

## Skills London 2013

On Friday 22 November Year 10 will be visiting the Excel Centre in Docklands to visit the Skills London 2013 exhibition.

Skills London 2013 is a hands-on skills and careers event attracting young people from across London. The exhibition is for visitors aged between 15-24 and the expected number of visitors over the two days it runs for is 30,000 people! Year 10 will be able to see and talk to representatives from different employers, colleges, training providers and advice & guidance advisers. The pupils will be able to see skills demonstrations and interactive exhibits.

By engaging the pupils with focused taster activities the exhibitors are able to access London's future workforce; inspiring them, entertaining them and most importantly informing them about the genuine opportunities available to them. I am sure that the pupils will come away from the event with lots of new ideas and inspiration about their futures.

## Glorious Success at The Panathlon Football Tournament

On Wednesday 20 November 12 of our pupils competed in the Panathlon Football Tournament in Newham.

All pupils performed extremely well and as a result managed to qualify for the first time to go through to the finals of the Panathlon Football Tournament which will be taking place at Wembley Stadium in February 2014.

All the best teams from London will be playing there This is a great achievement for our pupils. **Well done and congratulations to: Nathan and Joshua VW 9A, Ty 8M, Bertie 8C, Adam H and Sebastian 9H. Akin & Adam S 10H, Connor, Jordan L, Muhammad and Gianni from 10P (all pictured below with Mr Pritchard and Mr Hajdrych)**



## Next week:

Tuesday 26 November - FS Level 1 English controlled assessment (speaking & listening) for year 11

Wednesday 26 & 27 November - English entry level controlled assessments for year 11

## **Reminders:**

### Appointments

Dear parent/carer - reminder that if your child has an appointment during school hours i.e dental, GP or any other appointment a copy of the letter or appointment card must be sent or brought into school to confirm this. This will then be copied and kept on their school file.

### Contact Details

For most of our parents and carers, we have a range of contact numbers, which becomes very important if there is an emergency. However, in some cases we have out of date numbers, or only one emergency contact. It is too late to sort this out when an emergency or urgent situation involving children has happened. We must have at least **TWO** people named as emergency contact in case your child has an accident or there is another unforeseen emergency at school. **We will continue to use our text messaging service, as so many parents and carers have told us they like this service, so it is vital that we have the correct numbers for you at all times.**

## 9H English Black History Project

**Following their studies of Black History Month in English, some of year 9 pupils have been writing letters home from a slave's point of view. Here are examples of some of the emotional work they produced:**

"It's terrible. They've locked us with shackles. I'm so hungry but I can't eat because the white people are giving us more work and we're getting whipped by the English people. Some people tried and got away so they can get some help. We never take a shower or a bath. Living in a cabin is so terrible. It smells and there is no bed, it's cold and we're all cramped together."

**Moses**

"We arrived in Jamaica on a hot morning. I felt like I was there for days; I could hear people and children vomiting and crying. There were white strange people shouting and whipping people. I felt like I was in despair; I couldn't understand anything they were saying."

**Tia**

"I was in a merchant ship and it was dark, cold and terrifying; I weed myself. Before very long I was very hungry. Above me, I could hear black people getting whipped."

**Michael**

"We've just arrived in Jamaica and it is very hot here. I'm sweating a lot. They don't treat us well here. They whip us and we can't eat much. My feet hurt because we've been walking far. I'm worried about when it's my turn to get whipped."

**Jack**

"The arrival was bad because the European people were beating us just to get off the boat. They put us in shackles and we were shown around the village. Then we started planting sugar cane in warm weather".

**Timothy**

"Being on the ship was the worst thing in everybody's life. Mums were taken and dads have been put to work and all the children have been starved to death."

**Zoe**

### Dates for your Diary 2013/14

Year 11 Work Experience	Monday 11 – Friday 22 November
Carol Service & Christmas Dinner	Monday 16 December
<b>End of Term for pupils</b>	<b>Monday 16 December – school closes at 3.30pm</b>

### CHRISTMAS Holiday

**Pupils return (start of Spring term for pupils) Monday 13 January 2014 (Downs Park Road)**

Careers Evening Years 10 & 11	Tuesday 21 January 6-8pm
Half Term	Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February
Year 7 Parent/Carer evening	Tuesday 4 March 3.45 – 6pm
Years 8 & 9 Parent/Carer evening	Tuesday 11 March 3.45 – 6pm
Staff Training afternoon	Friday 21 March (school closes at 1.15pm)
Reward Outings	Thursday 3 April
<b>End of Term for Pupils</b>	<b>Friday 4 April 2014 (school closes at 1.15pm)</b>

### EASTER Holiday

Staff Training Day	Tuesday 22 April (School closed)
<b>Pupils return (start of Summer term for pupils)</b>	<b>Wednesday 23 April</b>
Bank Holiday	Monday 5 May
Half term	Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May
<b>End of Term for Pupils</b>	<b>Friday 18 July (school closes at 1.15pm)</b>

### SUMMER Holiday

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