



# ADDEY & STANHOPE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Editorial

Dear Reader,

We have enjoyed a really good start to the New Year. Not only have we launched the school as a specialist technology school, but we are now looking forward to Founder's Day marking 400 years since the death of John Addey. It was his will from which the original £200 was bequeathed, to set up the Addey School. The Stanhope School was set up in 1715, and these two schools were joined together in 1894 to found the Addey and Stanhope School. We are very proud of our history as a co-educational school serving the Deptford community.

One of the most important aspects of school life which many old scholars enjoyed was being part of a House system. As part of the launch of the specialist technology school we organised the students to work in Houses, we hope this will mean students feel part not just of the school but also of their Houses, Addeys, Evelyn, Pepys and Stanhope.

The Year 9s and Year 11s are working hard for their SAT and GCSE exams, which are now only a few weeks away. We are sure all their hard work will be rewarded.

With all best wishes

**Ann Potter**  
Head Teacher

## \*\*\* NEWS FLASH \*\*\*

### Addeys is a Specialist School

We had a truly different and exciting day on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2006 when the school launched its new status as a specialist technology school.

Lessons were suspended for the day and students worked in Houses on different activities. The highlight of the day was the paper airplane competition, which was won by **Charlie Constable**. Charlie and two other students have won a trip on the London Eye, kindly donated by Cliff Hardcastle, the Chair of Governors.

The whole school including some of the school's governors participated in the launch and it was great to see students of different ages, staff and Governors working together.



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Teachers and students enjoying one of the day's activities.

### Marvellous Marvin of Millwall

Old Addeyan Marvin Williams who was in Evelyn House and left school in 2003 has gone from playing up front for the school football team to a rising young star in the Millwall first team.

Marvin who is only 18, recently signed a two and a half year professional contract with the Lions. His rise through the ranks at Millwall shows the dedication and hard work that would be expected from any Addeyan.

Starting with Millwall at the age of ten, Marvin could only have dreamed of first team football at the New Den. Even up until recently, he was finding it hard to get a regular spot in the reserve team. Marvin impressed Collin Lee who was the manager at the time, enough to win a place in the squad for an away match at Coventry. Coming on as sub with only a few minutes to go in the match he played so well, then he won a regular place on the subs bench for the next few games.

Marvin really made his mark when he came off the bench to score his first goal which was the winner (2-1) against Derby County. He then followed this up with, what may be, the best moment of his short career so far; he scored a well taken goal in the FA Cup draw with Everton, which has made him a fan's favourite at the New Den. Since that match, Marvin has started every game for the Lions putting in hard work and exciting performances.

Congratulations and well done from all at Addeys.



Marvin celebrating his goal



### Good wishes for the launch of our Specialist Status

As part of the launch students sent e-mails to prominent people asking for their views on our specialist status. Joan Ruddock MP (Deptford) wrote: *"I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all staff and students at Addey and Stanhope School on obtaining specialist technology status. It is a wonderful achievement and will open up many opportunities in the important field of technology. I am proud of the commitment Addey and Stanhope School is showing to raising standards in education in my constituency and across the borough"*. Thank you Joan.

### Music Trip to the Barbican

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2005, a group of Year 7 students attended a special concert by the London Symphony Orchestra at the Barbican. Our students took part in an especially composed rap called 'Bamboozled'. After the concert, the students visited the Museum of London, close to the Barbican Arts Centre.



Students in front of the Lord Mayor's Coach

### Christmas Concert

We had a full house to enjoy the Christmas Concert, which included carols, sung by the choir and audience, some choral pieces and some instrumentals.

Once more, we were very grateful for Mrs Houghton for organising a splendid event.



### CATS ENJOYED CHRISTMAS TOO

Our students showed how generous they can be when they collected several large boxes of cat food for the Celia Hammond Animal Trust centre. Once again, all the cats had a good Christmas dinner. The Trust was founded in 1986 by former model Celia Hammond.



### DAMPONG SCHOOL

Thank you to all our students and parents and the parishioners of Deptford Baptist Church who contributed to the stationery collection for Dampong School in Ghana. At half-term XLP will be taking it out to Ghana in preparation for the school opening later this year.

The first Addey and Stanhope *Quiz Night* took place at the school in November, organised by the Friends of Addey and Stanhope. A good-natured contest saw the teachers' team just edged into second place by one of the teams of parents. The teachers are already in training for the next time! In addition to the quiz, there was an extremely popular bingo session, professionally called by the school's very own Mr Taylor. As well as being an enjoyable evening for students, parents/carers and staff, the money raised made a healthy contribution to the Friends of Addey and Stanhope's funds.

The Friends of Addey and Stanhope School are a friendly group of parents/carers whose main purpose is to raise money to support the students at the school by organising fund-raising activities such as the quiz night, socials, or selling refreshments at school events. The money raised is spent for the benefit of the students at the school, for example on additional resources or trips. Involvement in the Friends also provides opportunities to meet fellow parents/carers and others involved with the school in an informal setting.

Please contact us, c/o **Nicki Mason**, at the school, for information about future meetings and events or if you would like to be involved in the work of the Friends of Addey and Stanhope.

### BHOPAL MEDICAL APPEAL

It was an ordinary English lesson that had a moving affect on the students. The task was to analyse persuasive language in a charity leaflet. Two Year 9 students, David Falola and Jordan Pinto were so appalled and moved by the suffering of the Bhopal victims, that they decided to do something about it.

The two boys immediately insisted that the class raise some money to help the victims. Most students donated 50p there and then. They then went around the school at break time explaining the plight of these poor people, who were affected by chemicals leaking from a factory 21 years ago, and are still affected today.

So far, over £40.00 has been raised to send to the Bhopal Medical Appeal. If you would like to

### News from the Addey Parent Governors

The Governing Body of Addey and Stanhope school includes four parent governors – currently

*Joseph Carter-Tarawalie*  
*Kenneth Stammers*

*Sarah Jordan*  
*Malcolm Wills*

The parent governors can take general issues raised by parents to meetings of the Governing Body, although if there is an issue regarding an individual student then parents/carers should pursue this through the school (see details in the student's planner of "Who to contact if you have a problem or concern").

You can contact the parent governors by sending a letter to Parent Governors, c/o Addey and Stanhope School, 472 New Cross Road, London SE14 6TJ or by e-mailing them at [info@as.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:info@as.lewisham.sch.uk)

### WELCOME TO KRISTA THOMAS

Krista has joined the office staff to replace Gill Baines, who has moved to Weymouth (we can't imagine why she would prefer Dorset to Deptford!).



## VALENTINES FOR AFRICA

It started when Mrs James invited a speaker from 'FARM Africa', a charity which supports the development of farming in Africa by donating equipment and animals. A day later, a group of Year 11 students approached me and asked if they could raise money through linking it with Valentine's Day.

The plan was that the students would write some poems and other students could send them to their 'objects of their desire' for a fee (of course). We did vet the messages, but the vast majority passed the censor. There were some particularly touching ones addressed to members of staff.



## ICT: AN INTRODUCTION FOR PARENTS

Addeys is offering a 10-week ICT course for parents. The purpose of the course is to familiarise parents with the resources available to their children and to provide them with some basic ICT skills.

The course will run on a Monday afternoon from 16:30 to 17:30 and we aim to start after the Easter break.

The course will cover the following topics:

- Revision resources such as SamLearning
- Effective methods of Research
- Editing pictures using Ms Word and Paint
- Setting up spreadsheets in Ms Excel
- Editing in Ms Word
- PowerPoint presentations
- Using Ms Publisher for newsletters, websites and other publications
- Setting up a simple database in Ms Access
- E-mails, tips
- Exploration of software on the schools network

If you are interested in the course or would like more details, please contact Ms de Villiers or leave your contact details with the school's receptionist.

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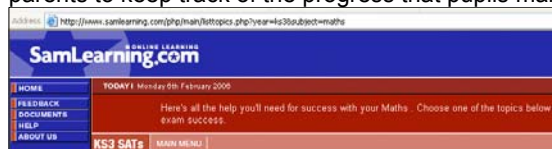
## ICT AT HOME



There are so many ICT resources available nowadays and teachers are beginning to make use of some of these resources to add value to their lessons and to provide pupils with extra support for their courses. One such resource is **BBC BiteSize Revision**, a free service provided by the BBC.

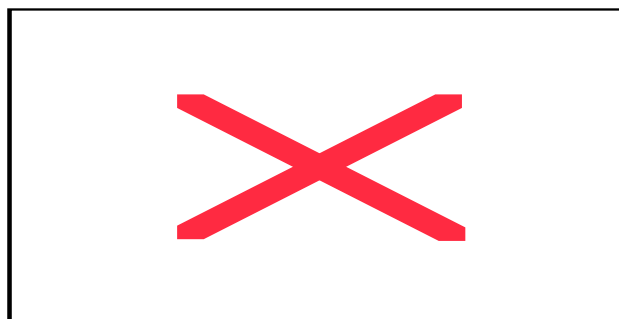


A few years ago the school also bought into SamLearning, a website that not only allows pupils to do structured revision for most of their subjects, but also allows teachers and parents to keep track of the progress that pupils make.

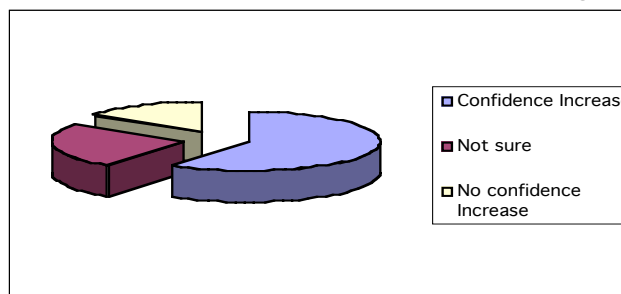


**SamLearning** claims that if pupils spend ten or more hours using the site to do revision for a particular subject, it will make a **significant difference to their results**.

**Is this really true?** A few months ago a study was done at Addeys. We wanted to know if SamLearning and other online resources were really making a difference for our pupils and we wanted to know how pupils and teachers felt about using ICT. A group of 55 pupils took part in the study. This is what we found out:



81% of the **KS3** pupils who took part in the study **did better in maths** than their academic counterparts and a further 36% of these pupils also **exceeded their KS3 predicted targets**.



60% of the pupils who took part in this project said that the use of online ICT resources has made a difference to **how confident they feel about the subjects** that they used it for. An investment of one hour per week through out the academic year will allow pupils to gain confidence and improve their actual results for at least 4 of their subjects. Well worth encouraging!