



**Robert Clack  
School of Science  
A Specialist College  
Newsletter**



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**March 2010**

## Higher Education Evening – 16 March 2010

Every year we host a Higher Education Information Event for Parents and Students in Year 12. This Years event takes place on Tuesday 16 March from 7pm – 8.30pm.

There will be a central talk for parents and pupils on what an admissions officer is looking for as well as information for parents on Finance.

Twelve Universities will be coming along to set up stands where parents and students can get more information. There will also be advisors from Connexions available on the evening. I am very pleased that both the University of Cambridge and the London School of Economics have confirmed they will be attending.

All Students and Parents of Year 12 students are invited to attend and we look forward to meeting you.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you would like any additional information.

M. McNamara (North East Consortium Co-ordinator)

## Science News



Science

### Scientists of the week

This month's scientists of the week are:

Year 7 – Molly McNally, Mohammed Alware and Tommy Kirby

Year 8 – Sarah Boum Enock, Adam Dormer, Ruby Canary and Saana Kujala-John.

Year 9 – Aritola Metallari, Deborah Adesanya, Christine Kilanko, Demi Bennett and Sarah Galvin.

Year 10 – Aldair Doci and Jack Meakin.

Year 11 – Jake Williams, Lauren Beckett and Georgie Cameron.

Congratulations and keep up the hard work!

### Primary Outreach

On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February Miss Stone, some of our sixth formers and I visited Grafton Infants for the morning. During our visit we taught all year 2 classes a WOW lesson on electricity to introduce them to the topic. Pupils were treated to some demonstrations on the Van der Graff generator with cake cases and rice krispies. Then, they all had the opportunity to study closely a clock powered by some lemon juice. Great fun was had by all and we look forward to forging more comprehensive links with many of our feeder schools in the future. Many thanks go to Sam Duggan, Andrew Crawford, Charlotte Caddock, Rebecca Lay, Roshni Bhudia and Oyin Opeifa, who were fantastic 'teachers' on the day.

Mrs. B Ward

### Year 7 Gifted and Talented Problem Solving Morning

Thirty Year 7 pupils eagerly made their way to school on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March to take part in a 'Science Problem Solving Morning'. Pupils were given the opportunity to dissect and explore the anatomy of a lamb's heart, solve a crime investigation by conducting tests on soil samples and examining fingerprints. They also investigated how different types of exercise affected their heart rate. All pupils participated to a high standard. Pairs of scientists were nominated to win a prize for each activity. The winners were; Diellza Nishori and Stephanie Martiniez, Chloe Pearson and Sadie Moore, and Mohammed Alware and Daniel Parnell.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who attended for making the morning a success. We would also like to thank the teachers for making the activities possible to run.

Miss L Grimshaw

## Debate Club

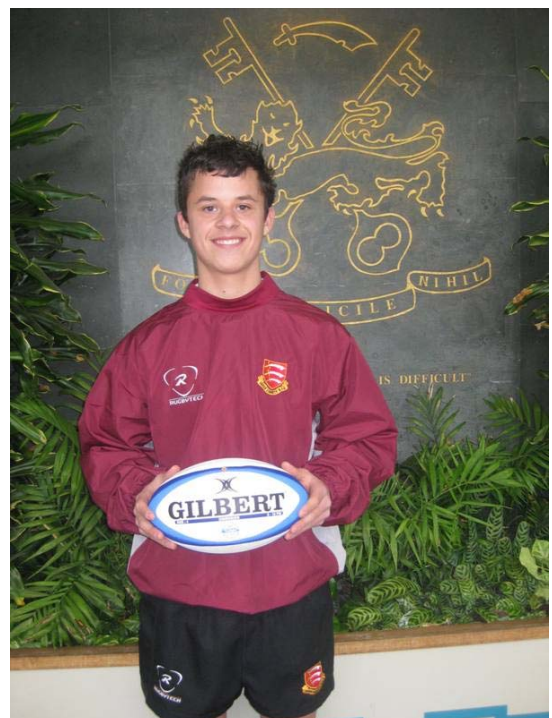
This term has been incredibly successful and exciting for Robert Clack's debate club. They're currently sitting at the top of the Urban Debate League table after two opening round victories. Robert Jones successfully made his debut for the side and proved that his place in the team was well deserved.

As a result of the team's efforts, the entire debate squad was invited by Debate Mate to perform a show debate for Baroness Scotland, Attorney General of England & Wales, at the Tate Modern. Reece Weaver and Audrey Boum-Enock gave outstanding performances in the debate itself, whilst the remainder of the squad showed amazing support during the floor speeches. Special mentions must go to Conor Hawes, Callum Evans-David, Liam Gunn and Sabrina Smith, all in Year 7, who continued to show improvements with their debating skills. All who attended and participated represented our school community fantastically.

The Robert Clack debating team have further excitement to look forward to in the coming months. The squad will be taking part in the second round of the Urban Debate League on 17<sup>th</sup> March and on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March; Audrey, Reece and Nyasha Hove have been invited to take part in a show debate at 11 Downing Street, as a result of the success they've enjoyed within the Debate Mate programme. Finally, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April we will be entering four teams into this year's Richard Koch Cup in the hope that we walk away this year's champions.  
Miss Valentine

## Matt Makes County Standardz

Year 10 Rugby player Matthew Cottrell has gained selection for the Essex under 15 Rugby squad. He has been one of our top rugby players for the past four years and talisman of the school rugby team. To achieve this honour Matt had to go through 3 trials where he was matched against the best in the county. The PE department are extremely proud of Matthew and look forward to watching him against the other counties in England. Who knows perhaps Matt could be our next international?



## Procedure for students with appointments on the Green Lane site

On the *day* of the appointment, pupils must bring in a letter from their parents stating the time they will be *leaving* school, along with the appointment card. During morning registration they must go to the attendance office to get a *pink slip*. At the time stated on the pink slip, the pupil must go to the attendance office and inform the staff that they are there where they will be dismissed according to their arrangements. *They are not to leave the premises without doing this first.*

### SAFE PLACE

The Information Centre is open to all pupils from 4PM – 6PM every night. Pupils must be in school uniform and are more than welcome to phone home to contact parents if needed. Computers are available to use for homework and they can come in after any school clubs have finished.

## Robert Clack School Choir

Robert Clack School has been asked by the Borough to sing at the annual Jack Petchey award concert on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Not only have we been asked to include our choirs but we have been asked to close the show.

This is the first time that we have combined Boys and Girls choir, both of which have been putting in great time and effort for the rehearsals. The music department is very much looking forward to the event and are proud to have the Robert Clack Lower school choirs representing the school.

## Photography Competition

The deadline for entries into the first Photography Competition of 2010 has now been extended to the end of March. Remember to pass on your images, preferably via memory stick to me as soon as possible. The competition is open to all students in years 7 to 13 as well as staff. The theme is an open one so images of any suitable subject can be entered. Certificates and prizes will be awarded! Please see Mr Morgan for more details!



## Tesco “Computers for schools” vouchers

Tesco have started their annual computer voucher scheme and it runs from Monday 1st March until Sunday 9th May.

All vouchers should be given to Mr Wilkes on the lower school site or given to any of the ICT staff on the upper. Thank you in advance for supporting us with this initiative.

## Lost Property

Has your child lost something this term? If yes, please encourage your child to check, because we currently have a large number of unmarked items ready for collection.

Any Lower School site lost property is kept in the LSC and can be collected from Mrs Leggett at break or lunch during the school day.

All Upper School site lost property is handed in to the main office and stored under the A staircase and can be accessed from the main office at break or lunch during the school day.

Thank you to all parents who have written their child's name on all items, because it does make it easier to ensure it is returned to them.

## Confiscated Jewellery/Mobile Phones/Portable Music Devices – Green Lane

May we remind parents/carers that confiscated items may be collected from the middle office between 8.00am and 3.15pm. Unfortunately we are unable to return items outside of these times. The Governors would like to remind you that these items are banned, so thank you for your support with ensuring they are not brought into school.

## Dates for your Diary

Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 9 Parents' Evening 4.30-7.30pm, Green Lane
Tue 13 <sup>th</sup> April	KS3 Science Easter School (Green Lane)
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> April	KS3 Maths Easter School (Green Lane)
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> April	KS3 English Easter School (Green Lane)
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Year 8 Parents' Evening 1 4.30-7.30pm
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 8 Parents' Evening 2 4.30-7.30pm
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 9 Science GCSE Mock Examination
Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 9 GCSE English & GCSE Maths Examination week



## **Holiday Dates**

**Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> April**

**Break up for Easter**

**Mon 19<sup>th</sup> April**

**Return to school**

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

**Bank holiday**

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> May**

**Break up for half term**

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup> June**

**Return to school**

**Tue 20<sup>th</sup> July**

**Break up for Summer**

