

insight

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Dear Parent

Welcome to the final edition of Insight, for this very successful academic year. Our exam results placed us at the top of the Croydon League tables for added value; our sports teams have improved rapidly and are quickly becoming the most successful in the area for boys and girls. We also had our first musical production of "Grease" which was a great success.

The end of year exam results for all year groups are showing outstanding progress overall and most important of all, our students are held in high esteem by many visitors to the Academy, who always comment on how much the students enjoy their lessons and engage in their learning. It is not surprising that Harris Academy South Norwood received an Outstanding judgement from OFSTED and we recognise that the support we have from parents has been an important part of this success, so thank you.

It is at this time of the year we review our success in relation to the six strands of our developing learning ethos. The question we ask is "How good are students and staff in the following?" It would be great if you could discuss these as well:

Learning comes first	Celebrating success
Growing confidence	High Aspirations
Business Environment	Spirit of Enterprise

We will have 5 faculties from next year, as the 4 established faculties are joined by a purple faculty. This means there will be some changes to tutor groups, which you will be informed about by letter.

We also welcome our new year 7 students to the Academy and we enjoyed meeting you on your induction day. We hope you enjoy your first edition of Insight and look forward to you contributing in future years.

Have a lovely summer break and I look forward to seeing you in September.

Carolyn English, Principal

Forget the World Cup What about the Faculty Cup?!

Congratulations to Creative Arts last term for winning the Faculty cup. The pressure is now on for all faculties to gain ownership of that cup. Or will Creative Arts win it again? Who will be the winners of the faculty cup for this Summer term? Which Faculty will be walking proud? Has your tutor group earned enough faculty points to make a difference? Is the attendance and punctuality good in your tutor group, your faculty? Who are the Learning Champions? Are you a Learning Champion? All will be revealed during Celebration Assemblies on Friday 23 July 2010.



Science gets Close to Nature

Working on the conservation project:

We worked really well together as a team, to design a conservation site, so we could present it to the council to get planning permission to develop a conservation area next to our school.

We enjoyed being creative and getting ideas from others. We enjoyed going outside to collect samples of bark and leaves to help create our conservation site.

Sian Reid, Naomi Carter-Lobban, Yasmin Thomson, Caliyah Jones, Maria Finch and Elaine Thomas. Year 8

Faculty Friday

Year 7 students enjoyed their Faculty Friday by spending time outside in their green area collecting and identifying insects. Lauren Rees-Blackstone Came in on the Monday with her own collection of Spiders from her garden.

The Science Department and their Chicks

During science lessons and in Science club the students have enjoyed regularly turning and looking after the eggs and then handling the chicks after they are born. Watch this space for exciting photos of the birth of Tinkerbell, J, Benji, Bambi and Roary in the next edition.

Shahleeni Gardner



Radio Station Broadcasts Soon

Every Monday, Jessica – May O’Keefe (7FJS), Lauren Rees – Blackstone (7LCZ), Joel Kyereme (7THT), Tyler Dougan (7ACE), Tyrel Stewart (10 ASP), Gaaron Clarke (10PWI), Emor Titus (10PWI) and I (Darren Hawke 7FFE) have been participating in Radio Club.

Jessica, Lauren and Joel have created a show called ‘Talent Scramble.’ This is a show where students record their hidden talents and previous features have included singing from Jarred Little and jokes from Tyler Dougan. Future guests will include Mr Chay, Ms Fennell and some special celebrity guests. Also coming up is a show about the Academy conservation project.

Tyrel, Gaaron, and Emor have produced a show ‘Dynamix.’ This is a current music show featuring all the latest music hits and chat from the boys – I promise you it’s going to be a real one to listen out for!

I helped Mr Marley with the Setting up of the equipment, recording and editing of ‘Talent Scramble’ and ‘Dynamix’. I have learnt loads at radio club like how to set up the equipment such as the microphones and how to edit using Cubase.

Soon we will be broadcasting our radio shows on the internet – watch this space!

Darren Hawke 7ffe

Year 12 AS Drama Performances are a Huge Success!

The Year 12 AS Drama and Theatre studies group completed their Unit 2 examination this term and the standard of acting was extremely high!

The class had to perform in a group piece directed by their teacher and also individually, choosing their own monologue. This year the variety of diverse pieces kept everybody very entertained and we had an audience of almost 60 on a Friday after school... testimony indeed to our student’s talents!

The examiner is probably the most daunting person to have in the audience but all students held their nerve and performed exceptionally well, clearly demonstrating their enterprising attitudes. We will hopefully have more examination work ready for live audiences next year so keep a look out on the Web site for future productions.

Rebecca Heathcote





Strictly Come Dancing Flamenco!

On Friday April 29th 2010, a group of year 8 students came to experience and enjoy Spanish culture through the most international and passionate Spanish dance, Flamenco.

Our boys and girls spent the morning learning about the origins of this traditional music and dance native to Andalusia but with influences from India and Morocco routines too. Students could see and touch some ornaments and traditional clothes and even some brave ones had a go with the castanets which was not as easy as they thought! Students also learnt the language necessary to follow our guest teacher Celia Domene's instructions.

After break, shoulders to the wheel! Our Harris dancers and Ms Domene worked their hearts out showing amazing skills in dancing, tapping and clapping to create a joyful and lively choreographed routine.

Even our Spanish teachers Ms Moya-Sanchez and Ms Hernandez joined the group to learn some steps.

At the end of the day our year 8 artists had a final challenge, as they had to create an original choreographed performance in groups and then compete against each other. This wasn't an easy task because of the implacable judges they had to impress – who happened to be their fellow students!

During the final competition all students were absolutely fantastic; they proved themselves to be fair and mature judges as well as excellent dancers.

Olé, Year 8



Year 13 Prom



Black ties and stunning Evening Dresses filled the room as we celebrated the Year 13 Certificate of Achievement Awards on Friday May 21st. The young men and women who attended their leaving celebration shone, the speeches in praise of their accomplishments overflowed and parents and guests gleamed with pride. We were all entertained by our own talented students and were delighted to see Alan Bryant in a drum solo and Charlie Pullen on vocals with Chris Wright [from Merton] on guitar. Awards were given for best in subject and best in tutor group for each of the three sites and the event climaxed with Trophies for the Best Work Experience, Peter Ede. Most Improved Ayesha Bungchee. Harris Post 16 Citizen of the Year, Catherine Manargadoo and finally Student of the Year Nathaniel Nelson-Roberts.

After the cheers, applause and flash photography we all left on coaches to enjoy the much awaited Prom. The Evening was such a warm and enjoyable event with dinner and dancing until midnight, tears and laughter as students said their goodbyes and reminisced over their years of schooling... it was a wonderful atmosphere of joy and celebration and it was a pleasure to be there to witness the scenes. The final leaving rituals culminated in a staff and student BBQ, cooked by our year 10 Btec Catering students on Friday 28th of May. More awards were given out, some less formal, including 'most likely to need an alarm clock', and food and stories were shared alike. Congratulations to all the Year 13 in completing their courses here at South Norwood and across the Federation. We wish you all the luck in the world in your final exams and please keep in touch and tell us about your experiences at university and at work. We know you will all do well in whatever you choose.

Kate Page

UKMT Maths Challenge

The UK Mathematics Trust (UKMT) is a registered charity whose aim is to advance the education of children and young people in mathematics. The UKMT organises national mathematics competitions and other mathematical enrichment activities for 11-18 year old UK school pupils.

The UKMT Maths Challenges are lively, intriguing papers designed to stimulate interest in maths among students. Due to the fact that the test involves reasoning and mental agility, enthusiastic students in years 7 and 8 are encouraged to participate in the Junior Maths Challenge. The papers contain 25 multiple-choice questions. Of these, the first 15 are more accessible whilst the final 10 will provide more food for thought. Gold, silver and bronze certificates are awarded to participants nationally.

Every year we aim to enter atleast 20 students for the Challenge. The Junior Maths Challenge took place on April 29th and the following students participated.

Shannon Jackowski**	Quinnan Oldham**
Hanniel Pinnock **	Sweniya Dominic Gunasingham*
Rui Weller *	Alex Poovathoor*
Kondwani Moyo	Lauren Reeseblackstone
Bidhika Shrestha	Joel Kyereme
Katie Darnell Smith	Roxanne Nichols
Brannoc Phillips	Liam Ollet
Nathan Shanks	Mia McDevitt
Jessica Okeefe	Jasmine Engel- Malone
Tashan Melbourne Barnes	Sekki Abdi

The results show 3** students awarded silver certificates and 5* students awarded bronze certificates. Shannon Jackowski was the highest scorer and hence received the certificate for 'Best in School'.

The Maths Department is very pleased with the performance of the students and we look forward to recruiting more students to participate in future UKMT Maths Challenge Competitions.

P. Lewinson, Maths Department



Harris Academy South Norwood Student Commission



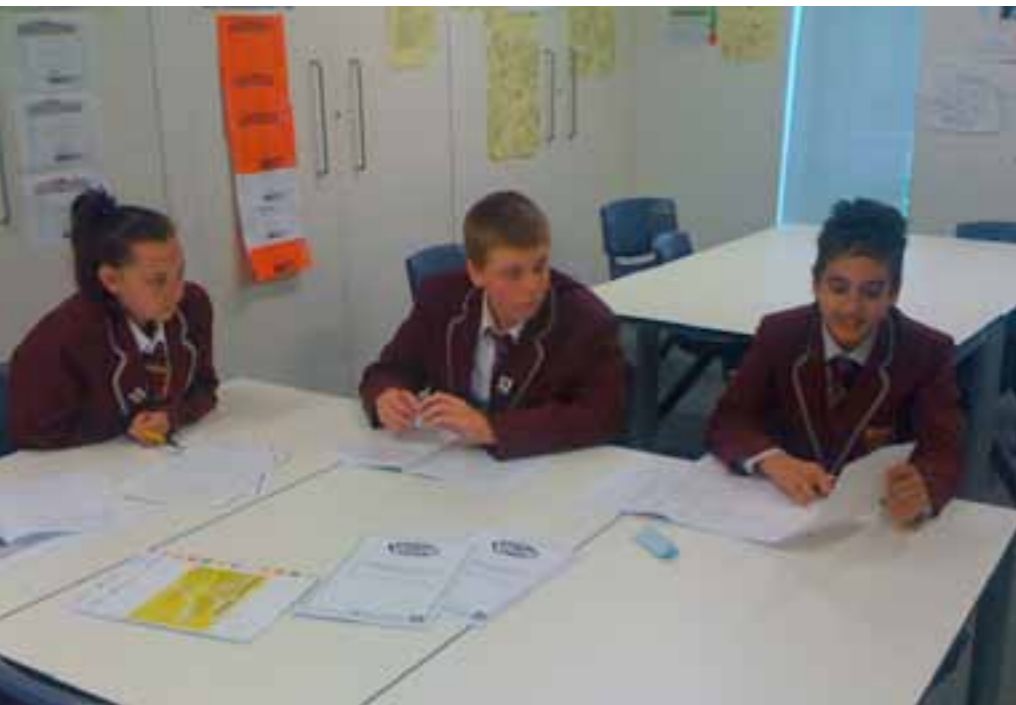
Picture Perfect

This year was the first time since the Academy opened that we have offered school photographs to students at Harris Academy South Norwood. The idea of school photos was actually brought up by members of the student council. Anisha Mishra, student representative for 9WLA, was determined to make this the first year we offered the service to students and began by researching a number of photography companies that could provide us with the professional standards we require.

She came up against a number of obstacles but was fortunate enough to come across a local company who she contacted and put in touch with staff at the Academy. With the help of Mr O'Connell, the Academy's business manager, the week ran smoothly and both students and teachers seemed to thoroughly enjoy the opportunity. Photographs will be released towards the end of the summer term and the company are even offering printed T-shirts, mugs and other exciting products to have photographs printed on.

Alan Singh

The Student Commission at Harris Academy South Norwood continues to flourish and students are increasingly involved in projects and events that allow them to demonstrate their inspiring and confident approach to learning about learning.



invaluable opportunity for the commissioners to reflect on the impact their research was having on Academy life and the successes and areas for further investigation. The students worked extremely hard and delivered fluent, confident and thoughtful presentations. After each presentation, there was a scheduled time for questions and it was here that our students continued to excel; the student presenters rose to the challenge, offering insightful and coherent responses.

'By presenting to other students and important adults, I have gained and improved on my skills. From this experience, I have improved my presentation and teamwork skills. I have also gained more confidence.'

Phoebe Holder, Year 8

'Being a Student Commissioner has made a big difference in my attitude towards education and has made me see I can be a good role model to other students. Over the course of the presentations, I gained confidence in my presentation skills and improved my use of language.'

Skakira Skervin, Year 9

'Following the presentations, I have learnt that it doesn't matter how old you are, you can still be what you want. I gained in confidence and improved my presentation skills. I thoroughly enjoyed the experience.'

Joel Kyereme, Year 7

'I felt that by doing a presentation in front of many different students and adults I gained confidence in presenting overall. I also learnt how to answer questions on the spot. I really enjoyed myself and would do it again.'

Leah Henry, Year 9

One of the events attended by Student Commissioners at Federation level was held at the Royal Society of Arts on May 24th. We were invited to attend the Whole Education Launch event, a collaboration which works alongside innovators in the world of education. Representatives from seven of the nine Academies attended the event, each of them describing their personal experience of being a Student Commissioner as well as delivering an overview of the vision of the commissioners. Harris South Norwood was represented by **Robyn Henry-McLean** who, as ever, was confident and engaging, despite film crews, photographers and a room full of VIPs! The organiser of the event described the Harris presentation as a 'stellar input' and the students as the 'stars of the show',

and this was evidenced by the very positive feedback the students received from the audience.

On Wednesday 26th May, Harris South Norwood hosted the Student Commission Forum. This involved all of the Academies in the Federation presenting workshops based on what has been learnt so far through their research enquiries. Harris South Norwood Commissioners presented the two projects that they have been working on: **Mohammed Ali-Khan, Phoebe Holder** and **Daniel Woon** presented the project on 'Faculty Fridays' whereas **Leah Henry, Joel Kyereme** and **Shakira Skervin** presented the project on 'Students as Learning Partners'. The event provided an

'Being a Student Commissioner is a great opportunity. Doing a presentation to the other Harris Academies and VIPs made me more confident in presenting and answering questions. It was excellent, as we got to rehearse the presentations to make us sound and look more business-like and professional.'

Mohammed Ali-Khan, Year 8

Each Academy had also brought a number of students to observe workshops from other Academies. Our observers were **Sajawal Tahir-Khan, Ffion Brizelden** and **Joe Chart** and they demonstrated their increasingly profound levels of enquiry through their thoughtful and sensitive questioning.

'I really enjoyed attending the workshops. I was able to gain new skills such as being able to listen carefully and pick out key elements.'

Ffion Brizelden, Year 9

'When I was attending the workshops I thought us students have such great ideas – everyone had put a lot of work in their presentations. I liked the experience as it made me feel as an adult and I learnt how to make effective notes.'

Sajawal Tahir-Khan, Year 7

'I enjoyed the day because it was a new experience. It was good because students from all the Harris Academies came together and shared good practice.'

Joe Chart, Year 9

Thank you to all of the Student Commissioners and staff for their commitment and determination to work in partnership in ensuring teaching and learning are always of the highest standard; the Student Commission is truly becoming a dynamic force in our Academy!

Maria Papachristodoulou, Assistant Principal





South Norwood's Town Planners

Students became town planners for a day deciding on the future of South Norwood in a session led by the Royal Institute of British Architects on an i-discover experience. Participants were asked to identify what would more than likely stay the same in their area and what they would hope to see happen in the next ten years. Was there an aspiration for a tree planting or a youth club to be built? Was there a concern of locals moving away from the area or the environment changing? Using the Building Futures card game that has been used by real life town planners, architects and local councils, students whittled down their choices and masterminded their area by plotting sites for their buildings onto maps.

Students were asked to consider the implications of their choices: how they would be affected, their families, their neighbours and people in the community that they hadn't met. Ideas included funky coloured recycling bins, a double decker youth bus which stops around town, healthy take aways and an open air gym for the park.

Rachel Borchard, Education Co-ordinator, RIBA London

A Helping Hand

Students give the New Peer Mentoring Programme the Thumbs Up

You may already know that the Academy has a Peer Mentoring programme with mentors being recruited in every year group but do you really know what it's about? Most people will say that it's about students helping students with their problems and it is! It is also about positive relationships and developing the Academy community.

Finding a mentor is easy, as they wear a blue "Mentor" badge and can be found around the Academy getting involved in all different kinds of activities. These include supporting in the library, on Monday and Tuesday breaktimes, running a 'Pamper Parlour' on Fridays at the hair and beauty salon and teaming up with Mr. Wright, our basketball coach, to run a basketball club. They are also working with Ms Fennell in delivering a "Glee" club held on a Wednesdays for students in year 7/8. Finally Post-16 peer mentors are regularly visiting the year 7/8 lunch to develop relationships with the younger years.

"My experience at the Pamper Parlour was truly amazing, I can't describe how many people I have met. It has been so great so far!" – Shanice Kurup 9CRA

"Peer Mentoring has become the king of all roles for me because you learn goodness and you spread goodness." Maaz Khalid Post 16

Michelle Smith, Lakeesha Samuda



Horrible History!



Once again History has come alive for year 7. This time it was back in time to the Tudor era with Arriere-ban, a history exploration group.

Students looked at various projects including: Life as a sailor; the story of the Tudor royal family; 16th century games; health and medicine; crime and punishment. Students thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were genuinely shocked when faced with the grim reality of the more gruesome aspects of Tudor Life.

The highlight of the experience was seeing the actors demonstrate harsh punishments with real torture equipment!

Mrs Buxton

Heroes vs Villians Whose Side Are You On?

Harris South Norwood was all a flurry on Friday the 5th of March in celebration of World Book Day. The students were exposed to literary's finest heroes and villains in their annual dress-up day.

No villain went un-represented; Cruella DeVille was a popular choice amongst the female teachers. Twilight character Rosalie made an appearance and got all our blood rushing! The Ice Queen floated around threatening to bring more snow if the students didn't do what she requested.

The verdict is out the fight is over! It was a draw. A hero and a villain won the prize for the best dressed. The Mad Hatter aka Maths teacher Mr. Joseph came joint first, along-side Rosalie from 'Twilight' in the students' vote. They both deserved every bit of their luxury Easter egg. Their home made costumes were just superb; and had all students and teachers looking on in awe and wonder...So for next Harris World book day who will you be?

Natalie Robb



A big Cheer for Harris!

From 23-25th April 2010, the Academy's cheerleading team which consists of girls from year 7 – year 9 attended a PGL cheerleading residential in Surrey. They took part in a range of different workshops learning new stunts, lifts and chants and were given the chance to perform on the Sunday afternoon. The girls worked solidly for two days rehearsing a new routine and were given the opportunity to be coached by Professional cheerleaders, even the coaches commented on how enthusiastic the girls were and how confident and professional they were when rehearsing.

During the Saturday night the girls partied on down at the disco and even impressed the cheerleaders with their locking and popping dance moves! The girls behaved brilliantly all weekend and were a credit to the Academy. All 3 cheerleading coaches didn't want to leave our group and said they would remember them forever. Well done girls!

Ms Cater



HASN Sports News



Globe trotters visit HASN

Recently, Harris Academy was lucky to get the opportunity to receive a visit from the world famous Harlem Globe Trotters.

The Globe Trotters came to the academy to run a basketball session for the select group of students as a reward for their hard work, when working closely with Coach Wright of the Greenhouse basketball Programme.

The two Globe Trotters "Slick Willie Shaw" and "Hot Shot Branch" were warmly received by the students with some students admitting they were unable to sleep the night before and many students looking on the internet to watch their legendary basketball performances. The session started off with the Globe Trotters giving an inspiring talk to students encouraging students that hard work and commitment in anything you do will pay off in the future.

The skills session helped students to develop their existing skills with students wanting to show off their skills and knowledge of the game whenever possible. This was however trumped when Slick Willie Shaw and Hot Shot Branch performed the world famous Harlem Globe Trotter routine spinning basketballs on top of other basketballs and slam dunking for fun.

This once in a life time opportunity was then finished with students getting the autographs from the two Globe Trotters and students playing a few 1 on 1 games.

HASN goes Outdoors

As a part of the year 12 BTEC Sport course students have been studying Outdoor Adventure Activities. Sixteen students from this course were given the opportunity to put theory into practise visiting a Brenscombe Outdoor Centre in Dorset.

The students left the Academy on Thursday with Mr Howkins and Miss Cater and returned on Sunday. In the 4 days spent in Dorset students participated in a variety of different activities Kayaking, Canoeing, Archery, rock climbing, Abseiling and high Ropes.

The trip gave students the opportunity to experience activities that have been discussed in the class room and develop the already strong group bond. The trip was a great success even with the foul weather of 3 days of nonstop rain but students maintained a positive attitude, and completing all tasks that they were given and were a credit the academy. Roll on next year's students.

Football near misses

HASN sport continues to grow stronger and stronger. Recent successes have come from both the year 8 and year 10 football teams. Both teams made it to the final of the Croydon borough cup. The cup run for both teams started back in October.

The year 8 football team coached by Mr Jama and Mr Howkins beat 3 teams on route to the final, with an outstanding comeback against Archbishop Lanfranc School in the semi final to reach the final with outstanding performances from Jay Burke and Cai James Buttolph. In the final the team made an excellent start to the game taking a goal lead in the first half with a great individual effort from the captain John Prince Ryle. This was however overturned in the second half conceding 2 goals despite courageous defending from Carlos Anderson and Obed Sandow. The year 8 team went on to lose the game. Cup Final team – Samuel Salami, Charlie Weedon, Obed Sandow, Massia Farquharson, Cai James, Ime Etin-Johns, Carlos Anderson, Javier daves, John Prince Ryle, Millik, Hanif Charles Berry, Jay Burke, Robel Burhane, Samuel Maxwell, Shadi Mohammed

The year 10 had a tough run to the final having to beat 4 teams on route captained by John Kabula and coached by Mr Howkins. On route to the final the year 10 team beat Trinity School 7-2 with some outstanding individual performances from Nyron Worrell and Zach Bembridge scoring 5 goals between them in this game. The Semi final was a close affair with HASN generally dominating the game but late goals from Selsdon High in both the end of full time and extra time ended 3-3 forcing the game to penalties where HASN won 7-6. The final started with a shaky start conceding an early goal but two outstanding goals from Javell Miles saw HASN take the lead at half time.

The team knew that one more goal would see the oppositions head go down and the trophy would be theirs. After 10 minutes into the second half Cheick Cisse answered this call slotting the ball past the keeper but the lines man disallowed the goal as it was offside. This stroke of luck spurred on the opposition who scored 3 goals in spite of resilient defending from Daniel Davis and nonstop hard work from John Kabula and O'Shea McDonald. The damage had been done and HASN went on to lose a game that they dominated for 60 minutes 4-2.

Cup final Team - Dan Yip, Rushane Thomas, Jaydon Eka, Dan Davis, Brandon White, O'shea McDonald, John Kabula, Javell Miles, Jordan Alexis, Nyron Worrell, Zak Bembridge, Samuel Roye, Cheick Cisse, Shiraz Hussain, Jay Bartley, Jareed Gage

Basketball 2010: What an Impressive Season!

Year Group	Final Results
7 Girls	Winners Croydon Schools Cup
8 Boys	Winners Croydon Schools League
8 Boys	Winners Croydon Schools Cup
8 Girls	Winners Croydon Schools Cup
9 Girls	Semi Finalist of Croydon Schools Cup
9 Boys	Runners up in Croydon Schools Cup Finals
10 Boys	Runners up in Croydon Schools Cup Finals

Harlem Globetrotters

Over 30 students attended the Academy with boys & girls participating. Two players from the Harlem Globetrotters; Slick and Hot Shot presented a mini-basketball.

About Greenhouse

Sport and performing arts can transform the lives of young people by helping them develop the life skills they need to realise their dreams.

That's why at Greenhouse, we believe that every young person has the right to high-quality sport and performing arts coaching – regardless of their background, where they live or how much money they have.

It's not about being THE best – it's about realising YOUR best – whatever that may be. And with the encouragement of a Greenhouse coach, you'll get all the support you need to get there.

So whether sport or arts are your thing, it doesn't really matter! It's all about learning the tools you need to create the life you want

Take a look at our website:

www.greenhousecharity.org

Your Greenhouse Coach is Coach Wright

Patricia Fairclough OBE

Patricia held two courses for 20 students at the academy

England Basketball Association

Referee level 1
Table Officiating level 1

All 20 students PASSED!

Congratulations to you all

We look forward to the students officiating at our home games.

Outstanding Attendance

October 2009 vs June 2010

In October 2009, the Academy average attendance was just over 95% and the faculty with the highest attendance was Science and Technology with 96.27%!

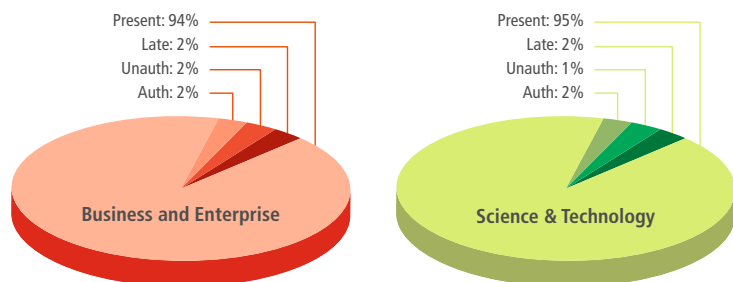
Creative Arts	96.50%
World and Citizenship Studies	95.07%
Business and Enterprise	96.79%
Science and Technology	95.03%

Creative Arts	94.70%
World and Citizenship Studies	94.99%
Business and Enterprise	95.91%
Science and Technology	96.27%

By the end of June 2010, the Academy average was nearly 96% and the best performing faculty was Business and Enterprise with 96.79%!

Make sure your attendance is outstanding!

Mr Hainey



Generous People

Once again I was delighted with the response from our local community in South Norwood.

Morley's and PHD Hairdressing have been a friends of this Academy for a while now and have been sponsoring us from the opening of the Academy. They have recently been at it again.

A big thank you to Mr Anthony Niranjan from Morley's South Norwood who sponsored our new year 8 basketball kit this year and it seemed to work wonders as we won both the league and Croydon Cup this year. The boys were treated to a free meal by Mr Anthony Niranjan for this achievement. I would also like to thank Mr Desmond Cooper from PHD who was also kind enough to sponsor our athletic shirt for the summer term.

Winning Year 8 team having a good time at Morley's.

From the Academy and PE department at Harris South Norwood we would like to say thank you very much for your generosity and ongoing support.

G van Niekerk

Buddy Cartoonists

