

Open Day 13th October 2007

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to our Summer Newsletter. As another academic year draws to a close, a number of boys leave Kelsey Park to go on to university, college or a whole range of employment opportunities. We wish them all the very best of luck and hope that they will look back on their experience at Kelsey Park with affection.

At this time, we find ourselves looking back at all that has happened over the last year. It gives me great pleasure to provide you with just a flavour of some of the things the students have achieved over the year.

Just before Easter, our Student Council submitted two applications for funding to Bromley Youth Service. I am very pleased to say that both bids were successful and over £20,000 was raised to provide a fully equipped recording studio, as well as additional basketball and football goals in the senior playground.

One of our success stories this term has been the development of our Football and Boxing Academies. Over 120 applications were received from both top and promising young sportsmen who have either represented their district or county teams and are now looking to take their involvement to another level, combining enhanced coaching and tuition in their sport with an academic rigour aimed at achieving success.

Earlier this term, I was delighted to welcome local councillors, and other notaries to our second Art Exhibition, held at Beckenham Library.

The exhibition was a tremendous success and all those viewing agreed that the artwork on display was of an exceptionally high standard. To complement this, a second exhibition of A-level Art work was held at the school, so that external examiners could moderate student material in a semi-formal setting. Once again, the standard was very high and, I am pleased to say, the examiners agreed, awarding the students a 100% pass rate.

I cannot let the academic year close without paying tribute to Ben Hitchcock, one of our Year 11 students who had just completed his GCSE examinations, and who was tragically killed late one Saturday night a few weeks ago.

Ben, a popular student, had worked extremely hard throughout his final year at Kelsey Park and was on course to achieve a number of good grades in his examination subjects. He had already passed Business Studies and was looking to add to this with passes

in a number of other subjects. It is always tragic when a young person loses their life in such needless and meaningless circumstances, and our hearts and thoughts go out to Ben's family at this very difficult time.

As a tribute to Ben, we will be planting a tree on the College grounds in his memory in a small ceremony that will be attended by Ben's mother, his two younger brothers and other close friends and family.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all a very enjoyable summer break. I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Remember, College starts on 3rd September for staff only; 4th September for Year 7 boys and for those wishing to enrol in our sixth form.

Wednesday 5th September sees the College open for all other students.

Have a good break!



KPSC award winning gardens have been entered for Bromley in Bloom for a second year

Challenge Day at Cambridge University



Year 8 special edition newsletter will celebrate achievement this year

Year 8 students have decided that they would like to produce a newsletter to highlight the activities and achievements of the year group during this academic year.

An editorial team has been established with students taking editorial responsibility.

The special edition newsletter will contain information not only on the college's trips and sporting successes but will also name the students with the best attendance record, and celebrate those who have received academic rewards.

A huge well done to this enthusiastic and organised group. We look forward to reading all their news.

Our day at Cambridge University began at the Faculty of Law, where we took part in a lecture entitled "Food for Thought," which focused on how humans classify things as food and how the preparation of food, and its consumption, causes social divisions.

After lunch we proceeded to the lecture theatre at Peterhouse and began our Virology class. This lecture was aimed at getting the students involved in a debate and making them think about why diseases, such as bird flu, are seen as a major threat

to humans and how these viruses can enter the body.

Both of these classes were successful in engaging the students' interest and were very enjoyable.

In retrospect, all of my initial preconceptions were shattered. I believed that a place at Cambridge would never be within my grasp and that it only catered for other people. After visiting the University, I now know that studying at Cambridge is manageable, as long as I focus on my education and remember what can be achieved if I consistently work hard.

Rhys Williams Year 10

Football family is producing our next premier stars

The Hurley family is passionate about football! Lamar Hurley, a Year 8 student at Kelsey Park, became interested in football when his father coached a Sunday team, Pelo, in Dulwich Village.



Lamar Hurley in his West Ham United home kit

Lamar is currently playing for West Ham United Under-13s, where his love of football and exceptional skills are bringing him all sorts of opportunities. He has already played with West Ham at Rossana in Italy and Javier in Spain and next season he will be playing in the Master Tournament to be held at the new Wembley Stadium.

Mr Hurley, who currently coaches the Beckenham Youth Team is clearly not satisfied with one outstanding player in this talented family, as Lamar's brother plays for Bromley FC Youth Team.

We wish Lamar well in his future tournaments and are very proud that he is a student at Kelsey Park.

A City of Contrasts

As part of the Settlement unit in Geography, Year 7 students looked at issues of housing in less economically developed countries. They had to write a brief letter (as though they were living in the Favela Rocinha) to a friend back in the UK.

Dear Liam,
I am writing to you from Favela Rocinha in the city of Brazil. It is horrible here and I feel so scared. I feel vulnerable as my shelter is on the hillside and there could be a landslide or I could be robbed by a crook. You don't know how fortunate you are. You shouldn't take resources like electricity and clean water for granted. I would give anything in the world to be living in a city with more hope and opportunities.

Tourists come and watch us with questions about our life and it feels like they mock us by taking photos. We are so poor we have to hook up to the main electricity lines to get some electricity illegally.

Remember, look at what you have and never take it for granted, savour what you have!

Yours faithfully
Ben Jarrett



Business Specialist Status at Kelsey Park Sports College.

In July 2005, Kelsey Park was awarded specialist status for Sport and Business. Specialism is awarded to schools that are consistently performing well; have strong leadership; sound plans for future development and a clear vision.

A highly successful department, Business Studies is very popular with the students and plans to extend its Keystage 5 provision this summer to include Economics AS and GCSE Business. This is in addition to our current Law and Psychology courses. The department is also leading the way in a Building Learning Power (BLP) initiative which has significantly improved students' ability to develop confident, curious and creative learning habits. In addition to this, the department offers the most advanced gifted and talented programme for students in the College. This programme, part of a national initiative to improve the attainment, aspirations, and self-esteem of gifted and talented pupils and students, has provided essential support and motivation to a number of our students. Business Studies also has a strong and valuable relationship with the Institute of Education, which has been instrumental in our success in securing placements for trainee teachers over the last five years. The Institute selected Kelsey Park Sports College as a model partnership school.

The Business Department is currently developing a variety of exciting projects and student initiatives: the Businessman of the Month award, for example, has been highly successful, encouraging students to reach beyond their own limits and produce some exceptional pieces of work. The Year 8 Enterprise Club is currently launching its car wash project. Whilst improving student management and financial skills, this project has also significantly enhanced their ability to think and work independently and is proving to be a great success.

Year 10 students working on a customer service project



University Doctor WHO?

Dr Russell Binnions of University College London recently returned to his old school, Kelsey Park Sports College, where he was first inspired by science.

Dr Binnions described how his interest in science started at Kelsey Park, his science teachers "made the subject come alive and motivated me to apply to university".

Dr Binnions, now working in research and development in the Chemistry Department at University College, is currently involved in a project with Pilkington, a company at the forefront of the world's glass industry, developing architectural coatings for commercial glass.

Following his visit Dr Binnions said, "I was really impressed with the boys and the range of academic lessons at Kelsey".

Headteacher, Brian Lloyd commented, "We always enjoy

meeting former students and are delighted to announce the setting up of a page on our website so that our current and former boys can share their successes".

For further information, visit our website:
www.kelseyark.bromley.sch.uk



Deputy Headteacher Mr Vickers (left) with former student Dr Russell Binnions



Kelsey Park Maths teacher, Rhona Miller, and Youth Leaders (left) with Alexandra Junior School teacher, Karen Hart, (right) and pupils.

Alexandra Junior School joins Kelsey Park in Active Maths

Kelsey Park has developed a new and exciting curriculum initiative, Active Maths, specifically aimed at primary schools. Active Maths is a joint Maths and PE Department project that combines sport and maths and involves pupils taking part in fitness testing, recording their results and analysing the data using their own fitness results.

Alexandra Junior School in Sydenham was the first school to take part in the scheme. Thirty Year 6 pupils from the school came to Kelsey Park on Friday 25th May, when supported by students and staff, they worked on four fitness stations.

1. 10 and 20m Speedgate: measuring time taken to sprint 10m and then 20m
2. Balance: measuring time balanced in stork position
3. Exercise bike: measuring heart rate over 3mins
4. Basketball: measuring successful baskets

After the pupils had recorded their results, a follow-up lesson was held at Alexandra Junior School, to analyse the data collected.

Ms Miller and Mr Endersby, from the Maths and PE departments, led

the session on data analysis, ably assisted by two Year 7 Students from Kelsey Park, Aaron Beacon and Luke Pinnegar.

The Alexandra Junior School pupils did extremely well in drawing some credible conclusions from their data, furthering their understanding of the use of data to improve performance, as well as the application of data analysis in real situations.

These two days were hugely enjoyable, as well as very successful in showing just how closely PE and Maths can be linked to develop children's physical fitness and academic understanding.

A Letter

From a Year 7 student to forthcoming students.

Boys, first of all I want to tell you about the marvellous, spectacular and fantastic Kelsey Park Sports College.

From my point of view, and hopefully yours, the sport in this school is MARVELLOUS, the range of teaching staff, the high standard of equipment, and much, much more, just tops off the quality of our sports.

When you become an official member of Kelsey Park Sports College you will acknowledge the SPECTACULAR depth of our after school clubs, starting with common sports such as football and finishing with less developed school sports for example, boxing and dancing.

Lessons, lessons, lessons. Some can be ok, some can be incredible. At our college we have an array of lessons such

as Maths, Drama and French. Over a period of time in Year 7 I have learnt that there will always be incredible lessons.

Every pupil in this school is equal and that is just absolutely FANTASTIC.

Ryan Inniss

A Poem

Nature (Have you ever.....That's nice.)

Have you ever heard the sigh of a baby? A sigh that sounds like the song of an angel.

I have.....That's nice.

Have you ever heard and seen a tree swing? How its leaves colour the breeze and the tree waves "hello" to every person it meets.

I have.....That's nice.

Have you ever seen the sun rise and the sun set? How it goes up and down so slowly, gracefully and majestically.

I have.....That's nice.

Have you ever seen the ocean in the day and the night? How its waters glisten with or without the sun.

I have.....That's nice.

Have you ever heard the sigh of a baby? That sounds like the song of an angel.

I HAVE.....That's nice.

*Hakeem Montague
Year 10*

Pit stop challenge

Kelsey Park Sports College Year 8 students interested in engineering and technology had the opportunity to take part in a one day work related learning event in motor mechanics.

The motor vehicle work session, which took place at Bromley College of Further & Higher Education, offered the boys a range of practical activities in real workshops. The young engineers developed their understanding of vehicle servicing and took part in a pit stop challenge to change wheels and tyres in the fastest time. They ended the day with a fuller understanding of the skills and qualifications required for a career in the motor vehicle trade and were very keen to go home and practise what they had learnt.

Jan Roberts Year 8 Manager at Kelsey



Park Sports College commented, "the students had a fantastic time. They loved working with motor vehicles and found it a most valuable and engaging experience." Jack Balanco a Year 8 student said "I liked working on the motor vehicles. I thought it

was fun and I learnt a lot that I didn't know when I started. When I first went on the course I wasn't very interested in motor car mechanics but now I feel it could be a good career for me."



Kelsey Park Prefects Rise to the Occasion

Prefects at Kelsey Park have demonstrated their willingness to develop their role and responsibilities within the College.

From September the cohort of 30 prefects under the leadership of James Davis, Head Prefect, Hulusi Mustafa, Deputy Head Prefect and Elliot Bysh, Deputy Head Prefect, will assist staff to manage the school and reinforce the College's expectations

of its students. These boys will be role models to other students, setting high personal standards and taking on responsibility for a range of areas, reflecting the values and ethos of the College.

The prefects' role will extend to include responsibilities such as supporting other students in a range of areas from homework to personal problems, and having a key presence

at College events and trips. The prefects will be easily identifiable by their distinctive badges and ties denoting their status.

The boys will benefit from special privileges within College and will have the full support of staff in carrying out their duties.

We are very proud of this group and wish them every success in their new role.

Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term begins for Years 7 and 12 on September 4th 2007
and for Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 on September 5th 2007

Presentation Evening 20th September 2007

Open Day 13th October 2007

Half term fortnight 22nd October to 5th November 2007

End of Term 21st December 2007

Zigger Zagger

A musical production brings staff and students to their feet



A massive thank you to all the boys who took part in the College drama production of 'Zigger Zagger' a musical play about football, written by Peter Terson.

During the rehearsal process the students learnt about the discipline required of the theatre, concentrating for long periods of time, learning lines and playing up to four different characters. The students, treated like a professional company, more than rose to the occasion, revealing a wealth of hidden talent.

The students' hard work certainly paid off, as both shows were excellent, musically strong and with some outstanding performances, making staff, fellow students and parents extremely proud. The boys' knowledge and understanding of theatre strategies has greatly improved, as has their practical abilities.

We certainly enjoyed working with the boys and would like to thank the cast, backstage crew and production team for their dedication and enthusiasm.

Kelsey Park Sports College Drama Department

Literature quiz

Congratulations to the six members of Year 7 who took part in the children's literature quiz at Bromley Central Library. The students did very well and were only one mark behind Langley Park Boys School and Bullers Wood School.



Students were able to wear their sports clothes, if they donated money to Cancer Research

Fruity Friday

When Kelsey Park Sports College held their annual Fruity Friday Event, 1000 miles were covered, over £500 raised and a lot of fun was had. The day was a huge success with staff and students enthusiastically rising to the challenge of walking or running one mile during the day to raise money for Cancer Research.

Everyone was very grateful to Waitrose of Beckenham who kindly supplied the school with 300 oranges that helped refresh runners while also promoting healthy eating.

A delighted Matt Strange, Director of Specialism, said, "the day was hugely enjoyable, raising funds for such a worthy cause and promoting a healthy active lifestyle through exercise and healthy eating."



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