



**HARINGEY  
SIXTH FORM CENTRE**

# Autumn 2011 news LETTER

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## From the Principal

As the long Autumn Term draws to a close, it's good to take a moment to reflect back on the many successes of our students and staff, many of which are contained in this issue of our newsletter. Didn't they achieve a lot!



### Hilal Diner

(Former school Hornsey School for Girls)

AS Law, AS Media, AS Sociology & A2 Turkish

"Haringey Sixth Form is a really great place to study and the teachers are very nice and supportive. The atmosphere is great, and the Centre has exceeded my expectations. I enjoy studying in the Learning Resource Centre when I have free periods, the staff there are helpful and I focus more."

When this term started in August, we had much to celebrate with a bumper crop of outstanding student achievements; A level pass rate 97% with 17 subjects achieving 100%; BTEC National Diplomas 96% and BTEC Level 1 courses 93%. These results not only demonstrate the truly inclusive nature of the Centre's provision, offering courses for a wide range of students but are also testament to the hard work of our students and the staff who so ably support them.

194 students progressed onto university courses this year, 82% of the cohort who applied, which is well above the national average. Students have gone to universities including the London School of Economics, Goldsmiths, Leicester and Birmingham, to name but a few. We are very proud of their achievements and wish them every success in their studies.

A new feature of our newsletter this year is the Governors' column which will become a regular item keeping our readers up to date on the work of the Governing Body in monitoring, supporting and challenging the Centre in meetings its objective for our learners and all stakeholders. We hope you will find this column informative.

As the festive season begins, I would like to thank all our students and staff for their hard work this term and to wish them greetings for the season and happy holidays when they arrive.

**Season's greeting also go to all our readers and a wish for even greater success in 2012.**

## House of Commons visit - London's Calling



A new report called London's Calling: Young Londoners, social mobility and access to Higher Education produced by the Centre for London, featured Haringey Sixth Form Centre as one of its case studies, and highlighted its success in raising the aspirations of young people and enabling high numbers of students to progress to university.

Melissa Cifci, Mohammed Razmjoo and Jay Alam were outstanding representatives of the Centre at the launch of the report at the Palace of Westminster.

They all spoke eloquently, and without notes, to a packed room of representatives from universities, colleges and other widening participation organisations.

They all took an active part in networking, carefully selecting their targets from the list of participants and hunting them down to ensure that they got to talk to everyone they wanted to.

Many of the attendees stopped to compliment our students on their maturity, participation and networking skills.

The report was also covered by BBC London news and featured film of the Centre and its students as well as interviews with both Jay and Melissa.

## The Gallery Restaurant's Evening Service

The 'Gallery Restaurant' held its first ever Evening Dinner Service to paying guests. This was a very high profile and well attended event with many distinguished guests including the Mayor of Haringey, Councillor Gina Adamou, Assistant Chief Executives, past and present Governors and several local councillors to name but a few. The evening event was formally opened by the Mayor of Haringey who was very impressed and thanked the staff and students for the special invitation. The guests were treated to Canapés followed by a three course gourmet menu which was all prepared, cooked and served by our Hospitality and Catering students.

The evening was a resounding success and many guests said they would return. The Gallery Restaurant will be hosting Dinner Service once a month and the next dates available are 26th January, 9th February 2012, 8th March 2012 and 29th March 2012.

**For bookings / reservations call 020 8376 5891 or email [reservations@haringey6.ac.uk](mailto:reservations@haringey6.ac.uk).**





## Media Rich Mix Trip

The Media department took the AS and A2 students to RichMix in Shoreditch to undergo a full study day where they learnt about TV Drama and music video. They had the opportunity to watch a preview episode of Misfits and met the directors and composer of the show who explained the technical aspects of filming and how music is scored around scenes. They were also able to meet a music director who has worked with Olly Murs and Paulo Nutini who explained the interesting dynamics of working with a record label and music artists.



## The International Handball Cup

Dean Bouho, Tafari Nicholas, Albert Kolodziejczyk, Aaron Headley and Jordan Corniche took part in the International Handball Cup as Young Games Makers. The International Handball Cup was the test event for the London 2012 Olympics and was based at the Handball Arena in the Olympic Park in Stratford. These students were given the opportunity to work as volunteers on the final of this prestigious event. Some of their duties included being flag bearers who lead the teams out at the Medal Ceremony, field of play attendants and maintaining the safety of equipment. Their success and efforts have earned them the opportunity to be Young Games Makers field of play attendants at the London 2012 Olympics.



## BBC Radio 5Live Debate

**A small group of our students participated in a special debate programme discussing the impact of the August riots which was broadcast live on BBC Radio 5Live and the BBC News Channel.**

There were over 100 people in the audience including representatives from the government, Fire Service and the Metropolitan Police as well as local MP David Lammy and, crucially, ordinary people who were affected in some way by the disturbances.

Jacob Oti-Akenteng, one of the students who attended the debate said, "I was glad to have the chance to participate in the debate as I felt strongly about the issues surrounding the riots in August. This was a good opportunity to hear the views of the local community and have our voices heard by influential members of the government."

## BBC Learning Project

BBC Learning has commissioned Game Lab of London - Metropolitan University to produce and film a musical which will be recorded and available as a resource to secondary schools who may wish to produce a musical of their own. The brief was to use a mixture of talented students including those with special needs.

Martin Wright, Game Lab's Executive Producer is assisted by Owen Smith (Creative Director) and Rebecca Applin (Musical Director) to bring the student's ideas to life and create a musical based around emotions. Owen and Rebecca have been auditioning and working with students from Haringey Sixth Form Centre, Northumberland Park School, Abby Hill School in Stoke on Trent and College Park School in Victoria.

Students from the participating schools came together at the Centre for their first joint rehearsal in November. Andrea Gauld, BBC Learning Zone Commissioning Editor was also in attendance to see first hand the hard work that has been put in so far. We are all waiting to see the final filmed production.



## Tulisa Visits Haringey Shed for "Children in Need"

The BBC selected Haringey Shed as one of the charities to feature as part of a short film for 'Children in Need Rocks Manchester' which was filmed at Haringey Sixth Form Centre. Tulisa Contostavlos came as a surprise guest as part of the filming and watched them perform one of their songs. Haringey Shed is a regular user of the Centre's facilities and is attended by some of our Entry and Foundation students.

# Careers Academy Students have a Capital Experience

On Tuesday 29th November 14 of our students on the Careers Academy UK programme experienced what it was like to work in the City. The aim of the visit was to give students an insight into organisations normally inaccessible to them.

The students spent the morning with two companies, E-Skills UK, an IT company at the forefront of ensuring that British businesses have the required technological skills to succeed in the global economy. The second company, the Citizen Foundation, aims to develop independent learning skill in young people. It encourages individuals to engage in democratic issues affecting society and develop citizenship skills.

During the course of the workshops, presentations detailing the roles and responsibilities of the senior management teams were presented to the students. They were also able to interact with university graduates employed under the apprenticeship programme offered by the companies.

A question and answer session gave students the opportunity to ask questions of the presenters about what experience and qualifications they would need to work in their organisations.

Finally, the group had the privilege to visit the Royal Festival hall, where they met other Careers Academy students from across the UK. Ex Careers Academy students who are now entrepreneurs spoke to them about how the Careers Academy programme had helped them to be successful. The students thoroughly enjoyed the day, it has given them a renewed zeal to succeed on their course, it was truly a Capital experience.



## Football News

The Haringey Men's 1st XI football team have made a very promising start to the season currently lying second in the table with 2 games in hand. The team has had to live up to expectations from the year before as a number of players have left to go to University or work.

The new team members have slotted in extremely well with the old and we have players from Media, Art, A-levels and Music along with the Sports students representing the Centre. The Team narrowly lost to Hackney 4-3 in their 1st game but have secured victories at Middlesex University, Bedford College and a thumping 6-2 win against West Herts College. The lads are improving with every game and have their sights firmly on top spot and bringing back some silverware this year.



## Disabled Volunteer of the Year Nomination

Haringey Sixth Form Centre student, Emma Kelly has been awarded a certificate for being shortlisted for the 'Disabled Volunteer of the Year' award. She belongs to the Pedal Power Cycling Club and was nominated by a parent whose son attends the club and who Emma has supported.



## Spotlight on Daniel Oladejo



### What is your role here?

First and foremost I am a Maths teacher! In addition I am Programme Area Manager for Mathematics.

### How long have you been teaching and what were you doing before?

I have been teaching since 2004. Before I got into teaching I was a Learning Mentor at a college, supporting students at risk of underachieving on L2 and L3 programmes.

### What do you enjoy most about teaching?

I enjoy teaching Maths at all levels, from the very simple, basic concepts, right through to the more complex problems. Everyone – regardless of age, should be able to access Mathematics at all levels and so through teaching I am able to allow people to see its relevance, its simplicity and its complexities, but most importantly, everyone should enjoy learning Mathematics.

### What is the most challenging part of your job?

Changing the perception of Maths as a hard subject and the emotions about Maths as a hated subject!

### What do you enjoy most about working at Haringey Sixth Form Centre?

The students and staff. We have students at the Centre who achieve beyond their own expectations and a fantastic group of dedicated staff who all contribute to their achievements.

# View from Our Governors

## Mountview Drama School Performances

We were privileged to host 5 public performances by 3rd year students from Mountview Drama School, one of the 22 nationally recognised drama schools in the country. They performed a series of Shakespeare productions for our Performing Arts and English students as well as a full length production of Arthur Millar's *View from the Bridge*. The actors are in their final year of training at Mountview and many will be working as professional actors after graduating. This was apparent to all, as the quality of all the performances was near professional level.

Each production was followed by a drama workshop run by the actors themselves as well as extensive Question and Answer sessions about what life is like when training at one of the elite drama schools. It was a fantastic experience and is the first of an ongoing working link between Haringey Sixth Form Centre and Mountview.



**Jean Fawcett  
Chair of Governors**

The Board of Governors is responsible for the strategic direction of and monitoring how effectively the Centre is run on a day to day basis by Senior Staff. We challenge and support the Principal and her team in their excellent work to give every student great opportunities to achieve their very best.

We are a group of 19 people, many of us are from outside the Centre and some of us are on the staff or are parents of students here. Those of us from outside have professional lives (e.g. we have an electronics engineer who runs his own company) or wide experience of education (e.g. a former Dean of a University Business School). Our Governors play an active part in the life of the Centre as outlined by two of them on this page.

### Calling all Parents

The Governing Body of the Centre has a new constitution which involves more parents.

If you have an interest in what happens to the education of young people and have a little spare time (10 evenings a year) then you may want to consider becoming one of our parent governors.

If you would like to find out more about becoming a parent governor then contact John Watson the Assistant Principal on 020 8376 5908



**Beverley Gachette  
Parent Governor**

I always intended to play an active role within the Centre when my son joined as a student in September 2010. I approached staff in late 2010, and found out there were vacancies on the Board of Governors and I was very quickly appointed a Parent Governor. I sit on the Finance and General Purposes sub-committee, which provides an overview of the financial status of the Centre. I am also the link Governor for the Public Service department – this means I have a specific interest in the activities (and outstanding performance!) within that department.

Although I have settled into the role of Parent Governor, I recognise that there is still much to learn; the training provided by Haringey's Governors Support and Training Unit gave me a comprehensive understanding of the role, whilst the support from fellow governors has been invaluable.

I think the role of Parent Governor goes beyond that of 'critical friend'; it is an opportunity to scrutinise and steer, but also to support. Most important for me, it is a practical demonstration of my interest and care for my son, his fellow students, Centre staff and the extended H6FC community.



**Liz Santry  
Chair of the Friends' Group**

The Governors have also set up a group of Friends of the Sixth Form Centre. These are people experienced and successful in their careers who are keen to support the Centre and the students. They may offer visits to workplaces, work experience or visit the Centre to talk to students about their work or to mentor individual students.

They help students widen their understanding of the world of work and the opportunities available. If you know someone interested in becoming a Friend or just want to find out more about the Governing Body, please let us know by contacting:

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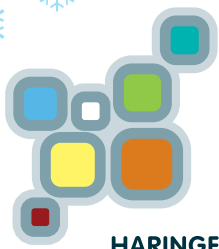
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# OPEN EVENT

Wednesday 8th February 2012

5.00pm - 7.30pm

Come and meet staff and students and see what we can offer you  
Parents & Carers are particularly welcome



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