

## Etiquette and street language

What sort of impression does the following phrase create?  
“You live bare far, bruv....”

I agree – not a great one. It suggests that the speaker does not have a particularly good vocabulary and does not understand that this type of language is completely out of place in a professional environment such as WA.

Why is this important in the context of *etiquette*? Well, when we talk about *etiquette* we are referring to a set of rules or customs. Our use of language reveals our understanding of these rules and customs. The phrase “You live bare far, bruv....” does not belong in a community of people – such as the one we are so lucky to have here at WA - aspiring to achieve dreams.

Remember: language is exciting. As our language grows and develops, so do our personalities. Whenever you speak, you are revealing important parts of your character. Think about this whenever you are talking with friends and teachers at WA.

By Mr Harris, Assistant Senior Leader - English

## New online tool for parents

The government has launched a new online tool called **Parent Info** to give parents advice and tips on preparing their children for adult life. Go to [parentinfo.org](http://parentinfo.org) where you can find various articles with information for parents on a variety of subjects, such as online safety, social media, relationships and wellbeing.

## Message from the Principal, Ms Bora

This week, I would like to draw your attention to the **Triple P parenting course**; this begins tomorrow and is advertised on the back page of this newsletter. I would also like to emphasise the importance of parents noting down the key dates for the



year, which can be found in the newsletter, your child's planner and on our website. Finally, as always, please remember to make sure that your child **reads, revises and practises questions** every night. It is also important for students to take advantage of extra-curricular opportunities.

## Sixth Form debate university tuition fees with British land

In Term 6, 12 volunteers from British Land came to Westminster Academy to conduct a workshop with our Year 12 IBCP and BTEC students. The event consisted of activities in which our students interviewed the volunteers, and then underwent mock interviews themselves. In the afternoon, the students prepared and delivered debates on the benefits of going to university and whether tuition fees should exist.



Students were extremely positive about the day; they said that it was very helpful to practise their interview skills, and that they'd received useful feedback from all the different volunteers. They became far more knowledgeable about loans, scholarships, tuition fees and apprenticeships than they were at the beginning of the day, and were energised to do more research at home in order to make an informed decision about their future.



From the volunteers' point of view, Tom (from Three Hands Organisation) said that this was “the best yet”.

The students clearly made an excellent impression, as some of the senior members of staff from British Land offered to come back and do follow-up sessions with the students closer to their actual university applications.

For me, it was a treat to see some of our shy, quiet students open up in the debate and interviews. I would single out Rochelle Williams and Abdullah Ahmed as two students who came across very professionally in the interviews and fought their corner exceptionally well in the debates.

By Mr Gyll-Murray, Teacher of English

## Zesty entrepreneurship on Citrus Saturday with UCL

In the summer term I had the pleasure of seeing WA students putting enterprise into action.

We had four groups of students in various locations (mostly near Russell Square) taking part in Citrus Saturday, which is an experiential programme developed by UCL whereby students create a lemonade product, brand it and sell it to members of the public. All of our WA students did brilliantly, selling over £100 of drinks per stand on the day.



Special mention goes to Vishva's group who won two prizes for best business name and best recipe idea. However, Fiona's group at the British Library were the standout team. They sold £330 of fruit juice which (pending official confirmation from the organisers) was the highest total of all the teams taking part!

The students loved event, and we'd like to thank the volunteers from UCL, who were brilliant.

By Mr Phillips, Teacher of Business

## Football: Year 8 Development Squad



At the end of last year, the Year 8 Development Squad took part in a four team tournament at Paddington Rec. For many of those playing it was their first

taste of competitive football but it was clear that all of their hard work in training had paid off as WA were clearly the best footballing side taking part in the tournament. The Year 8 team managed to finish the tournament unbeaten and joint top after posting two wins and one draw. It would be impossible to single out any one player as being the star of the team as they all played extremely well in every match. Hopefully this year all of the Development Squad will be aiming to get into the first team.

By Mr Howard, Teacher of PE

## Parents: What's on

Small changes, big differences.

### FREE Triple P Parenting Group

**Parenting course for parents with teenagers at the Stowe centre, 258 Harrow Road W2 5ES**

**Starting Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2015 10.00-12.30**

8 Friday sessions until 13<sup>th</sup> November 2015.  
(Not meeting 30<sup>th</sup> October due to half term break)

- Understanding teenagers and why they behave as they do
- The best way to develop your children
- Looking at positive goals for change
- How to deal with teenage emotions
- How to manage behaviour
- How to deal with risky situations and behaviour
- Implementing parent routines and strategies
- How to get teenagers to problem solve and to take more responsibility
- Certificates for completion of course

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Friday 18 September	Year 6 Open Morning 9.30-10.30am
Friday 18 September	Triple P Parenting Course 10.00-12.30
Tuesday 22 September	Year 6 Open Morning 9.30-10.30am
Tuesday 22 September	Year 7 Settling In Evening 5-7pm
Wednesday 23 September	Year 11 Parents' Evening 5-7pm
Wednesday 30 September	Year 6 Open Evening 5-7pm
Monday 5 October	Year 6 Open Morning 9.30-10.30am

**Please visit our website for this year's key dates and next year's term dates!**

**Year 6 Open Evening 2015: Wednesday 30 September 5-7pm**

**Open Mornings 9.30-10.30am**

**Friday 18 September**

**Tuesday 22 September**

**Monday 5 October**

**Thursday 8 October**

**Wednesday 14 October**

**Education is Success**

Meet our Principal and students, view our state-of-the-art academic and sporting facilities and see what classes are really like at our Open Mornings and Open Evening for Year 6s and their families.

Parents/Carers are welcome to attend either with their children or by themselves. We look forward to seeing you soon!