

2013 Lambeth Achievement Awards



Corpus Christi String Ensemble

The 2013 Lambeth Achievement Awards were held on 6 February 2014 at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, Southbank Centre, London SE1 8XX.

The aim of the awards ceremony is to raise achievement of Lambeth pupils through:

- **Motivating pupils through public acknowledgement of their achievements**
- **Improving pupils' self esteem, academic standards, personal motivation and social skills**
- **Creating the opportunity for the wider community to publicly recognise and applaud the contribution that teachers make to pupils' achievement**
- **Celebrating parental involvement and support with the children's learning and working in partnership with schools to raise achievement**

Report from 2013 Achievement Awards

Lambeth pupils celebrated their success at an inspirational achievement awards ceremony hosted by the Education, Learning and Skills Service. The Lambeth Achievement Awards ceremony held on 6 February 2014 at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, Southbank Centre, celebrated both the academic achievement of the 615 young people and the support and commitment of their families and teachers. The event was attended by over 2500 young people, their families, and staff across Lambeth schools and Local Authority (LA) officers. It was a testament to the Council's commitment to celebrating children's achievement.

Children and Young people at each Key Stage (KS) were selected to receive awards for high achievement and progress. The ceremonies for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 pupils took place between 9.30am and 1.45pm followed by the Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 pupils between 2.15pm and 5.30pm.

The 2013 Lambeth Achievement Awards were opened by Sue Foster, Strategic Director, Delivery. Awards were presented to KS1 pupils by Sue Foster, and Cathy Twist, Director of Education, Learning and Skills.



Tiana Bennett, (KS1) Allen Edwards Primary School with Sue Foster

The event was an opportunity for families, teachers and LA officers to meet, share and celebrate together, strengthening relationships between schools and communities.

This year over 200 Lambeth pupils were nominated at KS1 to receive an award. The rate of improvement over the last five years in the LA was twice that found nationally, and we

have now closed the gap. It is important we continue to recognise and celebrate the achievements of Lambeth's pupils.

Cathy Twist, Director of Education, Learning and Skills said "Lambeth has had a fantastic year in terms of school achievement, year on year our schools are improving, our children are obtaining better key stage results and the quality of education in Lambeth is improving."

Lambeth is one of the top five LAs, when looking at progress in each subject from KS1 to KS2.



Francis James McCabe, (KS1) Jubilee School with Cathy Twist

The KS2 ceremony was opened by Councillor Rachel Heywood Cabinet Member for Children and Families.



Sofia Somerville, (KS2) Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School with Councillor Heywood

Lambeth pupils KS2 to GCSE achieve higher than the national average for both English and Maths. For example in maths only one other

LA in the country had a higher percentage gaining the expected level. KS2 achievement in Lambeth was particularly impressive this year. Lambeth schools are achieving at higher levels nationally in each of the key indicators.



Sophia Ben Abdallah, Pupil Speaker Norwood School

Sophia Ben Abdallah a KS2 pupil at the Norwood School gave a speech at the KS2 ceremony. *“Some of us may feel that being Year 7 means we can relax, take things easy and that we have plenty of time before our education matters again and that we have to make important decisions regarding our future. This is definitely not true. We need to be focussed and committed from the start and we all need to understand that wholehearted commitment is needed now. All our learning is geared towards progressing and developing so that we are in a fantastic position to decide our future when the time comes. The success that you have all achieved now, does not necessarily mean it will continue. Only hard work, concentration and real effort will guarantee further rewards. Many of you may be naturally gifted and your education so far has not proved difficult. I can assure you though, things will get harder. Lessons will become more complex, your workload will increase and homework becomes more frequent and lengthy. You have noticed already but this is just the start. As the year goes on, the intensity becomes greater and will continue to do so. It is up to you as individuals to rise to these challenges, working hard to ensure we continue to achieve and to gain the success that we all want. Stand proud, work hard and be motivated, dedicate yourself to learning, continue to listen, be prepared. Together we can make a difference, but more importantly, make that difference for yourself.”*



Sabir Salad, (KS2) Vauxhall Primary School with Councillor Heywood

Musical entertainment during the KS2 ceremony was provided by the Corpus Christi String Ensemble (featured on the front cover): Isabelle Boucher, Biba Bernard, Tamra Chan, Elizabeth Colegate, Gabriel Collins, Tom Cole Chuna, Eliza Holland, Isaac London, Eileen Andino Munoz and Maeve O’Sullivan directed by Mario Basilisco Lambeth Music Service (LMS) Tutor

The KS3 ceremony was opened by Councillor Lib Peck, Leader of Lambeth Council.



Brendan Guest, (KS3) Bishop Thomas Grant School with Councillor Peck

In KS3, Lambeth has made great strides in recent years in narrowing the gap in achievement between its schools and schools nationally. Lambeth are now above or the same as national results in KS3 English, Maths and Science.



Shayla Dimaano, Pupil Speaker St Martin-in-the-Fields High School for Girls

Pupil speaker Shayla Dimanna a KS4 student from St Martin-in-the-Fields High School for Girls gave a speech at the KS3 ceremony. Shayla said *"Moving into Year 9 was a larger step to take than moving into Year 8 was. At St. Martin's, once you reach Year 9, you wear a red jumper rather than a brown jumper which essentially represents us as developing as students. Apart from the change in colour, the year required a lot more maturity and assertiveness. In addition to that, my class was also announced to be taking an early French GCSE. Having only done French for 2 years, I didn't think our class believed we were ready for such a challenge. My previous opinion was that we were still inexperienced and too young to be taking an actual GCSE course. Although in retrospect, I know believe the decision was worth making otherwise I wouldn't be standing here today. Doing an early GCSE not only gave the class an insight as to what we would be experiencing the next year, but it trained us how to work efficiently and built our self-motivation and discipline. In conclusion, I would say that KS3 is considered as the foundation of a younger teenager's scholastic life; where you start to recognise your personal strengths and weaknesses. You also face bigger changes; both physically and mentally. Although, I personally believe that the prime skill I learnt in KS3 was discipline. I learnt that self-discipline can be valuable and it's an important time to build self-motivation to succeed. This, alongside other factors, is why I am profoundly thankful for my life in KS3."*



Demi Harper, (KS3) Dunraven School with Councillor Peck

Improvement is apparent across the whole range of formal testing and assessment of our school children.

Musical entertainment during the KS3 ceremony was provided by the Norwood School Band who performed 'When I was your man' by Bruno Mars. This performance definitely stood out with amazing vocal from Jahzeel Vassell-Hamilton.



The Norwood School Band

Musical Entertainment at the KS4 ceremony was provided by the Norwood School Band: Akshit Bhardwaj, Sharmaine Briscoe, Daniel Duncanson, Steven Hughes, Mikayla Jackson, Oscar Lamptey and Jahzeel Vassell-Hamilton

The KS4 Ceremony was hosted by Derrick Anderson the Chief Executive of Lambeth Council.



Daniel Auyeung, (KS4) Lilian Baylis School with Derrick Anderson

At KS4 we have seen year on year improvement in English and Mathematics, achieving higher than national standards.

Post 16 achievements have continued to improve and narrow the gap against inner London and national averages.



Abdi Mohamed, Lilian Baylis 6th Form Pupil Speaker

Abdi Mohamed a year 13 pupil at Lilian Baylis 6th Form is currently studying A Level ICT, Psychology and Maths.

Abdi gave a speech at the KS4 ceremony.
*"Achievement doesn't happen overnight.
Greatness doesn't come about from a quick*

sprint; achievement and greatness are a marathon. A marathon that we will all run our whole lives. From the results coming out I got my running shoes on. No longer was I going to wear whatever shoe was comfortable, like my friends were doing, lazily walking towards exam date. Chilling, expecting to wing the exam. But I learnt that you can't. You can't reach high achievements just winging things. You need to spread your wings and do your own thing and put the work in. I decided that I wasn't going to settle for nothing less than an A, and that's what I did, nothing less than an A. Well I got one B, but let's not dwell on that." Abdi then read a quote by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow: *'The heights by great men reached and kept were not attained by sudden flight, but they, while their companions slept, were toiling upward in the night.'* *"I believe that if I live by this, I can get the career that I want to get, I can achieve the dreams that I dream. If more people adopted this mantra then I believe that we can live in a society fuelled by success."*



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Toni-Ann Thomas, (KS4) Platanos College with Derrick Anderson

All Lambeth schools are securely above the 5+ A*-C including English and Maths benchmark and Lambeth overall continues to remain above the national average.



Nicole Rosa, Lilian Baylis 6th Form College Pupil Speaker and KS4 Award recipient

Nicole gave a very inspiring speech to the KS4 students: *“Prior to overcoming the several obstacles I faced during secondary school, I had come to depend on the Lilian Baylis staff; filled with the belief that their support alone would create a beneficial outcome to my GCSE grades. One subject that I struggled with, after commencing my GCSE studies was Chemistry – especially considering my entry to triple science. I had never taken my mock exams seriously until I opened my Chemistry exam paper in class, only to find my complete lack of knowledge – I could not understand anything in that paper. To my expectation, I got an E grade. Baring in mind that I had never before gotten below a grade B, in any subject I began to panic. The knowledge that I had an upcoming exam just 1 month away became a foreboding thought; I wasn’t going to fail. This was essentially a turning point in my*

life, where I came to terms with the fact that I couldn’t rely solely on my teachers; I had to revise. On the very day that I was confronted with my disappointing grade, I went home and bought out my Chemistry books. Every single day after that, I dedicated a minimum of 3 hours on Chemistry revision. The rest of the class were ahead of me and although every lesson created further anxiety and confusion, I continued with my revision – forcing myself to confront the materials that I found most challenging. When I eventually began to understand the basics of chemistry, I proceeded onto the challenging parts and inevitably was confronted with several impediments. I had just 1 month to get my grade from an E to at least a C. When I received my official Chemistry 2 exam grade, I was ecstatic and extremely proud of myself – I got an A. This drive and motivation pushed me to achieve the impossible the rise from an E grade to an A grade in just 30 days”

The next Lambeth Achievement ceremony will be held on Tuesday 2nd December 2014 at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, Southbank Centre

Provisional Programme

Key Stage 1 pupils	8.45am to 11.30am
Key Stage 2 pupils	11.15am to 1.45pm
Key Stage 3 pupils	1.30pm to 3.25pm
Key Stage 4 pupils	3.15pm to 5.30pm