

Inline Magazine

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Learning Together
Achieving Together
Succeeding Together

In this edition

Introducing our new Headteacher, BBC School Report, the LIS Media Team and more...

Welcome to this edition of Inline Magazine. I am delighted to be starting as the new Headteacher of Little Ilford School. I have been given such a positive impression of the students and the staff here that I feel truly privileged to be given this role and look forward to working with you all. I have taught in Newham for 14 years now, starting as the Head of Music at St Bonaventure's before I was promoted to Advanced Skills Teacher, becoming an Assistant Head in 2004. In 2008 I went on to become a Deputy Head at Plashet. I feel that I understand and love this community and will do my best to ensure that the young people under my care are

happy and achieve their potential. My youngest child is in Year 11 so I can identify very closely with the students who will be sitting their final exams this term. It is so important to get into good revision habits further down the school rather than just completing essential homework tasks. My first priority will be to ensure that these students receive all possible support to achieve and exceed their targets.

Our motto as a school is 'Learning Together, Achieving Together, Succeeding Together'. The word that gets the repetition it deserves is 'Together'. My first appointment at Little Ilford was to talk at the 'Friends of Little Ilford School' Meeting (FLIS). I was delighted to see so many parents there on a wintry and icy night. It is when we work *together* like this – staff, parents and students – that we can release the potential of our children. This includes focusing together on their attendance, uniform, study habits and behaviour. It has already become clear to me that this is a highly supportive community and I feel blessed to be a leader here.

I want to finish my message by thanking Katy Episcopo for running the school in such an efficient and creative manner, following the departure of Yvonne Powell, and for her long service at Little Ilford School. She is leaving to join Yvonne at Walworth Academy in Southwark. I have known Katy for a while and know that she will be sorely missed. We wish her all the best in her new Deputy Head role at Walworth. I wish you and your family every success this term. **Ian Wilson Headteacher**

Introducing our new Headteacher



**RED
NOSE
DAY**



Well done to everyone who took part in fundraising for Red Nose Day on the 15th March. Staff dressed up in 80's attire and students wore red, with everyone donating to this fantastic cause that helps to change people's lives in Africa and the UK. The Humanities Team devised the day's shenanigans, Ms Foulkes said "Thank you so much for all the support that we received and the money that was donated on Friday for such an amazing cause. It was very humbling to witness people's generosity and willingness to make a fool out of themselves. The effort people went to with their outfits was great!"

We raised £656.10!



BBC NEWS

SCHOOL REPORT

Make the news in your school



BBC School Report & Olympic Legacy Report (pictured left)

There were two parts of the project I was involved in. The first was in school, where I was given the task to work as a journalist covering our talented students. I was in charge of filming two amazingly talented singers: Josie and Keshini. As part of my job, I recorded their music a couple of times to ensure that they expressed themselves confidently in front of the camera. I also interviewed Josie and Keshini's inspirational former music teachers who encouraged them as professional singers. They undoubtedly agreed that

the BBC provided them an opportunity to express their talents confidently to a wider audience. My role as a journalist enabled me to improve my leadership skills and responsibilities. I also had the opportunity to meet new people and make new friends. Despite having to stay back after school everyday to finish my pending work, and withstanding pressure, I have to admit that I absolutely loved being part of the BBC School Report. The second opportunity I was given on the project was to interview people at the Olympic Park about the Olympic Legacy and film the report with my friend Farrukh. The thought of being on the BBC alarmed me for days! A two minute clip seemed like 'forever'. Rules, responsibilities, pressure, deadlines...all made me paranoid. The clip was shown on BBC News throughout the news day on the 21st March and it made me very proud. You can watch our films at www.littleilford.newham.sch.uk by **Bharghavi, Year 10**.

The last couple of weeks have been hectic; planning, organising, filming and editing. But when the day finally arrived there was a lot taken off our shoulders. The first step was planning/organising. We had to get our singers/rappers prepared for filming. That included auditions. Once we had chosen them it was time to film. We spent hours after school trying to get everything perfect. And we did it. But it wasn't over yet... we still had the editing to do. As someone new to Apple Macs, it was a bit of a struggle for me with the editing. Eventually, I got it done. I had sent my work in to be officially published, which then got sent around the UK. It felt like such a privilege to get my work shown, also it was an honour to express our LIS talent to the UK. The BBC School Report was an amazing experience, and I can't wait for next year! :D **By Monica, Year 10, pictured left with Amna right.**



Year 9 working in the city



As a school we are building important links with businesses in London through a partnership with the East London Business Alliance (ELBA). We hope to develop our relationship with them so that our students and staff can broaden their skill sets and learn from the business world. In March, 13 of our Year 9 students took part in a workshop with independent investment consulting firm Reding-

ton in Old Street. The company ran workshops for our students based around finance and budgeting. Students got to work on real life case scenarios which helped them relate to the importance of saving money as early as possible for their futures. Employee volunteers at the firm gave up their time to share their knowledge with our young people and give them an insight into the world of finance. One lucky student, Tina, won a £100 prize that the company will help her invest over four years, eventually pocketing the profit if she invests it wisely. She said "I couldn't believe it when they announced that I had won, I really learnt a lot working with the staff at Redington; it was a really fun and interesting trip."

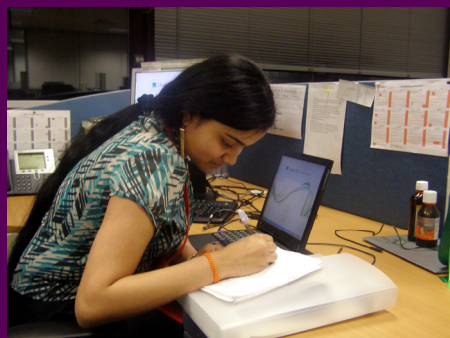
Pictured are LIS students and Maths Teacher Mr Hoque with the Redington workshop organisers.

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The Media Team share their work experiences



I dream of working in a management role in technology. My work experience in the Technology

division of Lloyds Banking Group (LBG) as an Assistant Project Manager (PM) made me realise that this dream can be fulfilled with some effort. LBG is the largest banking group, with technologies ranging from the oldest Mainframe servers to the latest touch screen systems. I worked in two projects: Payments and GOLD Programme which involved software development and hardware upgrades. It took me time to understand the terminology, processes and tools. I now know the bank's history, how ATM machines work, SDLC, and various IT job roles. I created a draft ToR, learnt planning/actions tracking, CMT reporting, finance workbook and some PM stuff. Working in the bank's corporate head office, I dialled into conferences, attended live meets, made phone calls, sent emails, planned/organised etc. I also enjoyed lunch at various restaurants with Key Directors. I organised and participated in an IT event attended by nearly 100 LBG participants. The PM job was tough and I had to grasp lots with hands-on experience. However, I am sorry it ended so soon. I am thankful and eternally grateful to everyone that helped me gain this valuable foundation. I hope I get an IT management role in the near future. If you don't have a dream, how will it ever come true? **By Bharghavi Year 10** pictured above.



Work experience was certainly more interesting than I thought; especially because I worked in The Guardian Print Centre (GPC), pictured above. I didn't have much to think about when it came to printing; I just thought it was a bit of ink on paper. But GPC certainly changed my view on that. I learnt about the range of colours used - CMYK and the different types of paper. But I wouldn't have been able to learn all of this without help from the staff in each department. GPC is definitely a placement I would recommend, so keep it in mind. **By Monica Year 10.** Photos above of paper rolls and printing machine at the Guardian Print Centre.



My experience of my chosen job was bitter-sweet; I have learnt that in life you don't always meet people who are as cooperative and understanding as your teachers at school. I have learnt everyday

at work that a minor mistake can be a big dilemma; you have to be responsible. For example: I worked in a pharmacy. I realised that you have to be extra cautious with patients' personal information and the medicine. I have learnt to be hardworking, patient and responsible while working with new people.. **By Farrukh Year 10.** Pictured above.

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