

# Student Learning Bulletin

August 2009

## News Last Month:

- July's 615 "living statues" were chosen from more than 13,000 applicants who wanted to be part of artist Antony Gormley's One and Other project on Trafalgar Square's Fourth Plinth in London.
- US President Barack Obama and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev reached signed agreements to cut back nuclear weapons to below 1,700 each within seven years.
- A 12-year-old girl was the only survivor of an air crash with 153 on board that came down in the Indian Ocean.



## Revision Tips

There is no perfect way to revise, as long as what you choose suits you and lets you grasp key facts and consolidate knowledge it's worth doing!. Some people read their class notes through, others prefer to simplify information, turning it into short notes, diagrams or mnemonics. Mixing all these techniques seems to work best, and adds variety to stop you feeling bored.

### **Turn your notes into revision tools:**

- ☑ Try making facts cards that you can use any time.
- ☑ Keep them in your pocket and use them to test yourself in spare time moments during the day.
- ☑ Make key fact points around the house, put a sheet up that you can read as you walk around.
- ☑ Keep your brain active by changing revision methods during a session. For example, try switching from taking notes to memorising; from reading to asking someone to test you or listening to a recording of yourself reading out notes.

### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

When you play, play hard; when you work, don't play at all.

Theodore Roosevelt

### Next Month:

- Anger management
- How your brain learns
- Website of the month

### Twins

Two girls were born to the same mother, on the same day, at the same time, in the same month and year and yet they're not twins.

How can this be?

### DID YOU KNOW?

The first rubber balloons were made by Professor Michael Faraday in 1824 for experiments with Hydrogen gas.

## CAREER ABC

### Anthropologist

Anthropology is all about people, their relationships, and how they live together.

Anthropologists study humans from all countries across the world and try to solve human problems and understand how they behave.

They look at politics, religions, languages, education and art to understand people's cultures.

To do this job you have to be good at communicating and relate well to people especially when doing interviews.

A degree from University is needed.

Anthropologists work in all sorts of places like universities, museums, tourism, law enforcement, social work, architecture and town planning, advertising, journalism, television, business and industry.

### A Better You !

We all *know* that exercise is good for us but it is SOOOO hard to fit in!

Try adding one of these into your week -

- ☺ wash a car
- ☺ walk a dog
- ☺ learn to juggle
- ☺ do sit ups
- ☺ balance on one leg for 2 min
- ☺ put a duvet into its cover !



### Website of the month:

<http://dev.origami.com/diagram.cfm>

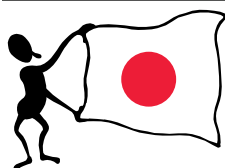
Recycle paper and have an amazing time !

This origami website has hundreds of incredible things all made by simply folding a piece of paper!

Take a look at the 'Gallery' that shows pictures of just a few of them.

You can make dinosaurs, aliens, elephants, bears, flowers, ballerinas, bullfrogs, planes, peacocks, horses, vampires.....

You name it, there's a pattern to follow to make one out of paper.



## SCHOOL IN JAPAN

If you were in school in Japan you would start at 7:45, and finish at 15:50, the older years would stay for another class until 17:05. In Japan students clean the school buildings every day at the end of classes for 15 minutes.

You would clean the toilets, library and bike parks, do weeding, clean the Headteacher's office and even wax the floors! You would wear a military style uniform and be in classes of 40 plus students.

You would not be allowed to wear outdoor shoes inside the school, you would have to change into slippers at the students' entrance. It is felt that this adds a more homely atmosphere to the school, and it keeps the school cleaner, making the clean-up time easier too!

You would also learn traditional Japanese arts like shodo (calligraphy) and haiku.

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**MATHEMAGICIAN:** What mathematical symbol can be put between 5 and 9, to get a number bigger than 5 and smaller than 9?