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Last year, people from Barclays Bank visited the Cass Sixth Form College to teach money skills to our students. The event was organised by Ms Miller, Head of Business. She is helping to develop links between the Business department and London's financial district (the City of London). Teachers of Business studies helped with the workshops, when students worked in groups.

Business students on BTEC level 2, found the event very useful. Students covered key skills like oracy when they discussed their own goals. Students covered financial literacy when they looked at banking terms and definitions. They also made use of real life case-studies and imaginary debt scenarios. Students covered financial numeracy when they looked at Bank statements and Budget spreadsheets.

One student, Rizwan Ahmed of 12IB1, said the event was geared to help them with their coursework. On the level 2 course, students study Units on 'Managing personal finance' and 'Financial forecasting for business.' All the students who completed the 'Barclays Money Skills' course, were awarded a Certificate. We hope they return again this year.

Business students learn 'Money Skills'

MR BHADARE

SWIMATHON

26-28 April 2013



Boaz Dixon in Year 8 will dive into the world's biggest fundraising swim at Mile End Leisure Centre on 26th April 2013.

Boaz says:
I am hoping to raise £500 by swimming 2.5 kilometres all in one go. I usually swim with my mum and brother every week. This time, I will be swimming 100 lengths on my own. I'd like to invite anyone else who is free on the last weekend of April to go to the Swimathon's website to sign up to their own sponsored swim. It is very easy to find motivation to train for an event like this because the whole time you have in your mind that you are contributing to the professional care of those who suffer from cancer. Please sponsor me as much as you can, and come on the 26th April to cheer me on. You can find my fundraising page at

<http://my.artezglobal.com/personalPage.aspx?registrationID=430288&langPref=en-CA>

or sign my fundraising form in person when you see me in school.

Marie Curie Cancer Care gives people with all terminal illnesses the choice to die at home. Funds raised by taking on Swimathon 2013 will help Marie Curie nurses provide them and their families with free hands-on care and emotional support, in their own homes, right until the end.

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times in the large drama studio. We have had as many as 53 students, of all ages, present, with over 30 attending regularly, on a Wednesday meeting. The

XLP Youth Workers assisted by Mr Casey run the Christian Union. It is an opportunity for fellowship, fun and exploring the Christian faith. This year we have run two self funded trips to recreational events after school. On the

first we went Ten Pin Bowling at the Westfield's Centre in Stratford and the other trip was to the open air ice skating rink at Canary Wharf. Mr Casey said other local recreational trips are being planned, and opportunities are available for community based projects such as students in the CU getting involved working with the homeless.

On behalf of the school Mr Casey expressed his gratitude to all those in the XLP team who contribute so much time and effort for our students.



The 3 students were being rewarded for being volunteers.

Last Summer I volunteered at my local Idea Store (Learning Library). I was amongst 101 volunteers throughout Tower Hamlets Libraries.

I was fortunate enough to have been nominated by one of the managers to go to Downing Street to give a speech about my experience and my time at the Idea Store. I spoke in front of George Osborne (Chancellor) and his wife Frances, as well as many politicians and many other people from the Reading Agency.

I was also lucky enough to meet the Prime Minister. He casually walked past while he greeted us. He left me speechless for the first time in my life. I also got to meet the



From left to right- **Lisa Randall** (*manager of IDEAS store*)
Sofina Karim (*year 11 student at Sir John Cass Red Coat school*)
Bilkiss (*yr 11 Tower Hamlets student*)
Ndi (*yr 11 Tower Hamlets student*)

famous No. 10 cat. His name is Larry, and is the poshest cat I've ever met!

Visiting 10 Downing Street was an experience of a life time! I don't think I'll ever get a chance like this again! I am very privileged to have been chosen to do the voluntary work, and I would encourage others to take part in voluntary work, as it opens many doors for your future!

By Sofina Karim.

Sir John Cass's Foundation and Red Coat School raised a fantastic **£804.60** for Children in Need by holding a non-uniform day on Friday 16th November 2012.



REVIEW OF THE 'GREAT EXPECTATIONS' TRIP



A group of 50 Year 10 pupils attended a joint English/ Aim Higher cinema visit to see 'Great Expectations' at Genesis cinema in the final week of the Winter term to help them prepare for a Literature controlled assessment.

On the 10th of December some of the students from year 10 went on a cinema trip to watch the new adapted film 'Great Expectations.' This was to prepare the students for their upcoming assessments in English Literature.

The main protagonist of the film is Pip Pirrip played by Jeremy Irvine who is born into a blacksmith's family but aims to become a gentleman. Pip mistakenly thinks he will do so with the help of Miss Havisham an old, eccentric and rich spinster.

He eventually falls in love with Estella- the adopted child of Miss Havisham. Although Pip begins his apprenticeship as a blacksmith at the age of fourteen, after six years he is offered the great opportunity of becoming a gentleman by Mr Jaggers, Miss Havisham's lawyer.

The film itself is very faithful to the novel in a similar way to the original film which was released in 1946 with a sepia screen. In

our opinion the original version is much more detailed. Seeing the modern, Hollywood version will however help students with their work as the modernised version can help the students better relate to Dicken's message.

On behalf of those who attended, thank you to the English teachers for giving up their free time for the trip!

By Noshin Ahmed, 10C & Supriya Dasgupta, 10A

The trips to KPMG



The trips were aimed at gifted and talented students and were designed to prepare us for successful applications to University. Over four events, we focused on the specific work of KPMG, personal statement writing, interviewing, and had trip to Birmingham University.

Three of the workshops were on-site at the Canary Wharf KPMG building where employees of KPMG were at hand and involved in the activities to give their expert advice. We had the opportunity to speak to heads of departments,

language experts, and successful Cambridge applicants. I think this was the best achievement of the course – that we were mixed with high-flying specialists and experts who, obviously were very valuable to the company yet had taken the time to share their experience with us. This was a mark of the effort the firm made to accommodate and support us and was a tremendously important part of the experience.



The trips were an extremely valuable experience not only because they were insightful and educational, but also because we were treated as young adults in a very professional office environment. Even entry to exit from the building – using provided electronic ID tags – was quite novel. If the aim was to coax us into entering an office career, it was evident that there was lots the company could offer.

Badminton success this year:

The Junior Girls badminton team won the Tower Hamlets round of the National Championships and are due to take part in the East London Finals in February. Congratulations to Veronica

Ramires, Diana Ubani, Protitee Paromita and Tamara Choudhury.

The Junior Boys team of Yasin Manik, Tariq Hennache, Masoom Manik, Tyei Bryan-Frederick and Nadeem Malek came 3rd in the same competition.

The Junior Boys doubles pair of Tyei Bryan-Frederick and

Masoom Manik came 2nd in the borough tournament. The Junior Girls doubles pair of Protitee Paromita and Veronica Ramires came 3rd in the borough tournament.

Practices are as follows: Year 7/8 Wednesday 3-4pm, Year 9-11 Thursday 4-5pm, Team only Friday 3-4pm.

Introducing...

Superman Entrepreneur Tim O'Connor



Guest Speaker in the
Business Studies
Department 11th
February 2013

In the run up to Tim
coming in and meeting
AS level Business
students, we have found
out some interesting
background information
in the form of an
interview with him:

“I am a 24 year old serial entrepreneur, currently running businesses within the Entertainment industry.

I started off in the city when I had just turned 17 working for Swiss Re / GE Insurance within IT. I was their youngest ever employee in the world across the brand of over 10,000 + people. I went on to become operations manager by 19 a SME I.T outsourcing business which I doubled the growth of within 9 months.

Our businesses presently include a ticket and hospitality company with growth of over 200% last year and an events showcase business which runs a show called Showcase: LIVE. Showcase Live is one of the most reputable unsigned music showcases in Europe. Since the launch in 2007 we have had many then unsigned acts including Jessie J and JLS with coverage in everything from the Mirror to Music Week and some amazing supporters. We are just completing a rebrand across the board to push it out across Europe and America within the coming 12 months.

As well as this, I also do consultancy work and presently I

am consulting for one of the largest e-commerce businesses in the world on business strategy within the European market.

Over the last few years I have also begun to get quite heavily involved with the development of our 25 year old Family business in food and wine. My focus here has been in implementing a re-brand and bringing the logistics and sales models up to speed with the continuous development of technology and media tools.

As a young entrepreneur, how have you found trying to build credibility and bridge the generation gap?

This has been difficult over the years. I really feel credibility and respect doesn't come straight away from anyone but when you work hard and give a lot of substance you can really prove people wrong.

Fortunately I got first hand experience starting my career in the City and being the youngest person out of 10,000. Of course this was challenging, but what I very quickly learnt was to work with everyone and understand the issues with the generation gap instead of working against it. For



me, working with team members that could be double or triple your age was motivating and intimidating to start with, however this quickly built my confidence with the realisation that although there was an age gap I was doing the same as them.

I worked really hard to prove myself and after no time at all, they began to realise that they could in fact also learn from me and that it was a unique and beneficial advantage to have such a young member of the team.

Those days seem like such a long

time ago now and I have since gained many close friends in their 50's + (CEO's of the large businesses) with whom I regularly go for dinner with and share our different experiences. I feel you can always learn from everyone and this excites me.

Did you ever feel university was right for you? If not why?

For me it would never have worked, I came out of School with hardly any GCSE's but one thing I did know was how to build computers, and to sell. I would sell sweets and drinks to

every kid and teacher at School despite being told by the canteen it was a conflict of interests. It was this which led me on further to do what I really wanted to do, which was to set goals that I knew no one had ever achieved. I like to take risks. Without risk there can be no gain.

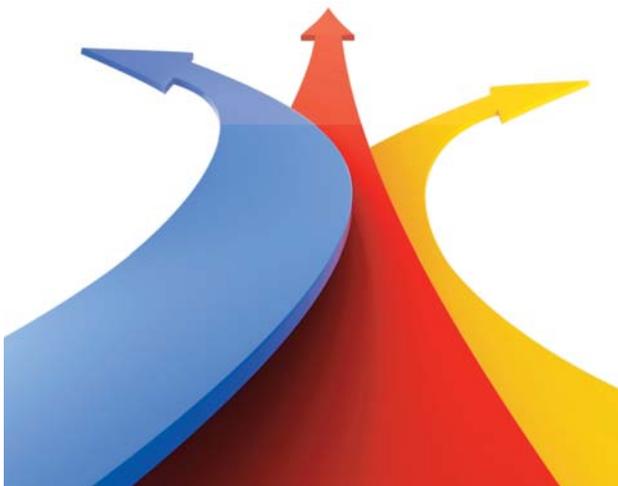
My passions were about 'doing business' not in learning about how to do business. I feel experience is everything and this is something I look at when I am employing myself. For me I feel that formal education will make you a living but self education will make you a fortune.

Who is your biggest inspiration in business?

I wouldn't say there is just one person that I look up to. I don't think its healthy to look up to just one person, but instead I try to take the 'best bits' of many different entrepreneurs and leaders including Sir Alan Sugar and Sir John Madjeski and put these into practise with what I do myself. I have real respect for anyone who has built themselves up from nowhere and those who lost everything and made it all back.

What advice can you give to other aspiring young entrepreneurs?

What I will definitely say is the difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack in will. If you put your mind to it and set goals and targets you will get anywhere you want to be. Just don't give up!"



NOTICE BOARD

POLITE REQUEST:

Will parents/carers who drive to school to drop off and/or collect their children please avoid parking in the areas immediately outside of the school gates. Parked cars are a hazard for our students crossing both Bromley Street and Copley Street. Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Haydn Evans
Headteacher

Ocean Somali are looking for parent governors!

A community organisation called Ocean Somali Community Association (OSCA) have been contracted by Tower Hamlets Council to recruit those interested in becoming parent/community governors. They also help and support parents to become school governors and continue supporting them once they become governors.

If there are any parents interested in becoming governors, please contact Ayan Warsama at Ocean Somali
ayan@oceansomali.org.uk