



## NEWS FROM STOCKWELL PARK HIGH SCHOOL

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### **NEW ROUTE TO TOP UNIVERSITIES AS 'OUTSTANDING' STOCKWELL PARK HIGH SCHOOL LAUNCHES ITS 'GRAMMAR SCHOOL PATHWAY'**

Hundreds of pupils in Stockwell will benefit from a new learning initiative being introduced at Stockwell Park High School this week.

The High School achieved Academy status in February and is rated Outstanding by Ofsted. The Grammar School Pathway will be taken by the most able students in Key Stage 3 (Years 7, 8 and 9). Students on the Grammar School Pathway will study traditional academic subjects, undergo regular and rigorous testing and take part in a wide variety of extra-curricular activities.

The Grammar School Pathway is aimed at preparing students to apply for top universities and compete on a level footing with young people from every educational background.

**Says Stockwell Park High School Headteacher Judette Tapper**, 'We have students at Stockwell who are very bright and have the potential to do whatever they choose in life. We have been catering for those students up until now with our accelerated curriculum, which allows them to take GCSEs up to a year early.

'However times are changing, competition for the best university places and jobs is getting fiercer. We can't give our children the financial advantage that some students enjoy; what we can do is equip them with the very best education for life.

'As well as studying for the more traditional academic subjects required by the top universities, our Grammar School Pathway students will take part in a varied range of academic and cultural activities outside of school.'

**Welcoming the school's announcement former pupil Moji Odulya who went on to study at King's College London** said, 'I had excellent teachers at Stockwell Park, whose enthusiasm contributed to my learning. Their encouragement and support not only helped me to achieve high grades but also gave me confidence, to believe in myself and aim high.'



Parent Mrs Karapetian whose son Alex attended the school said, 'Stockwell Park High School set the foundations for my son, who achieved excellent results. The teachers at Stockwell are professional and the standard of teaching is high. They did a tremendous job and I am satisfied with the discipline, respect and attitude demonstrated by the pupils.

'As a consequence my son attended one of the best further education establishments and is now in his final year at Imperial College, London.'

Around 40 per cent of Year 7 students who started at Stockwell Park in September will be eligible for the Grammar School Pathway. Students will study from a range of traditional subjects. They will also be expected to take part in a range of master classes and lectures given by visiting experts.

Says Judette Tapper, 'With our Grammar School Pathway we are offering a new standard of excellence to local children. Our new Year 7s will be the first to benefit and I am confident that many more will follow them to the top universities and beyond.

'Any parents and carers who want to find out about the Grammar School Pathway for 2012 are warmly invited to attend one of our Open Events on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> September.'

### Notes to Editors

Open Events for September 2012 admissions are being held on:

Tuesday 27th September 9am-10am

Wednesday 28th September 4pm-6pm

No need to register just turn up. See the website [www.stockpark.lambeth.sch.uk](http://www.stockpark.lambeth.sch.uk) or call us on 020 7733 6156.

Stockwell Park High School (SPHS) is one of the last beneficiaries of the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) project, with a brand new Academy building which opened in February 2011.

The school specialises in Business, Enterprise and Training is also a centre for teacher training and development. As well as being rated 'Outstanding' by Ofsted, the school has been cited as a case study example of good practice in raising achievement in a number of research projects. The school's specialism of Business and Enterprise has been identified as playing a significant and positive role in this. See more at [www.stockpark.lambeth.sch.uk/research.html](http://www.stockpark.lambeth.sch.uk/research.html)

The school currently caters for 977 pupils aged 11 to 16.