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There has been much to celebrate during the summer term. Our Olympics begins now...

The term began with our first Ofsted visit since the Academy began. This was a monitoring visit which deemed Skinners' Academy "good" in all categories... a very solid foundation from which we can build as the Academy develops further.

Like much of the UK, we were proud to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, and did so with a series of enterprise related Jubilee themed activities. In addition, we were proud to give one of our students a once in a lifetime opportunity. Year 12 Samroz Tandel was nominated to attend the Queen's Diamond Jubilee lunch at Westminster Hall.

Our celebrations continued when the Year 8 boys were crowned Hackney Basketball Champions and Year 7 girls Hackney Rounders Champions, an excellent feat for teams which have gone from strength to strength. We are very proud of them!

Finally, we look forward to a busy summer. Ahead of exam results being published in August (16th for A-Levels and 23rd for GCSEs), a number of our students are involved in the Olympic opening ceremony and vast numbers of our sixth formers have Olympic jobs. We will report back on their experience of participating in the world's biggest sporting celebration. Enjoy your summer! Best wishes,

Jenny Wilkins,
Principal



Jenny Wilkins

In Focus: Celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Celebrating 60 Years of the Queen... Skinners' Style

Skinners' Academy students enjoyed being swept up in Diamond Jubilee celebrations with students taking part in a series of enterprise driven Jubilee themed activities including:

- ♦ Crafting boats to create a flotilla
- ♦ Cooking for the Queen / Healthy eating
- ♦ A "My First Day as Queen" literacy activity
- ♦ Diamond Choir
- ♦ Dance through the Ages ... and more.



Jubilee Themed Enterprise Activities

Year 7 Hunt house pupils took part in a Jubilee themed enterprise challenge related to branding, marketing and product design.

Students had to design a unique Jubilee themed water bottle brand which could be marketed to all the tourists visiting London. Students gave some excellent sales pitches of their fantastic and very creative ideas.

All students who participated received an enterprise skills certificate and a winning design was chosen from each class.

Miss Potter



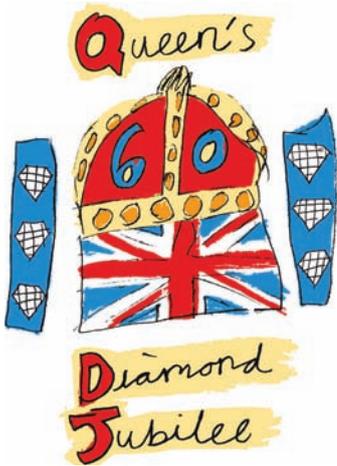
Cooking for the Queen

Students enjoyed a fun workshop decorating cupcakes with a Jubilee theme.

Many thanks to Ms Jargot for helping out the Design & Technology team.

Ms Stern





Rubbing Shoulders with Royalty

As celebrations for the Diamond Jubilee took place across the UK and around the world, one Skinners' Academy student rubbed shoulders with members of the royal family in celebrating the occasion.

Samroz Tandel, a Year 12 student was nominated to attend the Diamond Jubilee lunch at Westminster Hall and she vividly describes her experience of this most unique of opportunities below:

"I was nervous, but excited, as not many people get an opportunity like this. I never thought that an ordinary person like me would be invited to such a grand event, although as a result of this invitation, I am starting to feel not so 'ordinary' after all! My Principal chose me to represent Skinners' Academy at the 'Luncheon given for The Queen to celebrate Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee' held at the Palace of Westminster, as The Skinners' Company is one of the Top 12 Livery Companies, which was such an honour. When I was first told about attending this event, I didn't quite realise the importance of it until I saw how over the moon, yet nervous my family and friends were.

As the main doors opened, I was astounded by the arrangements made for the lunch. I went to my table, number 15, which was very close to the orchestra. Each table, chair, piece of cutlery and decoration looked priceless. It was very elegant. I familiarised myself with the other people on my table (members of 'The Skinners' Company and representatives from their other schools) and everyone was seated by 12.30. A fanfare of trumpets sounded as the Queen entered with the royal family leaving everyone mesmerised... she looked absolutely beautiful. It was very kind and thoughtful of the royal family to spread out and sit on different tables with the Livery companies and I was glad to be sat so close to members of the family. Lunch was then served followed by the toast proposed by the Lord Speaker. The rest of the event featured toasting the Queen, a rendition of the national anthem and a final fanfare of trumpets. Witnessing it felt so unreal.

I was honoured to be a part of the celebrations and would like to especially thank the Master of The Skinners' Company and Ms Wilkins! I feel so privileged to have been one of the few students in the UK to have attended the event and I hope to continue making people proud."

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The Queen's Diamond Jubilee is such a special occasion and we were keen for our students at Skinners' Academy to get in the spirit of the celebrations. In addition to all students enjoying a day of learning linked to the occasion, we are especially proud of Samroz's



involvement at the Palace of Westminster lunch event and hope that she and other Hackney students continue to gain such opportunities, becoming role models for their peers.

Jenny Wilkins, Principal

Our Future Starts Now...

Key Stage 3 Into University workshops

In June 2012, a variety of students participated in workshops conducted by Into University, an organisation which works with young people to inspire them to achieve. Their workshops also talk about the benefits of university.

In the Year 7 workshop, they spoke about the importance of homework and how it can be presented. The workshop also helped students to open their minds, explore creative skills and consider what they would like to do when they go to university. The students said that the workshop was very inspiring and that it has really helped them to build their confidence as well as skills. The adults gave the students tips and advice on how they can improve their organisational ability. The workshop allowed the children to speak their mind; and focused on listening, teamwork and communication skills.

As the comments show, you can see the children liked the workshop and say it has helped them to develop their skills. It is fun and a great way to learn. The mentors visit the students every few months to catch up and to see what they have learned and what they need to learn in the future. Into University is a great organisation which delivers workshops which are beneficial to your child.

Wiktorija Wilk & Alix Simmons, Year 7



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I think that this workshop has really helped me with my confidence and changed my thoughts about going to university.

Dhara Dhamania, Year 7

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I think that the workshop was very inspirational and I would really recommend it

Chandra Scott-Corbett, Year 7

Anatolian Cultural Fete

In July, groups of Year 7 and 8 students were invited to attend the Anatolian Cultural Fete organized by the Anatolian Community Association. Founded in 2006, the Anatolian Community Association (ACA) is a voluntary organisation which aims to promote the Anatolian culture with the Turkish- British youth within the UK. Since 2007 ACA has been organising the Summer Cultural Fete at Clissold Park. This is the biggest cultural event in the UK and runs over 9 days each year. Our students took part in a 2 hour structured programme run by volunteers from ACA as follows:

- ♦ Introduction of the event
- ♦ Tour of marquees
- ♦ Introduction to Turkey
- ♦ Live performance of the art of Ebru, and calligraphy
- ♦ Theatrical plays

The event was a great success and our students really enjoyed learning about the culture of Turkey.

Ms Kurtuldu





Your Future, Your Ambition

On Wednesday 4 July, 40 students in Year 7 & 8 were invited to the Cisco building located on the Olympic site for the 'Your Future, Your Ambition' workshop organised by the Knowledge Channel and sponsored by the Bank of America Merrill Lynch.

The Knowledge Channel aims to prepare students and young graduates for their future career. A number of well-known companies such as, EDF Energy, Barclays and BT, who embrace diversity and understand the value it brings to their organisations, came together to host a very exciting event. Our students had an opportunity to take part in various workshops with Shell, BT, Barclays, Cisco, National Grid, Transport for London and EDF Energy enhancing their knowledge of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) and related careers. Our students were also fortunate to have the opportunity to hold the Olympic torch which was on display by BT.

Ms Kurtuldu

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Fun and educational: Cisco House taught us about different companies and highlighted varying ways that they make electricity such as solar energy, wind energy and hydro energy. The “train to the future” 3D film helped make it interesting. Overall, I loved Cisco House and I think the incoming Year 7s should have the opportunity to go there.”

Samson Adeola, Year 7

Trailblazers at the House of Lords

Selected as one of Skinners Academy's Trailblazer winners, I visited the House of Lords along with four other students. As we arrived we were ushered into a room with several round tables in it. On the tables sat dainty sandwiches and posh cakes on stands. We were also offered scones and tea.

Other winners of Trailblazer awards sat at other tables all around us. The afternoon included presentations and activities. One presentation was led by 12 Hackney Olympic Ambassadors (from Hackney Primary Schools) talking about the Olympic site and the building work.

After several speeches from a Lord and some motivational speakers (including Kat B, TV presenter and Entertainer), we heard two songs created by ambassador teams, both vying to be the Hackney Olympic anthem. Overall the trip was a fantastic experience and one to remember!

Connacht Sheffield, Year 8



Ofsted Visit

In our first Ofsted Monitoring Visit, in April 2012, Skinners' Academy was assessed as 'Good' in all categories, including achievement of pupils, the quality of teaching, behaviour and safety of pupils and the quality of leadership and management of the academy. This is a great starting point for the academy and we look forward to progressing even further in the next few years.

Ms Wilkins

Business & Enterprise

BP Enterprise Science Trading Challenge Road Show

On Friday 30 March, sixth form Business, Economics, Science & History students took part in the BP Enterprise Science Trading Challenge road show.

The new BP Trading Challenge is an engaging work-related activity that is delivered in schools by an energetic team of BP presenters. Our students worked in teams, competing to trade oil and make a profit, whilst demonstrating mathematical and enterprise skills in action through a simulation of real-life trading. The road show aims to develop students' personal qualities, functional skills, personal learning and thinking skills in a work-related context that can contribute towards success in business.



Business Dynamics in Action

Recently, Year 7 Atwell house students participated in an Enterprise Education Trust Business Dynamics workshop. The workshop is designed to empower young people to realise their potential through business and enterprise, using real life business experience to inform, involve and inspire young people of all abilities. Max Feaver from Business Dynamics delivered the workshop which gave our students the opportunity to develop their key skills, in preparation for the world of work.

This workshop focused on developing students' financial awareness of taxation, budgeting, saving and investments, and debt, to ensure they are able to understand and cope with major financial decisions later in life. Students were also given a case study where they had to create a new mobile phone holder to be released into the market, considering the design, brand, marketing, advertising and costs as part of the process. They had to present their idea to the whole group which was judged by Max Feaver and Ms Kurtuldu. All students were congratulated for their hard work and awarded with a Business Dynamics certificate.

Ms Kurtuldu





The Brokerage Citylink: City Careers Open House Programme at the Bank of England

A group of 50 Year 8s were selected to participate in the City Careers Open House (CCOH) programme organised by The Brokerage Citylink and the City of London Corporation.

The City of London Corporation's Careers Open House programme is designed to give students an introduction and unique insight into the workings of the City, raising their aspirations and stimulating interest in some of the many City careers available. It is a fantastic opportunity for students to get a head start on understanding the world of work and the huge variation of opportunities

The programme was hosted by The Bank of England, and students were given the opportunity to learn about the design and development of money and took part in a competition to design a new £10 note. Volunteers from the Bank judged the designs and awarded students with prizes. The students also had an opportunity to visit the bank's museum and were given a tour where they learned about the history of the bank, the new £50 note and developed their financial literacy, business and economics knowledge and skills.

Ms Kurtuldu
Business Community Links Coordinator

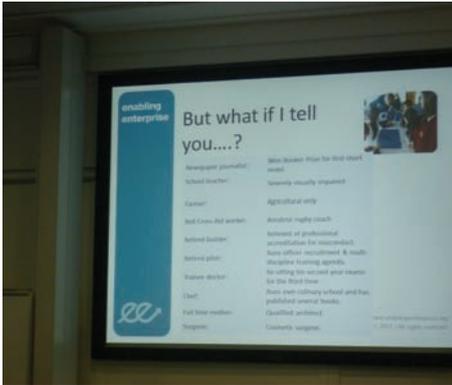


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I really enjoyed working in teams to design a new £10 note. The trip helped me to develop my enterprise, communication, problem solving, and leadership skills as well as my financial literacy skills in maths

Mehmet Kivrakoglu, Year 8





London Business School Insight Day

The Business BTEC National Year 12 students have been selected to participate in a new business and enterprise programme 'Enabling Enterprise' funded by UBS one of the world's largest investment banks.

Enabling Enterprise is a not-for-profit organisation with a proven approach, which has demonstrated a substantial impact on students' skills, achievement and motivation across schools in London and Manchester. Enabling Enterprise works with schools and businesses across London to help students develop the employability skills, experiences of work, and aspirations to be successful.

As part of the programme, students were invited to attend the London Business School located in Regents Park. The London Business School offers world class business masters and non-masters degrees for postgraduates, giving them the advantage of global links and international recognition. Over the course of the Insight Day, students were given the chance to meet a range of volunteers from across the organisation and use their experience to develop their own personal profiles to support applications and interviews in the future. This day was an excellent opportunity to incentivise and reward students, and gave them valuable experience of the professional world.

Ms Kurtuldu

Mock Assessment Centre workshop

The Year 12 & 13 BTEC National Business students were selected to participate in a Mock Assessment Centre workshop funded by Deutsche Bank and organised by The Brokerage Citylink.

The Brokerage Citylink is an independent not-for-profit organisation working in partnership with City employers to create a pathway to the City for young residents of London's inner-city boroughs. The idea of the mock assessment workshop is to give students an insight into psychometric testing, how businesses use these tests to recruit graduates and how to secure graduate jobs by successfully completing these tests.

The programme helped students understand the competitive process of securing a desirable position in the world of work. The programme also supported the students' BTEC National Unit 15 Development Planning for a Career in Business course work.

Ms Kurtuldu





Year 12 BTEC First Students Visit Swiss Re (The Gherkin) & Deutsche Bank

Year 12 BTEC First students were given the amazing opportunity to visit one of the most iconic buildings on the London skyline; the Gherkin (incorporating investment bank Swiss Re).

During the visit, our students worked on developing their interview skills and gained insight into different career areas in insurance and financial services by conducting interviews with professionals from these industries.

Students were also given time to admire the amazing views from the top floor of the Gherkin in the 360° viewing gallery.

In the afternoon, students visited an investment bank to learn about the work they do. They participated in a simulation city trading game to see if they could make a profit using their business knowledge and information given to them about market conditions.

Miss Potter

Allen & Overy Smart Start

Congratulations to Year 12 Haydar Aydin for successfully completing a one week placement with global law firm Allen & Overy on their annual Smart Start Work Experience programme.

Organised by The Brokerage Citylink in conjunction with this 'magic circle' law firm, Haydar participated in a series of workshops throughout the week-long programme. These workshops were designed to build confidence, develop transferable skills, improve personal impact, and expand skills in analysing, negotiation, presentation and team working.

Haydar also had the opportunity to meet a range of staff from across the whole firm and was given the opportunity to participate in:

- ♦ Negotiating the sale of a fictional football club on behalf of different parties in a fast-paced business game.
- ♦ Preparing and presenting a legal defence in a famous 19th century cannibalism case, in a mock-courtroom setting, complete with judge and jury.
- ♦ Learning the key skills for successful networking, a skill which is increasingly important in this economy, which the students get to practice by meeting people from right across Allen & Overy - and its clients.

In addition, Haydar had the opportunity to start building a network of contacts amongst business professionals, as well as amongst his peers from other schools.

Ms Kurtuldu

Woodberry Down Fun Fair

On Saturday 16 June, we represented Skinners' Academy at the Woodberry Down fun day. It was a very interesting event where we met a lot of different people from different organisations; such as the bicycle club and the T.K.D martial arts club. There were also local people singing on stage for entertainment and it was great to see the talent of the community. We had so much fun!

Zaynab Ghanchi, Year 8



Represent London Programme

For the past few years, a selection of our students have taken part in the Represent London initiative, an employability project that gives young people the platform to gain a wide range of employability skills to make the best use of all the opportunities that the Olympics will bring.

The project aims to give 200 young people, living in the Olympic Host boroughs, a series of high quality training modules offered by participating London Legacy companies such as Citi Group, BBC, and Allen & Overy. In the lead up to the Olympic Games, our students have engaged in a range of increasingly challenging modules that have helped them to become ambassadors for East London.

In the summer term, the sixth formers participating in the project took part in two different modules delivered by Allen & Overy and KPMG.



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The Rep London programme has helped me to develop my employability skills and prepare me for the world of work. Furthermore, the recent modules gave us an insight of the work of lawyers and accountants and what they need to do in order to be successful in their day to day jobs

Raksha Lacman, 6th Form



Project Management & Time Management

The second module of the summer term, 'Project Management & Time Management' was delivered by KPMG, a leading provider of professional services including audit, tax and advisory. KPMG Europe LLP is part of the largest integrated accounting firm in Europe.

The focus of this workshop was to provide students with the tools to successfully apply project management techniques to either group or individual projects.

The workshop also provided students with an insight into how to utilise their time more effectively.

Negotiation Skills

Allen & Overy delivered the negotiation skills workshop. Lawyers use their negotiation skills on a daily basis to reach a positive outcome for their clients.

Managing conflict and negotiating with others successfully is an important element within most aspects of business, therefore this was an excellent way of encouraging our students to develop these skills.

During the workshop, students used role plays to understand what negotiation means, how they can apply the golden rules and how to feel confident to negotiate successfully for a positive outcome.





Rewards Assembly

On Wednesday 9 May - Erica Chamberlain, Youth Programme Manager, Legacy 2020 from the East London Business Alliance came in to deliver an awards assembly to the students that have participated in the programme in last two years.

Students were rewarded with certificates for their hard work and commitment on the programme which will benefit them when going to interviews for universities and jobs.

Congratulations to the following Rep London Students: Omoyemi Aileru, Mine Arslan, Agata Ciszewska, Seyi Ebofin, Aiema Hayat, Oya Kucukler, Raksha Lacman, Phillipa McIntosh, Inez Miszczyk, Oluseun Olayinka, Ozgur Oz, Cheila Pascoal, Anique Pessoa, Sajad Sadiq Daniela Vera,

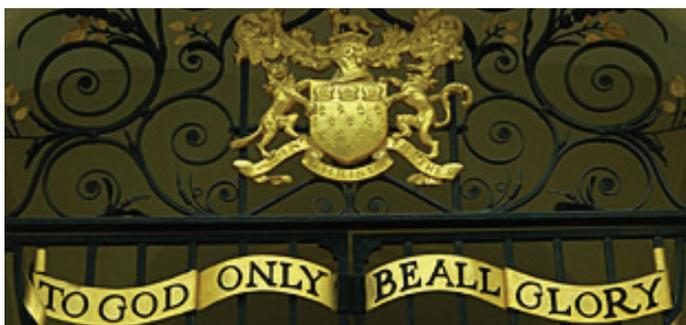
Ms Kurtuldu
Business Community Links Coordinator



Corpus Christi

In June, two of our sixth formers, Daniela and Melat; Ms Wilkins and Mr Lewis joined The Skinners' Company at Skinners' Hall for its annual Corpus Christi celebration.

On this great feast day of the Church (always the Thursday after Trinity Sunday) the Company elects its Master and the four Wardens who will assist him in the leadership of the Company in the forthcoming year.



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Our Accelerated Readers!

Congratulations to our top two readers according to the Accelerated Reader Programme. Year 8s Nikita Lawal and Sabah Hussain are both setting an excellent example to other students by reading millions of words between them.

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I think reading is good because you enter a different world where everything is exciting. I read about 5 hours a day and recommend The House of Night Series.

Nikita Lawal, Year 8

Parent Notices

English Language Support

Please note: The Hackney ESOL advice service runs English Language classes in different locations around Hackney. Please contact 020 8820 7043 for more information

Adult Learning Services



Hackney ESOL Advice Service

English Classes in Hackney

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Enterprise Trip to Spain

Achievers in Alicante

Achievers International is an online enterprise project for students, encouraging them to understand international trading. A group of Year 8 students formed a company 'Skinners' International', where they will be importing and exporting goods with our partner schools Ecole Privée Fieldgen located in Luxembourg and IES Leonardo da Vinci located in Alicante Spain.

As part of the project our partner school Ecole Privée Fieldgen and our 'Skinners' International' business group were invited to visit our partner school IES Leonardo da Vinci in Alicante. This was the first time three partner schools across the globe met to discuss exchanging various products including fairtrade.

Activities on the trip included a visit to the island of Tabarca, touring partner school IES Leonardo da Vinci, Spanish & Economics lessons, delivering a presentation about Skinners' Academy to the other schools, conducting business meetings about our forthcoming trade projects and more.

The trip was a great success and really developed our students key enterprise skills in communication, presentations, team work, negotiation, leadership, innovation, problem solving, risk taking and decision making. It enhanced their Spanish, French and business skills and gave them an insight into how businesses are formed and managed, and increased their awareness and understanding of other cultures and citizenship. It provided a practical learning context for teaching business studies and modern languages, and promoted the development of ICT skills.

Ms Kurtuldu



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The purpose was to meet up with our two international partner schools as part of Achievers International. It was a very productive trip.

Jamike Dike, (Joint) Marketing & Sales Director

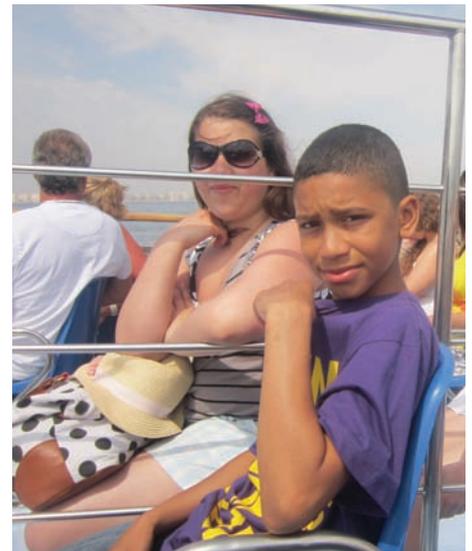


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I had a very nice time in Spain. I learned a lot of about the culture and history of Alicante. I was able to develop my learning and gained information we needed for our Achievers International business... We also went to several restaurants where I asked for the bill in Spanish “la cuenta por favor” the waiter was impressed.

Mehmet Kivrakoglu, Public Relations Director





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We met with our partner schools and had a business meeting discussing our international trade. It was a productive trip and we really enjoyed it..

Brandon Hamilton, Product Director

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The trip to Spain was an amazing experience! It provided extra skills for our business group. Our negotiating, teamwork and communication skills were used the most. We also improved our MFL skills by making friends and interacting with the students from Spain and Luxembourg... It was a very beneficial trip for our education as well as the international cooperation between the schools.

Con Sheffield, Financial Director



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I really enjoyed meeting our partner schools and having the opportunity to use and develop our business and enterprise skills. Spain was one of the best trips I have ever been to and hope to go on another one soon.

Ana-Paula Mazarini, (Joint) Marketing & Sales Director

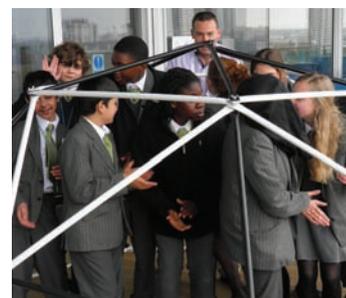
Enterprise & STEM

TeenTech Launch Event

TeenTech run lively one day events to help young teenagers see the wide range of career possibilities in science, engineering and technology. We went to one of their events in Stratford, London, in a building overlooking the Olympic Park.

The event brought together 150 students from London schools and loads of businesses who supported TeenTech's goal of raising awareness and reflecting the skills and technology behind the Olympic Games.

Our first task of the day was to create a dome structure using poles, bolts and screws. The model had to be identical to a prototype model that was already created. We successfully completed the challenge, coming second place in an amazing 15 minutes. The challenge was a great way of testing the teamwork and communication skills of students involved.



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This activity was great fun and gave us an insight to the life of a designer and entrepreneur

Michael Odetola



Taking up the challenge

We also had the opportunity to learn about technology in science. We spoke to employees from GSK (GlaxoSmithKline) and were given the opportunity to try out some of the technology used within the scientific sector. Students scanned information using iPads and then had to answer questions to solve the puzzle.

Then we were challenged to create a new application for smart phones.

Michael and Elsie presented their app idea of creating a new film app called 'Cine Co'. Customers would be able to download films released at the cinema onto their smart phones and tablets at a small cost.

Michael said: "This activity was great fun and gave us an insight to the life of a designer and entrepreneur."

At the end of the day, we interviewed Maggie Philbin, the founder of TeenTech and a BBC presenter. She's passionate about science and told us why she started the organisation.

She told us that you don't necessarily have to go to university but you do need to think about the right kind of apprenticeships if you want to work in science, technology or engineering.

The event overall was a great success and gave students an insight into the world of science, engineering and technology.

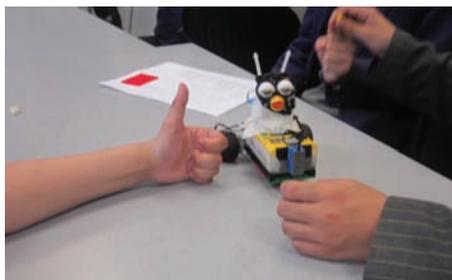
Connacht Sheffield, Year 8

Science

Hackney Technology & Science Day

On June 27, 11 Skinners' students participated in the Hackney Science & Technology Challenge Day at BSix College. The young people were required to work in mixed school teams, on three practical applied science and technology-related challenges. The three practical exercises included forensic (fingerprinting, gun shots and blood splatter), making a bridge and building a robot. Alish and Diane were part of the winning team for the forensic practical and Michael and Elsie were part of the winning team who built the most stable bridge. They were given awards and certificates at the end of the day.

Dr Opoku-Ware



Maths

Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths Challenge

In June, four Year 7s and four Year 8s embarked on, in their own words, "a fun and creative challenge."

We started the day making a straw tower that had to be as high and strong as possible. We got 1 point for each 5cm of height & for every 50g it could hold. During the challenge we got to befriend people from other schools

and it improved our team working skills.

The second was to make a paper rollercoaster which was fun. We had to think creatively and the process improved our engineering skills. The last task was a STEM quiz which included a variety of questions such as anagrams of key words. It also had questions on science and maths.

At the end of the day we were all given a souvenir mug and the winning team were awarded prizes donated by UBS.

Elif S, Eren K, Berfin K, Mustafa K, Year 7
Khalid R, Rebecca G, Amel M, Thomas M, Year 8



English

The Punctuation Show!

All of year 7 & 8 were brought together to learn about punctuation. The show was fun and interactive so everyone enjoyed it. John, the man who presented the show, taught us a range of punctuation including exclamation marks, question marks, brackets and ellipses. He taught us through songs and dances. The Year 7s were singing and dancing along to all the song – it was great fun! Overall, everyone really enjoyed the show and we learnt a lot.

Tobi Shokan & Daisie Spiteri, Year 7



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The songs and dances were really memorable

Alanny Da Silva Almeida, Year 7

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It was fun and interesting at the same time

Hubert Suwala, Year 7

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The Shakespeare walking trip was fascinating

Armend Bajraktari, Year 7

London Through Shakespeare's Eyes

On 20th June, Miss Johnson and Miss Merton took a group of 20 year 7 students on a tour of Shakespeare's London. We were picked to go as a reward for outstanding extended studies projects about Shakespeare's Macbeth.

The walking tour started at the monument to the Great Fire of London. We then walked through winding streets that Shakespeare would have known (although they would have looked very different in his day).

The tour led us along London Bridge and down to Southwark cathedral where we know Shakespeare had been. On the way we stopped in an old church to look at a model of London Bridge in Shakespeare's time. After walking through the grounds of Southwark Cathedral, we walked past the Golden Hinde, the Bishop of Winchester's Palace and the Clink prison. We moved on to the site of the old Globe theatre, which is now a housing estate, and saw where the Rose theatre once stood. We walked up Bear Gardens and learnt all about bear baiting, before finally arriving at the Globe theatre.

Our tour guide was very knowledgeable about London in Shakespeare's time and it was a lovely sunny day for a walk.

Hubert Suwala, Year 7





Humanities



Mayoral Debate: Power to the People!

Skinners' Academy is a member of London Citizens, a body of different organisations that work together to put local people's agendas into the political arena. With that in mind, we took a selection of sixth form students along to the Mayoral Debate in the run up to the election. Each candidate was given a few minutes to speak in response to the London Citizens' agenda, and highlight how they would work with this group, were they to be elected. They were then given two minutes to say why we should vote for them.

Particularly poignant were the moving testimonies from individual members of London Citizens who had been affected by the issues that were being discussed. We heard from a mother who lost her son to knife crime, we heard from cleaners at top end hotels who get paid next to nothing and desperately need the London Living Wage, and from young people, affected by cuts in public spending for youth.

It was a vibrant evening, with school choirs, people from Mosques, Churches, schools, youth groups, elderly centres coming together to hold our politicians accountable. As we know, Boris won the election, but we thought that Ken, Jen and Brian all put forward some excellent points that Boris should take into consideration. The 6th formers reflected on how important it is that we vote and make our voices heard in the democratic process.

Ms Warren

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It was really good to see all of the candidates speak in front of a varied audience and witness how they reacted to different issues that were spoken about (London Housing, A Safer London, London living wage and a brighter future for Londoners). I saw how politics affects different groups of people, which really opened my eyes to how politics really does impact everyone's lives. It isn't just something boring that doesn't change anything like I use to think when I was younger.

Overall it was a really interesting experience and my only wish was to be able to vote!

Sadia Aden, 6th Form

Anne Frank Exhibition

Year 7 recently visited the Anne Frank Exhibition at Hackney Empire. Each class watched a moving video showing the life and times of Anne Frank and the events leading up to her death in Auschwitz concentration camp during the Second World War. After they watched the video they toured the exhibition learning more about her life and the secret annex and then about how we can apply what we learnt to today's world. Back at school, students watched some of the Story of Anne Frank in class and learnt more about the Holocaust and reflected on the dangers of prejudice and discrimination.

Ms Warren



Asia House with Facing History

About 20 students from year 8 have been working with Ms Warren and Mr Stoneham on a project looking at diversity in Hackney. As part of this they have taken part in workshops run by Facing History, attended seminars and talks, and run their own project in school.

Adam, Tosin, Sirin, Yomade, Irem and Valerie went to Sam and Annie's Day Care centre and interviewed elderly residents on Hackney's history and how they perceived issues of race, the riots, and integration and then interviewed sixth formers to compare their results. These were published on the VLE and year 7 has been responding to the findings as part of their citizenship classes. The end result was a fantastic presentation at Asia House, with Skinners' starting off the evening of 5 schools. All students were commended on their presentation, and the depth of their understanding. Well done to: Adam, Sirin, Tosin, Yomade, Irem, Valerie, Con, Rebecca, Thomas, Khalid, Zaynab, Kamran, Tabassum and Jamike.

Ms Warren

Art

Art Project: Childhood: the Real Event

During Enrichment each week, the students I teach are fortunate to have the assistance from Rhian Davies, Art Facilitator and Art Psychotherapist from Kids Company. This term Rhian came to me with an exciting proposition for our Key Stage 3 students. Kids Company and the Royal Academy of Arts were collaborating to create an exhibition entitled Child Hood - The Real Event (13 June—22 July 2012) and she invited us to do some work for potential inclusion

With Rhian's assistance, we made trophies for the trophy room in the Kids Company / Royal Academy exhibition. The students decorated them with drawings, paints and collage based on the theme 'achievement and identity'. Students were really engaged with this project and many returned during lunch times and after school in order to finish their work. Congratulations to the students involved

Year 7s: Daisie, Haytah, Iffat, Paris, Rahna, Resham, Yasemin, Zahidah

Year 8s: Aafreen, Amel, Ece, Esin, Fahim, Sabah, Sabiha

Ms Antolik



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Set against the backdrop of the 2012 Olympics, this exhibition explores the real challenges and triumphs experienced by children living in the forgotten landscape of urban London. Paintings, poetry and sculpture created by children and young people from Kids Company are displayed in the main galleries of 6 Burlington Gardens, celebrating the small heroisms and sometimes difficult hurdles these children face in growing up

Description of Exhibition

Design & Technology

Year 8 Key Ring Project

Year 8 has been busy buying, making and creating this year. One such project was the key ring project.

Students had the freedom to select their own theme and target audience. The product was made from acrylic and students learnt how to use new machinery such as the polishing machine. I am very pleased with the results.

Miss Stern



Year 7 Puzzle Game Project

Inspired by the upcoming Olympics and related themes, students designed and made a game which developed hand and eye co-ordination in young children. Students learnt how to use a variety of software programs, tools and machines such as the Tennon saw, a vice, scroll saw and belt sander. Students worked very hard to achieve a professional shop standard finish.

Miss Stern



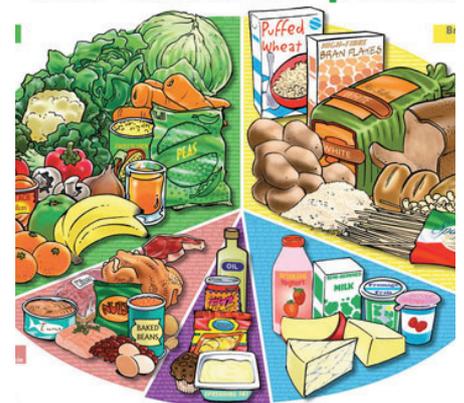
Creating the Eatwell Plate for a Healthy Meal

As part of Business & Enterprise day, students studied the Eatwell Plate and had a timed 'Ready Steady Cook' style session in which they had to replicate a healthy dish. This was then judged by Mr Dwaah, Ms Hobbs, Mrs Kaur and Jennifer Williams our guest parent. There were first, second and third prizes.

Students had fun experimenting with the 'shop' that we provided and working with ingredients that they were not necessarily familiar with. The day was a success and fun was had by all.

Miss Stern

the eatwell plate



Foods and drinks high in fat and / or sugar
Eat and drink these only occasionally and in small amounts. Cut down on saturated fat.

Physical Education (PE)



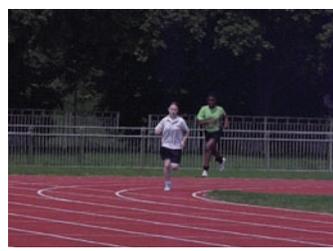
Brando Williams making a quick start in the 100m race which ended with a gold medal

Year 7 & 8 Hackney Schools Championships

In May, Skinners' Academy came away from the Hackney Schools Championships in Mile End with a huge array of medals from both track and field events. Highlights included:

- Tyrek Campbell winning his 60m hurdles in a comfortable fashion coming third overall
- Soulaiman Bonsu finishing second in the 60m, just piped at the line
- Dylan Rhooms running a strong 400m, giving Skinners' another gold on the track
- Ronnie emulating this in his 400m run with another gold giving us 1 and 2 in Hackney for 400m!
- Michael Morris gaining a bronze medal in the high jump.
- Semmae and Sherian succeeding in middle and long distance races, with first and third places.
- Kahirah gaining silver in the 800m, with probably the closest finish of the day.
- Salim repeating this feat for the boys taking a bronze in the 800m with Victor repeating this in the year 7 race
- In the field for the boys Samson and Soulaiman producing the result of the day with a 1 and 2 in the triple jump.
- The Daniel brothers picking up silver medals in their field events.

The excellent results continued throughout the squad well done. Overall a fantastic day that ended with high quality relay races. Can't wait till next year! Well done!





Skinners' Academy: Hackney Basketball Champions



Year 7 and 8 success this season resulted in both teams progressing to the last stages of competition - the "Final Fours"

Final Fours: Year 7

Thursday 28 June

The boys faced Mossbourne in the first game where they led up until the final 2 minutes. Mossbourne took a narrow 1 point lead and held on to beat Skinners' 8-7. Disappointed, the boys came out firing for their next game against Bridge winning 16-0. Some excellent lay-ups from Soulaiman and Eren. In the final game they needed to defeat Urswick by 2 points to win this Hackney Schools competition. Having lost heavily to Urswick in the league, the boys were unlucky to get beaten narrowly 15-14 which left them in 3rd place overall. A massive well done to all of the boys who played their hearts out.

Star Man: Soulaiman Osei-Bonsu

Final Fours: Year 8 Champions of Hackney!

Friday 29 June

Again held at Skinners' Academy, the year 8s looked to maintain their unbeaten record and win this competition. This started well against an improved Bridge Academy team, winning 22-8. Next came their biggest shock as Haggerston beat Skinners' 13-10. Over-confidence and lazy mistakes cost the boys in this game. In the final game, Skinners' beat Mossbourne with an outstanding performance (18-9) and become champions of Hackney. In addition, Dylan Rhooms was named Most Valuable Player (MVP) by the opposing teachers for this competition. Well done Skinners'!

Mr Brierley

Thanks to Ari Johnson for refereeing both competitions and the on-going support from the teachers who came down for both nights.



Butlins Skegness Football Tournament

On Friday 18th May, 34 year 7 and 8 boys and girls departed for Skegness to represent Skinners' Academy nationally in a football competition held at the Butlins Resort. Throughout the weekend, the students represented the academy to the highest standard, with each thoroughly enjoying their time there. Over the weekend each of the 3 teams played 5 games in a group against club teams and schools from across the country.

There was great sportsmanship and enthusiasm, with the under-13 girls team earning a 'golden moment' nomination.

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I enjoyed meeting and playing against teams from out of London...it was a real challenge playing against clubs'

Shaquale Lewis-Frame, Year 8



Hackney Dance Platform 2012

On 31 May, some of our girls, Ilayda, Dilara, Judith, Deegbah, Shenai, Berfin and Robyn took part in a borough Dance competition at Bridge Academy. They performed a piece that was choreographed by Roxy (our enrichment coach) from the Royal Dance Academy. The performance saw them tackle a fusion of dance styles from robotics to contemporary to modern hip hop. They worked extremely hard, showing commitment to rehearsals and outstanding teamwork.

This hard work has paid off and they have been invited to perform at Stoke Newington Town Hall on Wednesday 11th July, as part of the summer programme for BIG DANCE 2012 – a high profile event forming part of Hackneys Cultural Olympiad.

Ms Hobbs



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I was so excited to be part of such a big show, I was nervous at first but afterwards I just wanted to do it again

Robyn Barrett, Year 7

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Dance has been a great experience and I've really enjoyed learning all these new moves

Judith Appiah, Year 7

Netball: Round up of Season 2011-12

Year 7 and 8 girls have competed extensively in both winter and summer netball matches and tournaments this year. The standard has been extremely high and we have a mixed bag of success!

Year 7 girls (Sade, Chi Chi, Kamara, Tobi, Japera, Kahirah, Mercy, Ezgi, Agnieszka, Venus, Mirjeta) managed to finish 2nd in the borough, losing only one match to the eventual winners.

Year 8 girls (Destiny, Naomie, Cynthia, Diane, Semmae, Yolanta, Con, Rebecca) placed 3rd in the borough

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I love wining and was really proud of where we finished, next time I want to come top!

Kahirah Marshall McDavid, Year 7



Hackney Rounders Champions

Year 7 were crowned this year's Hackney Rounders champions having won all of their matches comfortably. The team included Mercy, Anna, Kahirah, Alix, Sade, Japera, Berry, Elif, Mirjeta, Tobi, Eri and Rahna-May.

Year 8 finished 2nd in their borough tournament.

Congratulations to Kahirah (Year 7) and Cynthia (Year 8) who were voted 'players of the tournament' by other teams.

Ms Hobbs



Primary Indoor Athletics Championship 2012

As part of an introduction to secondary sport, the PE department ran an indoor athletics competition for its primary cluster schools. This saw teams competing from:

1. Parkwood
2. Sir Thomas Abney
3. Horizon

They took part in numerous field and track events competing against allowed the students to experience other teams within their own schools.



It was a fun afternoon and allowed the students to experience athletics and then blog about their achievement via the Get Set network, the official London 2012 education programme for schools, college and local authority education providers across the UK. The competition also highlighted their excellent team work and the Olympic core values.

Ms Hobbs

World Sports Day

World Sports Day, a combination of competitive track and field events was held at the end of June. Teams were selected through PE lessons and then competed against other classes within the year. On the day, great sportsmanship was displayed and the event was clearly enjoyed by those who participated. Well done to all involved and especially the winning teams:

- ♦ **Team China (Year 7)** - Mercy, Tobi, Japera, Kahirah, Julia, Soulaiman, Samson, Erim, Peter
- ♦ **Team Jamaica (Year 8)** - Sherian, Tyler, Cheyrice, Ore, Tracy, Jessica, Ada, Nicolas, Michael, Daniel, Liam



Academy in Pictures

