous ones. We had more events and activities running including galleon run castles and Colourscape. When students made their way out to the event in their sports day t-shirts you could see the excitement on their faces and the eagerness to get started.

The whole school warm up was led by the PMLD students who certainly got everyone in the spirit of the event with a very active warm up despite the sun already beaming down. A great day for all followed with students participating in a number of athletic events. There were so many outstanding performances from students across the school and all caught on camera to capture the memories.

Throughout the day we had two special guests to support us. Firstly, the Mayor of Royal Greenwich Borough who helped hand out medals to our winners. Then, after lunch we were joined by Cllr Clive Efford

MP (Shadow Sports Minister) who also handed out medals, as well as starting some of the races.

There was a moment when we stopped and released balloons in memory of two students who were both very keen on sports day and were fondly remembered through this. All in all it was a great day for everyone involved. Special thanks must go to the volunteers from The Royal Bank of Scotland, Lloyds and the sports leaders from John Roan School – their hard work throughout the day was much appreciated.

We look forward to another successful year of sport.



PE Update - Summer Term

In early October we took part in the South London Special League's (SLSL) first football tournament of the school year where our team finished a highly creditable second. This gave us great confidence going into Panathlon South London football finals on the 22 October, in which CPA were representing the Royal Borough of Greenwich (RBG), and this confidence was not misplaced as our team played with great style and won the competition to qualify for the London finals which will be held at Wembley.

The idea of playing at the London finals at Wembley in November was both exciting and nerve jangling for the students representing CPA, and it was with a mixture of emotions that we boarded the tube train to North London. The team quickly settled down though and working hard for each other put a good string of results together to finish in a fantastic third place in London.

The Panathlon season continued in January when we entered the South London Swimming Gala, once again representing RBG, and finished in 4th place.



Students enjoying being part of Panathlon's Multi-Sports finals

On the 20 January we entered the Panathlon South London Multi-sports finals and finished in 2nd place, qualifying for the London finals held at Crystal Palace National Sports Centre on the 3rd March. The team once again performed with great panache and finished 4th overall.

March also saw a team from CPA represent Greenwich at the National Junior Indoor Rowing Championships at Lea Valley Regional Park whilst other students took part in the London Youth Games Boccia at the University of East London Sports Dock.

In early May and June we again entered SLSL football tournaments, this time emerging as winners in the first competition and runners up in the second.

It has been a highly successful year for teams representing Charlton Park Academy with some really good results along the way and the opportunity to compete at some of London's most iconic sporting venues.

LYG Para Swimming Success

The London Youth Games para swimming gala took place at Beckenham Spa on 4 June.

Charlton Park Academy's students Daniel and Jack were two swimmers in a team of five representing Royal Borough of Greenwich. Daniel gained a Bronze medal in the V.I 25m F/S. The collective effort of the team gave them a points total to put them in second place, so all swimmers earned a Silver medal in the team event.

Congratulations to our swimmers, thank you for attending the extra training sessions – your hard work paid off.



Daniel and his Bronze Medal



Congratulations to our athletes that attended the London-wide para athletics event in June, at Lea Valley.



FOOD REVOLUTION DAY 2015



“ Promoting healthy eating continues to be a focus here at Charlton Park Academy for students and staff. ”

For the second year in a row, we participated in Jamie Oliver's Food Revolution. It is our hope that through educating our students about food and helping them understand the importance of eating more fruit, vegetables and healthy grains, they can achieve more at school, become more fit and active, and lead healthier, happier lives.

This year, we were very lucky to have volunteers come in from Lloyds Bank to support us in making this day a fun and educational one for the students. We had over 80 students taking part so there was plenty of preparation and planning needed. These fantastic men and women helped us prep the food and get the Sports Hall ready for the students. They also got to work with and helped support our wonderful young adults and staff.

With the students in the Sports Hall, our DT teacher Ber Allee on the microphone - and Jamie Oliver on the big screen, we were able to work together to create a delicious and nutritious sandwich filled

with seasonal fruit and veg. Many of our students were exposed to fruit and veg they had never encountered before and I was pleasantly surprised by how willing they were to try things!

It was a very successful and fun day for our students. It is my hope to continue this kind of excitement surrounding healthy food in the upcoming year at Charlton Park Academy with the support of staff and parents.

Have a lovely summer. Remember to eat your fruit and lots of vegetables.

www.bitc.org.uk/programmes/give-gain-day



Food Revolution Day:

Above Left: The volunteers from Lloyds Bank in our Food Tech Room before they meet the students.

Above: Student and volunteer working well together.

Above: Ber giving out instructions

Below: The final product



Give & Gain DAY 2015

Volunteers at Charlton Park Academy:

Below: All our volunteers prior to the big clear out.

Below Right: Clearing the trug with Adam.

Right: The volunteers get involved with the Samba session in the afternoon.



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The Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, enjoying Charlton Park Academy's summer pudding.

Capital Growth

Once again our volunteers (this time from Lloyds Bank, via Business in the Community) gave us a huge boost at the start of our most prolific growing season. With trugs moved, beds dug, muck spread, weeds and nettles disappeared before our very eyes.

All this allowed classes and individuals to get down to planting an amazing array of fruit and vegetables.

Whilst the early harvest is already in progress, some of which we were able to showcase at City Hall, we are looking forward once again to a bumper crop on our return in September. >>> [Cont'd](#)

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Summer pudding - grown and made at Charlton Park Academy - at City Hall, pickling fruit for the summer pudding and a class trug.

Anything that ripens over the summer will once again be enjoyed by those attending the Summer Scheme

Results of the Trug Allotment Awards 'Purple Carrot':

Queensway: Best Kept + Most Yield

Individual Trug: Waterloo (Darren)

Most Enthusiastic Group: Class Heathrow T5

Growing from Seed: Waterloo & City

Curriculum: Science

Ground Force Team: Abbey Road

Best Staff Trug: Digital Media

Stop Press: We have recently been approached by Food Growing Schools to be a case study for our food growing activities for the GYO Business 2015. They will be able to share our success and tips with others. This is due to the dedication of our year round Premises Team (who will never let the crops wither for lack of water). We have also been invited to be part of 'The Heritage Seed Project'.

Mornington Crescent Creates

It is with no small amount of excitement that we are proud to announce that all members of the class have achieved not only the introductory award of 'Discover' but also the accredited qualification of 'Explore' of The Arts Award from Trinity College, London. Their work was submitted via their individual 'Arts Box'

They have piloted the award this year which will be rolled out to KS4 and 5 next year!

(The Arts Award inspires young people to grow their arts and leadership talents: it's creative, valuable and accessible).

Mornington Crescent Leavers

Ade will be going on to Nash College and Obinna to Post 19 Provision.

Albany Black Cabs Annual Trip to Hastings

Once again, through the generosity of the Black Cabs and their supporters forty students and staff from Charlton Park Academy enjoyed a glorious day out.

A first this year was official outriders all the way.



Sugarkube

Charltonbury 2015

The Charltonbury Ball and overnight Festival will be happening again at the very end of term.

Students will be dancing the day and night away to the fabulous Sugarkube and Jive After 5, as well as enjoying the other Charltonbury delights. Plus, refreshments by Munchies.

Further details and photographs from this annual event will be on our website and in the October newsletter.

www.charltonparkacademy.com/charltonbury

English and Literacy

“ Our students have taken part in workshops. ”

It has been a great year for Literacy at Charlton. Our students have worked very hard and produced some amazing work. In KS4, all the students finished their Accreditation.

Over the year we have published three fantastic books. One is a selection of poetry from our poets, another a selection of stories from our storytellers and finally there is a wonderful collection of posters that were prepared during Book Week. We will be publishing another book at the end of this term with a selection of our journalism.

Many of our students have been on theatre visits this year, going off to see musicals like, *The Snowman* and *Wicked* or to visit The Globe Theatre (this amazing outing was organised by Amy). Our students have also taken part in workshops which were organized by Mousetrap Productions and from next year on we will be an official Mousetrap Partner School, after being proposed and selected with only five other schools. Sara Williams has been in to visit us several times this year to do sensory workshops and introduce us to the wonderful world of Shadow puppets and theatre. We are always thrilled by



her visits and can't wait to work with her again this year.

London Bridge has also worked with Annette Riddle's theatre group this year on *The Tempest* and are now preparing a performance for parents.

Our student librarians have continued to be very active this year and we have been offered the chance of work experience in some of our local libraries for next term so we can't wait to get started on this. We have also continued to receive donations of books and DVDs over the last year and want to say a very special thanks to all of you who have donated. Please keep on



sending us your fantastic donations as you have helped to make our library the wonderful, vibrant place it is.

Our literacy clubs have continued to run over the year and we are very proud of Nana and Amy who have started up two new clubs, Sensory Drama and Graphic and Cartoon club, as well as George who has taken over the running of the School Radio and continually amazed us with tremendous reports over the last year.

We are all looking forward to the Summer holidays but at the same time can't wait to see what we will be doing in Literacy next year.

Creative Exhibition



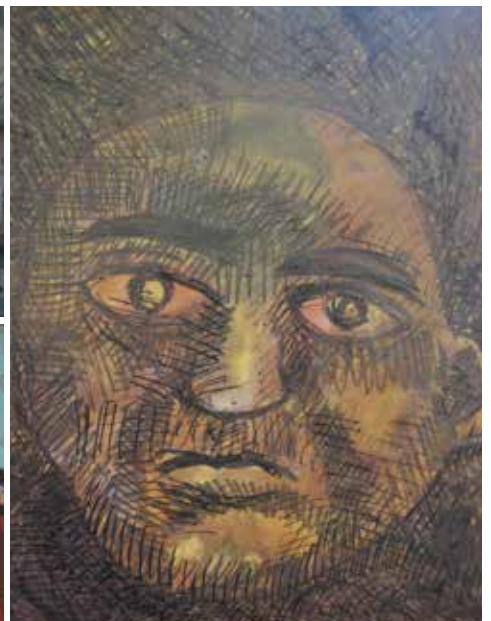
On Wednesday 1 July we held a Creative Art Exhibition in the outdoor courtyard.

The Exhibition was a collaboration between the English, Art, D.T and Music departments. This was a brilliant opportunity for friends and families of our students to view their creative achievements this year.

GCSE Art

The GCSE Art students have their work and portfolios on display in the downstairs Art Room.

Right to Left: Charlie, Rudy, Jack and Seyi.





National MOVE Day

MOVE-to-the-Beat

The MOVE students celebrated National MOVE Day in June. The theme was MOVE-to-the-Beat and the students spent the morning doing a mini-marathon circuit using their MOVE skills with lots of different activities and music along the way.

Mornington Crescent class also did a special performance to kick off the event! In the afternoon we had a big party to celebrate the achievements of MOVE students and were really pleased to have so many parents join us. Our MOVE students really enjoyed the day and it was lovely to have All Saints, Waterloo and City and London Bridge classes help out and support the MOVE students.

The MOVE students all have a lot to be proud of this year. Increasing their mobility is a real challenge and one they live up to and approach with enthusiasm. I would like to congratulate them on their achievements and thank them for their hard work!

Science

“ The grand finale was a science day held on Tuesday 30 June. BBC presenter, author and TV chef Stefan Gates came to school for the day with his pet locusts and able assistant Hugh. ”



We have had a great term in the science department. Most groups have been looking at plants and animals. We have hatched butterflies, learnt about how vegetables grow at the allotments and in our trugs and been to see what lives in Maryon Wilson park.

The grand finale was a science day held on Tuesday 30 June. BBC presenter, author and TV chef Stefan Gates

came to school for the day with his pet locusts and able assistant Hugh. They did a workshop in the morning with some KS4 classes. The students ate bugs, painted their tongues blue to see their taste buds, made sherbet and chewing gum and stood on eggs without breaking them.

In the afternoon they performed a spectacular 'Gastronaut' show for the

whole school. Students helped him by getting beach balls through hoops high in the air with leaf blowers, making bum sandwiches, stopping cheese from smelling with a fire extinguisher and making explosions with food. It was all very exciting.

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Class Oval have been out and about in the community

Oval - Out and About

This term, Class Oval have been working hard to develop their communication skills, whilst in school and when out in the community.

We have visited a range of cafes, purchased items at the shops and visited the local park. We have practised road crossing skills, moving safely between destinations and have been communicating our preferences using photographs and symbols. We have also enjoyed taking lots of photographs of places we have visited, and looking at them afterwards on the whiteboard in class.

Hyde Park

The students in Class Hyde Park have had a fantastic year. They have all worked really hard and made progress in various aspects of their school life.



All the students' communication skills have improved as they are making clear and consistent choices using objects, pictures and symbols as well as becoming more independent by transitioning around school with minimal adult support or by removing their coats.

We have been on various trips linked to our topics throughout the year such as Howletts Zoo, Charlton House, ASDA and Hastings. The students went on a two day residential trip to Woodlarks with another class where they showed great maturity of being in a new environment and being away from their families and daily routines. It has been amazing seeing all the students' great achievements this year. I wish you all the best for the coming academic year.

THE WIMBLEDON TIMES



William's newspaper – The Dining Hall

Class Wimbledon have been working hard on their descriptive skills in English lessons for our own newspaper called *The Wimbledon Times*.

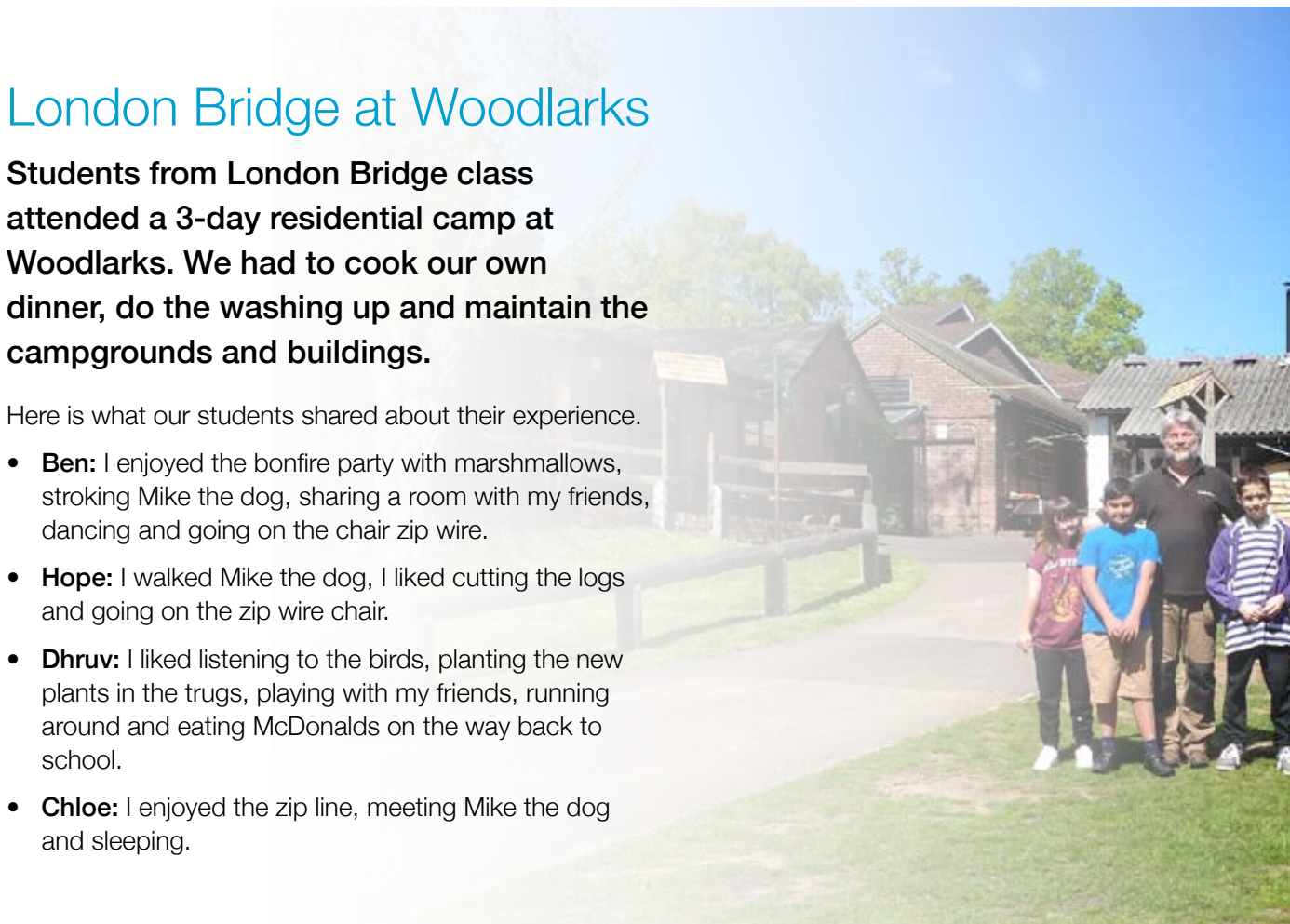
We have covered all sorts of interesting topics about CPA in our newspaper such as The Sensory Garden, The Library, The Dining Hall and The Playground. We are really looking forward to doing a feature about Sports Day! The newspaper has been good for developing the students, learning about how to describe in their own words what is featured in their photographs from around the school. Kimi and William have been doing this in the traditional large format of a broadsheet newspaper, whereas Sam and Adam have gone for the more commonly used 'Metro' sized newspaper. Quoc, Seyi and Jayson have gone modern and have typed their articles in Pictello on their iPads! Well done Wimbledon class.

London Bridge at Woodlarks

Students from London Bridge class attended a 3-day residential camp at Woodlarks. We had to cook our own dinner, do the washing up and maintain the campgrounds and buildings.

Here is what our students shared about their experience.

- **Ben:** I enjoyed the bonfire party with marshmallows, stroking Mike the dog, sharing a room with my friends, dancing and going on the chair zip wire.
- **Hope:** I walked Mike the dog, I liked cutting the logs and going on the zip wire chair.
- **Dhruv:** I liked listening to the birds, planting the new plants in the trugs, playing with my friends, running around and eating McDonalds on the way back to school.
- **Chloe:** I enjoyed the zip line, meeting Mike the dog and sleeping.



Class Oxford Circus had fun at Leysdown-on-Sea

Oxford Circus

“What a year we have had in Oxford Circus! There has been lots of hard work with targets being achieved, but plenty of fun and excitement happening as well.”

This summer term has been especially lovely for everyone, not just because of the warm and sunny weather (meaning lots of fun, outside activities), but also because of our theme – the Seaside!

It has been a favourite theme for all of the students as it meant a lot of fun with beach balls, water sprays, sand trays, ice cream, windmills and good Calypso music. More importantly, visits to the seaside were necessary.

Students went to Leysdown-on-Sea, enjoyed a lovely lunch near the beach, and then walked along the sand, picking up shells and enjoying the warm sea breeze. We all had a lovely day and look forward to also visiting Herne Bay in the last week of term.

The students were all so well behaved and did such good listening that they were treated to ice cream cones.

I would like to say a special thank you to the team supporting the students in Class Oxford Circus this year – Stacey T, Leigh Q, Rebecca M, Tracey M and Pitshula N. Without your hard work, dedication, and support, we would not have had such a fantastic and successful year.

Thank you to everyone at Charlton Park Academy who helped make this year such a great one for all of our wonderful and amazing students.

Hope everyone has a great summer break!

A Wonderful Term in Charing Cross

Charing Cross had a wonderful term and has a lot to celebrate.



Brett has been showing off his musical talent yet again by moving his thumb to push a violin bow and vocalising. His eye movements to follow the actions he and others are taking on instruments is a pleasure to see.

Elvin is doing incredibly well with bench sitting and has managed 52 seconds independently!

James continues to impress with his eye gaze artwork and is creating new pieces following his exhibition in April. He has started to name some of his pictures and has decided on two so far: 'Spaghetti Junction' and 'The Rabbit'.

Mitchell is becoming ever more vocal and his fine motor skills are improving drastically. He is holding cooking utensils by himself and making a lot of effort to use them.

Vithusha has done really well with tolerating touching different materials and allows us to place different textures on her hands.

William has proven to be a great chef in cooking and knows how to use several cooking utensils. He has been very helpful washing up afterwards too. William has also continued to enjoy sessions with the chefs at Charlton Manor.

Well done all.



Having fun in Class Queensway

Queensway

Chloe, Jack, Ksenija and Jake have all had a fantastic year and worked really hard.

Chloe has really developed her communication and interaction skills, Jack is able to use many more programs on the eye gaze, Ksenija has started to take steps in her rifton walker, and Jake has really improved his choice making skills.



Let's welcome Shakira

We welcomed Shakira to our class in June 2015, and she has settled in really well and is participating in everything that we do.

We are looking forward to going to Pizza Express at the end of term to make Pizza.

Have a lovely summer break everyone and we look forward to seeing you all again in September.



Class Angel at the Theatre

As Angel class come to the end of an amazing year, we would like to share some achievements. We have all worked super hard and achieved lots of targets and moved up levels in our learning.

We have done lots of small projects including making marionette puppets from scratch. We have done fundraising for the charity CLIC Sargent by washing the staff's very dirty cars!! We celebrate the end of the year by going to London to see Charlie and the chocolate factory at the Drury Lane theatre.

Class Cutty Sark impress parents and carers

Cutty Sark had a successful coffee afternoon this term



We invited parents to take part in our Arts and Craft lesson where we all had great fun using different materials to create our very own handmade ice cream cones.

The students all enjoyed showing their parents how well they've developed their fine motor skills.

We are looking forward to their next visit.

Celebrations:

Our biggest achievement this term is the success of all the students attending swimming lessons at an offsite swimming pool. This is an activity they now look forward to each week.

Waterloo & City - Pastures New



Class Waterloo & City are coming to the end of two fabulous years together, which have included lots of hard work and lots of fun too.

We're really proud of the Accreditations the students have achieved, which are quite varied, and how they have developed into wonderful young people ready to be launched into the world.

We particularly enjoyed our day in Hastings, courtesy of the *Albany Taxi Charity*, and are looking forward to a few days out in the next two weeks. Some of us (the staff) will be moving on this year and would like to take this opportunity to thank the students and their families for the last two years and to wish them all the very best as they enter their Post 16 Years.

We have every confidence they will do well and we'll be watching from afar. Good luck and all the best, **Class Waterloo & City.**

Notting Hill

“ Class Notting Hill have had an amazing year, full of lots of fun activities. ”



Students went as a class for a two night stay at Woodlarks which was extremely successful and great fun was had by all. Students faced their fears and accepted challenges which included riding through the trees on a zip wire.

This was an all-round enjoyable experience which highlighted the amazing work and opportunities being provided by woodlarks. This was great practise to further the student's life skills as they were helping with the cooking, cleaning, washing up and various other duties around the camp.

At the end of the student's busy day of carrying out tasks, they were able to enjoy a wind-down around the camp fire toasting marshmallows and having a sing along. Well done Notting Hill.





Group photograph of the winners and The Mayor of Royal Greenwich Borough

Jack Petchey Achievement Award Ceremony

On Thursday 9 July night, Claire Shaddock (Covent Garden) and Lorraine Slee went to the Jack Petchey Achievement Award Ceremony. Six of the nine winners of the year proudly collected their medallions at the ceremony.

There was a lot of anticipation from our students as it was not clear what was going to happen and the whole thing was very daunting in general.

However, all of our students remained calm, didn't show that they were phased by the unknown and behaved impeccably. Each one of them collected their

medallion from the Mayor of Royal Borough Greenwich. They posed for a photograph and returned to their seats as if they had rehearsed it a thousand times.

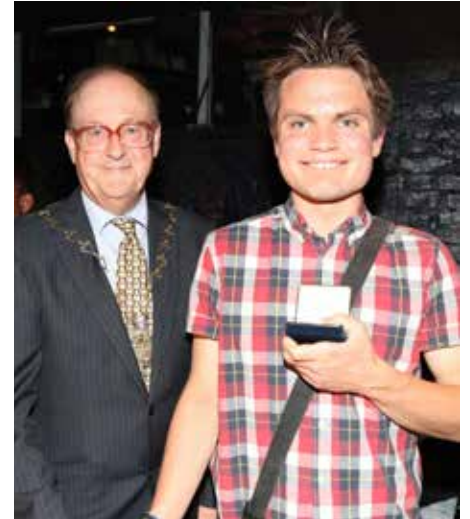
Sujanta, Cody, Libby, Calvin, Katherine and Jack were the winners (see photograph above).

Other winners, who were unable to attend, were Tayo, Li and Lewis

so please give them a big well done too.

Our 'leader' award winners (we have two as we had one from last year to collect) were Nick Richards and Katie Chapman so congratulations to our staff winners too.

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Top left to bottom: The Mayor of Royal Greenwich Borough with Cody, Libby, Sujanta, Katie, Katherine, Jack, Calvin and his family.
All photographs @ Official Jack Petchey Award Ceremony.

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Out and about after school with Rainbow House

Summer Term at Rainbow House

This term was a very busy time for Rainbow House, plus we had two short-term students, Shakira and Danny. Both students settled really well.



We've now said farewell to Danny and Shakira and it was sad to see them go. Danny particularly enjoyed his food while staying with us, and he was happy.

This term students went to Ruxley Manor Garden Centre and helped to choose some plants and herbs for Rainbow House. They enjoyed the process of repotting, watering the plants and watching them grow. Students also used the herbs in meal preparation too.

Sara went to Bluewater and shopped with a personal shopper.

She thoroughly enjoyed this experience. She bought herself a yellow top with butterflies on.

Harry has also enjoyed several train rides, particularly when he was able to go with Hicham. They both keep asking to go again.

Unfortunately our summer trip had to be cancelled because the weather was too hot, so we are having a BBQ the last week of term. If the weather is against us again, we can always have an indoor BBQ.

BLAM!

**GRAPHIC
NOVEL CLUB**

POW!



The students have been working during their structured leisure sessions to create their own graphic novel. This has included creating their own characters, story and comic strip. This session has been led by myself alongside support from Rudi Lee Scotland who has made an excellent contribution to the club and supporting the other students with their creations.

No Stopping Class Baker Street

Class Baker Street had an absolute blast at Woodlarks. They took to the outdoors like a duck to water, toasting marshmallows and singing songs around the campfire.



The weather couldn't have been better, as the sun was shining on the happy campers throughout the entire trip. They also enjoyed a long walk through the woods. This tied in nicely with work they are doing in science on different parts of plants and groups of animals.

Class Baker Street have been lucky enough to also visit Eltham Palace, where they marvelled at the art-deco interior. They also enjoyed dressing up in Tudor clothes and generally had a really good laugh whilst learning a little local history!

At Christmas Tree farm students stepped outside of their comfort zone feeding and learning about different animals.

The students have knuckled down on some data analysis in maths, making great progress learning about different graphs and ways of showing information. In English, they are working on their reporting skills, making their own newspapers and writing their own news stories.

Seven Sisters

“ Students have worked on accreditation through ASDAN modules. ”

This year the students have worked on accreditation through ASDAN modules. This summer term they have developed skills in horticulture, planting seeds, cultivating and maintaining their Class trugs.

They have also considered the environment by cleaning up around the Sensory garden and surrounding areas.

They have been able to communicate about basic plant care and work cooperatively together to develop work experience skills.

Written for the Heathrow Newspaper.

Lovely time at Woodlarks for Heathrow



Students from Class Heathrow at Charlton Park Academy went to Woodlarks for their school trip. It took about an hour and a half to get there.

They arrived at 12:00pm on the bus, then pupils had lunch and helped the warden called Nick who has two dogs and his partner who is fun. That day they relaxed and then had food and went to bed.

In the morning they had toast, went to town with Nick to have a look in the shops and then they went back to Woodlarks to have a go on the zip wire. After that they had a water fight, then, after a snack, helped Nick to build a campfire. Then they had fun doing a talent show and there was thunder and lightning.

In the morning they had breakfast and got packed to go back to school, got on the bus and that was the end of the Woodlarks trip.

Journalist Keiron



Leavers Assembly 2015



On Friday 12 July, we held the Leavers' Assembly for Key Stage 4 and Post-16 students.

Students were celebrated at the event for reaching their targets and gaining an array of qualifications before moving on from Charlton Park Academy.

Teachers also spoke about how their students have developed into confident young adults, and poignant moments in the student's school life. Each student had a short powerpoint that showed highlights from Year 7 until now. These were enjoyed by everyone.

Good luck to our leavers.

Musical performance by our Post-16 student Ade, teachers praising their students and some students confidently spoke for themselves.

Mozart's Idomeneo

Students have recently rehearsed for the 2015 Blackheath Community Opera. This year students performed Mozart's *Idomeneo* on Tuesday 14 and Friday 17 July at Blackheath Concert Halls.





A student DofE tweet

Class Green Park and Cockfosters - D of E champions

Following months of preparation Class Cockfosters and Greenpark went on their DofE expedition towards the end of this term. Five took part in Bronze and twelve in Silver.

What amazing students we have. Hot, sweaty and tired they trekked – carrying full rucksacks – 14 and 21 miles over two and three days respectively. After walking they pitched tents and cooked for themselves. They also had to do a work challenge at Woodlarks (www.woodlarks.org.uk).

Humidity, thunderstorms and blisters didn't stop these amazing young people rising to the challenge and meeting it head on.

A fantastic achievement for all the students.



Wicked, before the curtain rises.

Review of the play 'Wicked'

I went to see Wicked, which is on at the Victoria Apollo theatre in London.

I must say that I enjoyed the play because of the costumes, props and characters that are great to see. I also liked the fact that the play is cut in half so the audience can have breaks.

The play is about how a witch and fairy become friends. Personally my favourite scene is when the witch says goodbye to her friend and melts away. Too sad!

However, I would only give this play 4 stars because the theatre has some problems, like the seats were not comfortable to sit on for long.

By Sujanta, Class Cyrus Newspaper

Total Communication in Swiss Cottage

This year, Swiss Cottage have taken part in many new activities and experiences.

We have learnt that we use total communication using sign, symbol, gesture and vocalisations. We are all proud of the achievements that we have made as a class.

Throughout the year it is hard to identify the subjects that we have enjoyed the most so here are a few to mention: Communication

we have learnt to make requests for fruit, Cooking, we have enjoyed exploring new foods, PE, taking part in games that involve our friends and Sherbourne which has helped us to work together and relax together.

Staff in Swiss Cottage are proud of the achievements that students have made this year. We would like to wish you all a happy summer and look forward to seeing you in September!

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Eco-Champions

In May when the UK voted in the elections for a new Government, Charlton Park Academy went to the Polls to vote for its Eco-Champions. Several students ran for office, making posters and going to different classes to convince their classmates they would do a good job of promoting ecological projects at CPA.

Four students were finally elected after students voted at the same booths that had been used for the General Election. They were Alex, Zak, Christina and Elliott.

The Eco-champions are now working with the School Council on their own eco-project. They are fighting to make everyone aware of how precious water is, and their first aim is to make sure people don't waste water. Well done, our new champions.



Transition Day at Shooters Hill

By Christina

I went to College at Shooters Hill in June for Transition Day.

I had a good time cooking apricot crumble. I met my new friends and teachers in the college. I went to the shop. I got a drink and food. The college is very big, but I like it and it is great that you get a lunch ticket.

Enterprise Day



Enterprise Day: Bush Jewellery, Class Cyprus' stall and Harry with his poem.

Enterprise Day was really amazing this year with Classes Mile End making Bush Jewellery, Seven Sisters selling their beautiful hand-made pottery, Mornington Crescent providing us with plants and flowers, Bakers Street setting up a truly incredible Bric-a-Brac stall and Cyprus making and selling greeting cards; not to mention all the other enterprise activities that went on that day.

Tabitha was awarded the prize for the student who had contributed the most to Enterprise after working in Munchies for over two years and Alex Chappell won the 'Create a new Sandwich for Munchies'

competition. Class Heathrow made some marvellous cakes and produced all the posters to publish our event, while Harry wrote a poem and made a bookmark to fundraise. All the funds that were raised will go towards funding classes at Forest Schools so that more students can attend.

If you like reading you will love Harry's poem and you can read it here.

There is no way to forget your favourite book.

The first time you read the book you are hooked.

100 pages still not bored.

I like to sit in my room and close the door and read.

Every book I read takes a breath,

Especially when I pick it up from where I left.

Books are my passion,

Even though I know I am not up with the best fashion.

Well done to all our students who used their brains and talents to raise money. You are truly young entrepreneurs.



School Council with Nick and Prem being interviewed by Radio Club about her role in School Council.



School Council

After many wonderful, inspiring years as our School Council leader, Nick stepped down to concentrate on all the other projects he manages at school.

Prem has stepped up as our new leader and is leading the council on a new project to help us use student voice when we design our curriculum. Our students have already sent out questionnaires to get ideas from their classmates and Prem will also be organising our first School Council elections in September. So many thanks, Nick and a warm welcome to Prem! With the help of our amazing students we know you will do a great job.

Parents and Carers

Parents' Forum

Tuesday 13 October 2015 | 10am till 11.30am

Topic: Care packages - Inc Direct Payments.

Up and coming dates

Tuesday 15 January 2016	S R E including Mencap
Tuesday 16 March 2016	Independent Living, Transition into the next term and 6th Form and work placements.
Tuesday 14 June 2016	Communication Skills.

The above forum dates will be with guest speakers from local authority and outside agencies

www.charltonparkacademy.com/Forum

Parent/Carer Stories



Amelia and her daughters - July 2014 Newsletter

Thank you to all the parents/carers who have shared their stories over the last year on the parent page. They are really appreciated and have been well received.

If you would like to read any of the articles, they can all be found on our website:

www.charltonparkacademy.com/Parent-Stories

If you would like to contribute in the new academic year please email:

tif Francis@charltonparkacademy.co.uk

Staff News



Sign:
Goodbye from Gill

After 40 years of working with children it's time to retire. I have been a child minder, I've worked with Social Services caring for children at risk, I started and ran a Parent & Toddler group, worked as a Key worker in a playgroup, been a Nursery Nurse and an advocate for a young deaf person with Autism.

In 1998 I learnt to sign and started working in special needs as a LSA at Maze Hill School. Whilst there I taught the staff sign language, as well as teaching it in a nearby school and at Willowdene.

In 2002 I changed career, staying in special needs, and began working for the Greenwich Deaf and Hearing Impaired Service as a Communication Worker. I worked the mornings in a mainstream school in Lewisham and then travelled to Charlton to work here in the afternoons.

I have so enjoyed working here and have become top of the class at Maths (thanks Claire) and Science (thanks Roland) all because my student is so bright (thank you Derren). I loved signing with the school choir, being anyone from Ariel to Annie to Bussy Malone, and no-one as yet has mentioned that I can't sing! (Thank you Rachel). I have been anyone or anything from 'The Bird Who Lost its Feathers' (thank you Emily) to all the characters in George's Marvellous Medicine. You have dressed me up, laughed with me and at me, and allowed me to transport you to different places in your imagination all through the beauty of sign language. We have searched for 'What's in the Box?' and made many brilliant signing videos (thank you Tracey) ... and so much more.

I will be leaving with many happy memories, and of course a few sad ones, of my time here spent with you at Charlton.

Keep signing. I will miss you all.

Gill Chandler

Goodbye at the end of term to:

Claire Bowen, Maria Del Mar Cano-Moyano, Katie Chapman, Andrew Garnett, Rowland Howarth, Margaret Jeram, Andrew Keys and Gil Mills.

Welcome to:

Clare Burke-McDonald, who is our Digital Media Apprentice.

Kempo Jujitsu



Anne in Kos

Earlier this term I travelled to Kos to take part in the International Fighting Seminar in Kempo Jujitsu. We learned advanced fighting techniques and had to demonstrate our stick techniques in front of others.

DIARY DATES

Term time: Wednesday 2
September to Friday 23 October
2015.

Half-term holiday: Monday 26
October to Friday 30 October
2015.

Inset Day: Tuesday 1 September
2015. For the full-term dates visit:
[www.charltonparkacademy.com/
Term-dates](http://www.charltonparkacademy.com/Term-dates)

Friday 11 September:
Roald Dahl Day

**Thursday and Friday 17 & 18
September:** Battle of Britain 75

Thursday 15 October:
Capital Growth at City Hall

Wednesday 21 October:
Trafalgar Day (1805 - 2015)

