



Robert Clack School of Science A Specialist College Newsletter

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Year 7 Celebrate Successes

The Year 7 Presentation Evening was held on Wednesday 11th June 2009. It was a fantastic night in which all pupils were recognised for their successes throughout the year. A large number of the year group were present to collect their end of year completion certificates along with effort and achievement awards across all curriculum areas. The evening was a true reflection of the year group's hard work and commitment throughout the year. The whole event was topped off by ex-pupil Aaron Mclean who spoke fondly of his memories of Robert Clack and what can be achieved if you put your mind to it and believe in yourself. Well done to all pupils in Year on what has been a magnificent year both in the classroom and at extra curricular clubs. Keep up the hard work

Mrs D Maudsley and Mr C Ramage

Year 8

It has been a busy period in the academic calendar as we reach the end of the term and academic year and I'm pleased Year 8 are continuing to do well. They have successfully completed their end of Year exams and many have attained pleasing results. Thank you to the staff and parents who attended the successful Year 8 presentation evening. The number of pupils receiving their awards and colours was excellent and a real credit to the year group. The pupils should do well in the future, if they continue with their present efforts in Year 9.

Mr M Pickard and Mrs M Kirby

Year 9 (Green Lane)

Year 9 are having a really positive term and I am pleased to say that the examinations were a great success. Thank you so much for preparing your children so well for these exams as this really helps to get them into the right mindset. The pupils were well-equipped and well-prepared and, as a result the levels are very encouraging. Their conduct was exemplary which is also encouraging as they will be sitting official GCSE exams in the very near future. At present there are many events taking place which are being enjoyed by the year 9s. Yesterday we had a visit from Dr. Ken who did a very engaging science presentation I am pleased to say that the pupil's conduct was superb and Dr. Ken was very impressed with all involved. Alongside this event we also had a visit from MP John Cruddas who came to school to witness the success of our debate club. Many thanks to the pupils who were involved with this prestigious event.

In the forthcoming weeks we have 'Healthy Schools Day,' a visit from 'ARC Theatre Group' and 'ACE Day.' These events are designed to offer the pupils a wider insight into healthy lifestyles and future careers and I am sure that they will all prove to be a great success and that the pupils will benefit.

Despite all the extra-curricular events taking place, I would like to remind the pupils that there is still some very important work taking place in the classroom and indeed some subjects have started delivering some GCSE standard work. I hope that you will support us in ensuring that the usual high standards are adhered to in the last few weeks.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Miss K Sturman and Mrs Z Muirhead

Year 9 (Gosfield)

Ace Day for all Year 9s is on the 1st July on the Lower Site

The Ironbridge work-related visit with the Livery Company of Chartered Surveyors is on Friday 3rd July leaving at 6.30am and arriving back at approximately 7.30pm.

Mr J Hamill and Mr L Radovic

Year 10

Congratulations to the Year 10 students who have been awarded pupil of the week over the last few weeks, they are: Olivia Littleboy, Jordan Reece Cook and Robert Sanders.

The year group are just coming to the end of their modular examinations period, having worked very hard to achieve their target grades. I am sure the results will reflect their efforts. Many subjects are still completing coursework

tasks, so it is important that year 10 continue to focus on their studies until the end of the summer term.

Mr Sullivan and Miss Bevan

Year 11

The Year 11s have almost finished their exams and it is time to bid them a fond farewell. On behalf of the school I would like to thank and congratulate them for their magnificent careers at Robert Clack. They have been an absolute credit to the school over the last five years, and I look forward to seeing them all at their leavers' Prom and on results day!

Mr R Paul

Sixth Form

Almost all exams have now finished for Year 13 and their term finally finishes with the Year 13 Barbeque on Wednesday 24th June at 4pm in the Sixth Form Garden. All Year 13s are welcome to sample the open-air cooking skills of the staff.

The majority of Year 12 students are embarking on work experience for the next two weeks. They have secured placements across the borough and central London to work in hospitals, schools, offices, leisure centres and a whole host of jobs and professions. Their experiences over this time are a great help in securing future jobs and university places, as well as being an enjoyable fortnight for the students as they improve their skills.

Key Dates:

Monday 6th July

Tuesday 14th July

All Year 12 Students Return to Sixth Form

The final day of Sixth Form lessons

Mr H Rissbrook

Britain's Got Talent Winners!!!!!!!



Robert Clack School is very proud of Diversity – the winners of Britain's Got Talent 2009. Warren Russell left Robert Clack last year (Pictured above on the far right). When at Robert Clack, Warren was always performing whether he was singing, (Warren came runner up in Clack Idol 2003 when he was year 8)



.....doing gymnastics with Miss Bates,



.....dancing with his brother at the gym and dance show or acting with Miss Dean and Mrs Brownley. Warren often gave me the same excuse when I needed him at choir rehearsals 'I can't miss, I have dancing tonight'. I can now find it in my heart to forgive him after such a tremendous success. The Royal Variety Performance will not be the first time Warren will have performed for the Queen. Along with other Robert Clack choir members, Warren sang for the Queen at Westminster Abbey's Commonwealth Day Service in 2003 when he was in year 9.

Robert Clack School wishes Warren and Diversity every success in the future.

Mrs Churchill





HE'S A THRILLER

By day, Ashton Russell is your usual, care-free, and outgoing teenager, but by night, he turns to someone most people can only dream of becoming: the King of Pop.

On Wednesday 20th May, Robert Clack staff and students paid a visit to the Lyric Theatre in the West End to see our very own pupil perform in a the stage musical *Thriller Live*. Ashton Russell, in year 10, takes the role of a young Michael Jackson during his heyday with the Jackson 5. Ashton entertained us with some great classics, all sung wonderfully, including "ABC", "I Want You Back", "Ben", and "I'll Be There". Ashton also came on later to sing the final part of "Earth" and appeared for the encore in which he took a pivotal part singing. The crowd were wild, especially every time Ashton came on. The whole musical in itself was absolutely stunning, and the performers got the whole audience involved, and even got them singing along. Ashton by far got the most applause and support from the audience, but we're sure it's not all from the 81 trip-goers of Robert Clack – the other members of the audience loved him too.

The experience of the theatre was heavily enhanced to see our very own peer on stage and made us all feel proud. This is definitely a mark for Robert Clack to remember. Even more, a definite mark for Mrs. Churchill to remember, seeing as she was Ashton's boys choir leader. She later said: "I was incredibly proud watching Ashton on stage and am looking forward to seeing him perform in many more shows in the future."

It was a terrific trip and we hope to be able to go to many more.

BY AZAAN AKBAR Year 9

Mobile telephone directory

The Directory of Mobile Phone numbers goes live next week.

All numbers including those belonging to children will be open to cold calling, which is quite a concern.

If you want to avoid such texts to your mobile, you can register ex directory using the link below. It takes just a few seconds, but you will need your mobile close at hand as they text a code to you during the process which you have to enter.

To remove your number, use the link below:

<http://www.118800.co.uk/removeme/remove-me.html>

School Uniform

The school aims to develop in its pupils a corporate identity. All pupils in Years 7 – 11 are expected to be appropriately dressed in school uniform at all times.

For Girls:

Black Blazer with school badge
Black tailored trousers (6-8" hem width) or

Black knee length skirt box pleated from the waist

White shirt with collar

School tie worn to waist length

Plain black or flesh coloured tights or white ankle length socks

Conventional flat black leather fully fitted shoes with fitting heel and toe (no 'fashion shoes' e.g. stiletto heels, platforms or ankle straps).

No Kickers, Timberland, Lacoste or trainers

V necked black jumper (optional)

Narrow hair bands, which are in keeping with school uniform colours (Red, black or white)

For Boys:

Black Blazer with school badge

Black trousers

White cotton shirt with collar

School tie worn to waist length

V necked black jumper (optional)

Conventional black leather shoes.

No Kickers, Timberland, Lacoste or trainers

JEWELLERY, INCLUDING EARRINGS, IS NOT PERMITTED.

Jewellery should not be worn. It may be confiscated and kept in a safe place until collected by parents. The Governors reserve the right to send pupils home who are inappropriately dressed. This also applies to extremes of appearance cosmetically including for example make-up, false nails and unnatural hair extensions or dye.

The following items are also not allowed onto the school premises: chewing gum, cigarettes, lighters, matches, correction fluids, aerosols, mobile phones, pagers, laser pens and portable music devices including MP3/4 players and iPods. (The Governing Body allows all students in emergency circumstances to use the phone to contact home free of charge).

Medicine

A reminder to parents/guardians that if your child is on medication, this should be given to the school medical office who can then administer the medicine to your child and consequently instances of medicine being lost/not taken will be reduced. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Bicycles

A reminder to pupils that bicycles should not be brought to school. Also we have been informed by local residents living in the vicinity of the back entrance of the Green Lane site that they have been advised to lock the footpath which runs parallel to the area behind the lower school kitchens. Bicycles should not therefore be stored in this area. Any bikes in this area can be removed.

Dates for your diary

Wed 24 June

6.00pm Year 10 Presentation
Evening, Gosfield Road



Wed 8 July

6.00pm Year 9 Presentation Evening, Green
Lane

Holiday Dates

Thurs 16 July

Break up for summer

Thurs 3 September

Sixth form lessons commence

Fri 4 September

Start of term

