

What the staff have to say ...



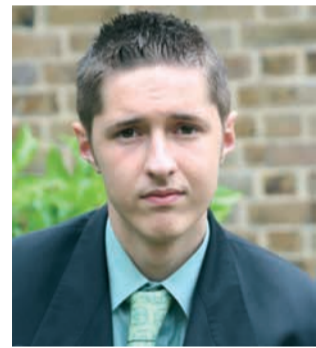
Ms Phillips
Assistant Headteacher, English

One of the things I love about Stockwell Park High School is the diversity of the community and its positive atmosphere. It is quite unique. It is a place where pupils and staff inspire each other. It is welcoming, innovative and constantly changing.



Ms Ingham
Assistant Headteacher, Science

Stockwell Park High School is an energetic and magical place to work. We are an innovative school, centred on business and enterprise, with the most amazing opportunities for pupils to develop their skills in all areas of the curriculum. We provide traditional standards of uniform, good manners and discipline whilst providing a 21st Century education to enable pupils to succeed in the workplace.



Mr Rodrigues
Media Resources Centre

Stockwell Park High School is improving every day. I work in the Media Resources Department where the photocopying, laminating and binding takes place. Members of staff work as a team to help the school and the pupils. As an ex-pupil, I know that the school has really improved.



Ms Christie
Office Manager

Having worked here for 12 years I have been able to be part of the amazing transformation the school has experienced over the last few years. Although not a member of the teaching staff I feel I have contributed to the success of the school through supporting teachers, pupils and their parents or carers. Stockwell Park High School is an exciting place to work, there is never a dull moment and I look forward to the forthcoming changes and rebuilding.

Want to help?

If you would like to support Stockwell Park High School then why not sponsor the next issue of this magazine?

The *Achievement Magazine* is given to every pupil, distributed in the local community and mailed to our contacts in education and business.

For further information please contact Kerry Staveley on (01883) 714246 or email kfsfm@aol.com.

How to get in touch

If you would like to make contact with the school you can...

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Telephone: 020 7733 6156

Email: info@stockpark.lambeth.sch.uk

Pupils back the King's Silver Lining Appeal

At Stockwell Park High School there is a group of dedicated and committed pupils who, despite being busy with their studies, are constantly helping those who are less fortunate than themselves. The Fundraising and Environment Committee focuses not only on fundraising for a variety of causes but also looks at environmental and health and safety issues connected with the school. To date the team has raised nearly £2000 for appeals such as Red Nose Day, the Poppy Appeal and most recently their efforts for victims of the Asian Earthquake - Cash for Kashmir - raised over £500. Now the Committee has linked up with a cause very close to home - the King's Silver Lining Appeal is aiming to raise to create a modern, state of the art children's hospital at King's College Hospital. King's Community and Events Manager, Paul Munro has been working closely with the team over recent months to coordinate their fundraising plans, the culmination being the school's participation in a Fun Day in Ruskin Park on 24th June. **Pictured here are members of the Fundraising and Environment Committee with Head of Nile House, Ms Barnett.**



Help a London Child grant gives girl power!

The Girls' Construction Group at Stockwell Park High School is one of 295 children's and young people's projects across London sharing £580,000 awarded by Capital Radio's Help a London Child in their second wave of grant allocations for 2005. The Group which meets once a week, after school, was set up to encourage girls to explore possible career paths in the construction industry. Vocational skills such as building are often inaccessible to young girls but nevertheless many of the Group have now developed a real interest and passion in building and construction. The Help a London Child grant will be used to provide much needed equipment and raw materials so that the girls can build benches for use in the school grounds. This not only gives the Group the opportunity for vocational training on 'real' items of furniture but enables them to make a positive contribution to improving leisure facilities on site. It is also hoped that there will be sufficient funds so that the Group can visit museums and construction sites giving them an insight into historical and modern approaches to construction.

Foundations for the future

An innovative way to provide incentives and opportunities for pupils has been set up recently by the school. The Stockwell Park Foundation is a registered charity which aims to help and support, not only pupils at Stockwell Park High School, but young people in the wider community as well. Pupils at the school will be able to apply to the Foundation for scholarships and bursaries from this summer onwards by putting their case together in a formal application and presenting to a Development Board for assessment. The Foundation aims to support young people to meet their potential and enrich their lives by giving them access to opportunities which they would normally not be able to afford. The Foundation will also help the school to strengthen its links with the wider community by helping young people in the area, developing the school as a community resource for education and recreation. Fundraising for the Foundation is well underway and donations have been received by corporate organisations and local residents. **If you would like more information about the Foundation or to make a donation please contact: Ms Whitmore in the General Office on 020 7733 6156 or email info@stockpark.lambeth.sch.uk**

Your opportunity to support the Foundation

If you would like to help Stockwell Park Foundation with its fundraising why not buy a set of eight stunning postcards featuring work from pupils at the school? Ideal for dropping a line to friends and family or just your way of showing you are supporting the Foundation - these postcards are available in packs of eight for just £3.75.

As the production of the postcards has been generously sponsored by Classwatch all proceeds will go directly to the Foundation.

Thank you for your support!

Postcard order form

Name _____

Address _____

Tel no _____

I would like to order _____ packs of postcards @ £3.75 per pack.

Total payable _____

Please make cheques payable to Stockwell Park Foundation. Postcards will be despatched within 14 days of receipt of order. Please return this coupon (with payment) to Ms Whitmore, Stockwell Park High School, Clapham Road, London SW9 0AL.



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THE STOCKWELL PARK HIGH SCHOOL MAGAZINE

On your marks... Tyrone gets Academy off to a flying start



Sporting Champion Tyrone Swaray gave pupils a run for their money when he visited Stockwell Park High School recently to launch the school's new Academy of Sport.

Tyrone, a sprinter who competes at international level, formally launched this exciting new initiative and welcomed 22 pupils who are the first members of the Academy.

When Stockwell Park High School became a Business & Enterprise Specialist College in 2004, one of the key components of its bid was the formation of a number of Academies within the school. The academy concept offers extended opportunities beyond those offered by the curriculum or after school activities, providing an added dimension to the school's current provision, widening participation and supporting pupils' talents and interests.

But what makes the Academy of Sport stand out from just another after school club?

- Pupils have to undertake an application process to become

"We have chosen sport as our first Academy because we recognise the importance of using sport as a channel of energy for young people," says Headteacher Ms Tapper CBE.

members of the Academy including completing an application form, attending an interview and completing a fitness assessment.

- Membership is only awarded to pupils who have shown good behaviour and regular attendance at school.
- Pupils undertake to improve their literary and numeracy levels during their time in the Academy.
- As well as participating in their chosen discipline pupils will also learn about the business side of sport including management, marketing and event organisation.
- Pupils will be able to apply for scholarships and bursaries from the school's charity - The Stockwell Park Foundation.

The Academy of Sport will initially focus on nine disciplines - Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Boxing, Chess, Football, Netball, Swimming and Table Tennis.

"I was interested to read about your school and congratulations on your successful bid to achieve Business & Enterprise Specialist Status. I am delighted that you have chosen to be focused on sport for your first academy."

Lord Sebastian Coe OBE,
Chairman London 2012



School film to be broadcast on Sky

Stockwell Park High School, A Business & Enterprise College proudly presents... "Real World" an innovative new film about the school's business and enterprise programme.

Written, directed and produced by Sound in Theory, the film highlights the opportunities for pupils, teachers and people in the world of business to fulfil dreams, share passions and embrace life. The film is being used by the school to explain just how the Business & Enterprise Specialist Status is being brought to life.

As well as distributing the film to pupils and external partners, from 23rd June, for a month, the film will receive huge exposure by being broadcast on Information TV on Sky.

Television is the most powerful form of communication and Information TV allows public bodies and organisations access to broadcast television so that they can communicate, in their own terms, with their target audiences. With the co-operation of Information TV this is a fantastic opportunity for Stockwell Park High School to share its story with the real world!

Real World will be broadcast on Information TV, Sky Digital Satellite Channels 181 and 182 or broadband via the Channel's website www.information.tv from 23rd June at 19.00 every evening.

To order a copy of the film contact Lucy Quirk on 020 7733 6156 x224 or email lucy@stockpark.lambeth.sch.uk
Sound in Theory: Ben Smith 07970 425131
Information TV: www.information.tv



When Stockwell Park High School commissioned its film, Real World, little did they realise that the narration would be done by kind courtesy of the renowned actor and comedian Ade Edmondson!

As a token of the school's huge appreciation and thanks Ade has been presented with a piece of original artwork from one of the school's most promising artists - Curtis Broderick - pictured here with a special award from the Headteacher in recognition of his contribution.

The school for today teaching the skills for tomorrow

Stockwell Park High School is a large, mixed, state, secondary school based in the London Borough of Lambeth. Six years ago the school was classed as "failing" with the pass rate for GCSE grades A-C at just 11%. Today it's a different story.

The GCSE pass rate has climbed to an impressive 58% and the school has an excellent reputation, not only within the local community but also further afield. Stockwell Park High School is often cited as an example of best practice by the Department of Education and Skills and plays host to representatives from other schools and educational bodies both nationally and internationally.

Today pupils at Stockwell Park High School are hard working, well behaved and motivated and the school motto "Attitude Determines Altitude" permeates all aspects of daily school life.

Plans for the future of the school are exciting with increasing academic pass rates and a total rebuild under the Government's Building Schools for the Future initiative.

Another significant development in the fabric of the school has been its award of Business & Enterprise Specialist School Status enabling the school to add another dimension to the current provision.

Pupils are being taught about business and enterprise through every aspect of school life - from subjects taught in the National Curriculum (like Maths and English) to after school clubs and activities. They are actively encouraged to develop an "entrepreneurial spirit" and are motivated and inspired to create their own opportunities.

In addition, pupils are taught the skills they'll need to succeed in the world outside of school.



The pupils visiting HSBC were all Chief Executive award winners from the school's innovative Portfolio for Life Programme.

Effective delivery of Business & Enterprise at the school is through a simple 4 step plan.

Step 1 - Awareness

Pupils become aware of business and enterprise through everything they do at school and this will mainly happen through Work Related Learning in the curriculum. Business and enterprise is taught through every subject and activity so pupils have the opportunity to learn:

- Through work - from direct experience such as work experience or enterprise activities.
- About work - through vocational courses or careers education.
- For work - by developing the life skills they will need problem solving, working in teams.

Awareness of business and enterprise will help pupils gain the practical skills they will need when leaving school and help develop a positive attitude to life.

Step 2 - Practice

Throughout their time at school pupils will have plenty of opportunity to take part in projects - giving them hands-on experience and helping put their learning into practice. Where possible the school will also give pupils the opportunity to learn through practical experience including a work experience placement in Year 11.

Step 3 - Accreditation

Just as pupils will be studying for GCSEs and other academic qualifications, business and enterprise learning will be officially recognised so that pupils can demonstrate that they are serious about their career development. Pupils will also record their business and enterprise experience in a Portfolio of Life - an invaluable tool which they take with them when they leave school for further education, into training or employment.

Step 4 - Connect

As you'll see from this edition of the *Achievement Magazine* the school has valuable links with the business world and wherever possible pupils will be encouraged to meet and talk with business and professional people. These connections will help pupils to:

- Learn from real people who are actually working professionals.
- Get advice from someone who's "Been there, done it!"
- Meet future employers and people who may be useful to know in later life.

This 4 step plan is followed for all new projects and initiatives in order that the school delivers its business and enterprise promise in a structured, consistent and coherent way.



Whilst at HSBC the pupils were given a fascinating and informative tour of the 44 storey building as well as a session on communication skills with Jason Yates from Communicate with Confidence. Pictured here with pupils is Richard Hayden from HSBC.

Bringing B&E to life

Business and enterprise is at the heart of everything at Stockwell Park High School from subjects taught in the National Curriculum to the running of school committees and after school clubs.



Since being awarded its specialist status the school has also been busy developing new and innovative ways of delivering the business and enterprise ethos to pupils. Here are just a few...

The **Skills for Life** initiative was developed in conjunction with OneLondon and provides the school with a "core" to its Business & Enterprise specialism, equipping pupils with a range of hard and soft skills such as positive attitude, flexibility and the ability to change, teamwork and problem solving and decision making. These skills are relevant not only within the school environment but also in the world outside whether going on to further education or in to training and employment.

Portfolio for Life provides pupils with a vehicle for developing the Skills for Life and creates an additional opportunity for accreditation. All pupils will compile a Portfolio during their time at school giving them a unique record of their achievements and business and enterprise learning.

The **Academy of Sport** is the first academy of a series to be set up within the school as a centre of excellence offering extended opportunities beyond the curriculum. The academies have been established to motivate pupils, celebrate success and increase levels of self-esteem whilst raising attainment and achievement levels.

Our **Leadership and Development Programme** has been devised to engage pupils in the early stages of their life at school by taking part on an initiative which not only reflects the school ethos but also reinforces the Business & Enterprise status. The programme provides pupils with an introduction to management developing their competence in a wide range of management orientated tasks, building their confidence and acceptance of responsibility.

Voice Pops!



I've been at the school for nearly six months now. I love playing football so I am going to join the Academy of Sport.



When I leave school I want to be a pilot like my Grandad. This is a great school - there's plenty of advice here if you want to start your own business.

Up close and personal with top names

Speakers for Business - agents, managers and brokers for Europe's top speakers - have recently been giving pupils at Stockwell Park High School the opportunity to meet some of the country's high profile names.

A group of Year 11 pupils studying Business Studies have had a once in a life time opportunity to ask Sir Alan Sugar about anything from what it's like to star in *The Apprentice* to how he got started in business. And most recently a group of pupils visited a "World Cup Business" reception where the VIP guest speakers were none other than England Manager Sven Goran Eriksson and former Coach of the England Rugby Union World Cup Winning Team, Sir Clive Woodward.

For more information about Speakers in Business: please contact Brendan Barns on 020 7929 5559 or email Brendan@sfb.com

"We are extremely grateful to Speakers in Business for giving our pupils the opportunity to attend such prestigious events," says Ms Thompson, Assistant Headteacher - Business Studies. "This sort of face-to-face contact with some of the countries greatest names is incredibly motivating!"

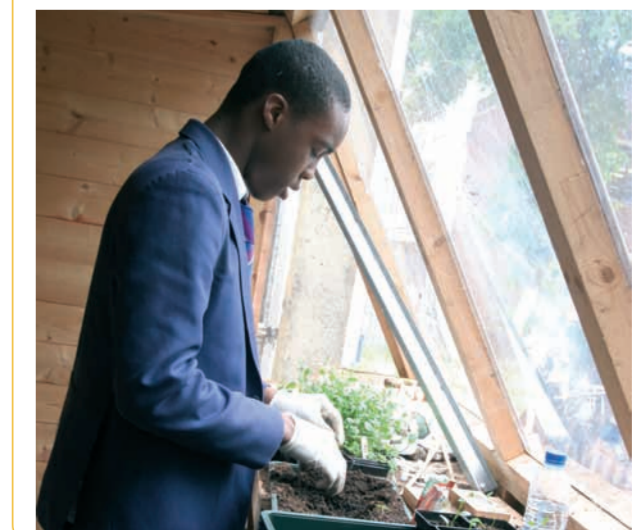
Greenhouse is a hothouse for enterprise

Green fingered pupils at Stockwell Park High School have recently transformed an overgrown piece of wasteland in the school grounds into a flourishing organic vegetable garden.

With the help of local resident Bob Johnson, volunteers from Year 10 have been busy throughout the spring cultivating rows of organic vegetables including broad beans and potatoes which are sold from a stall in front of the school every Monday and Tuesday.

The pupils also have the added benefit of a greenhouse, generously donated by a local business, and here the young entrepreneurs learn new horticultural skills as part of the school's expanding vocational programme which encourages learning through practical experience.

As part of the school's Business & Enterprise culture the pupils are also learning new business skills and hope to set up their own business selling their produce to Stockwell residents.



Voice Pops!



I really enjoyed my work experience - I especially liked the people, they were very friendly.



Being at a Business & Enterprise College is very exciting. When I leave school I want to be a lawyer or psychologist.

When I leave school I think I would like to be a doctor specialising in working with children. I enjoyed my work experience, it was very busy but I didn't like the commuting.

CBE for Headteacher

The New Year got off to a right royal start with the news that Headteacher, Ms Tapper had been awarded a CBE in the Queen's New Years Honours List in recognition of her "services to education".

Ms Tapper, who joined Stockwell Park High School in 2000, has been instrumental in the school's remarkable transformation.

"Being awarded the CBE is a great honour for the school and for me personally. This is the result of the hard work of the staff and pupils in the school as well as the immense support from the Governors. We still continue to focus on the basic areas of numeracy, literacy and good behaviour".



Earlier this year pupils from Stockwell Park High School joined London Schools Minister Andrew Adonis and Mayor of London, Ken Livingstone to celebrate the achievements of London's secondary schools.

Representatives from every secondary school from each of the 32 London boroughs joined dignitaries on a trip on the London Eye where they got a bird's eye view of the capital.