



Monthly Newsletter

A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Friends

The new term, now four weeks old, is going well. Year 11 students completed their mock examinations and have been set clear targets for the Summer examinations.

We were able to discuss these targets at our recent Year 11 Parents Day which was extremely well attended. If any parents were unable to attend please do not hesitate to contact us.

Post 16 students have been taking external modular examinations throughout January and are eagerly awaiting the results which come out in March. Many Year 13 students now have their sights set on university. I wish them every success in the Summer, but they have a great deal of hard work ahead!

Year 9 and Year 10 students also have external examinations this year. Year 9 students are already preparing for their mock SATs which begin on 3rd March

As a College we are committed to raising standards in all aspects of our work and we continue to ensure that all young people receive a good education.

Finally, may I remind you that we break up for half-term on Friday 8th February and that the College re-opens on Monday 18th February?

Yours sincerely

Helen McDermott
Principal

Key Dates for the remaining Spring Term

11.02.08 – 15.02.08 - Half Term
19.02.08 – Year 10 Aim Higher Event
26.02.08 – Year 9 Inter-tutor Dance Finals
26.02.08 – Year 11 Photographs
06.03.08 – Year 7 Parent Evening
11/15.03.08 – Les Miserables Production
20.03.08 – Teacher Day
21.03.08 – 1st day of Easter Holidays
07.04.08 – 1st day Summer Term

Additional Teacher Day Thursday 20th March 2008

The Secretary of State for Education has agreed that all secondary schools will have an additional teacher day in 2008. This is to allow teachers to plan the curriculum in the light of national changes that include new guidance at Key Stage 3, and 14 – 19 changes including the much publicised Diplomas.

We have decided to hold our Teacher Day on Thursday 20th March. College will be closed to students on this day, which is the day before we close for the Easter holidays.

School Uniform for 2008

I wanted to inform you of two slight changes to uniform for 2008 well in advance.

Polo Shirts in the Upper School

All students will wear a white polo shirt – ordinary shirts and blouses will not be allowed. Polo shirts may be plain white or carry the College logo. No other badges or logos may be worn.

Footwear

All students must wear black shoes or plain black trainers with no other colours or logos.
No boots,





Visit by Chair of County Council

In January Councillor Mike Jones (Chair of the County Council) and his wife visited the College to congratulate staff and students on their hard work and achievements. Councillor Jones and his wife talked to staff and students during their two hour visit.

Year 7 – Classification Talk



A lady came into College to talk to us about animals and how she breeds them herself. She actually brought a variety of animals in to show us, for example; an African-land snail, a giant millipede, a toad, a snake and a tarantula spider. She came in to talk to us about how animals have adapted to their environment and what they need to do to survive. If it was safe to hold she gave people the alternative of whether they wanted to hold an animal or not. All the kids had a great time and had a very enjoyable lesson.

Mark Sheppard Y 7JT

Year 7 – Visit to Nottingham University

On 11th January 30 students from Wreake Valley College were accompanied by 30 from Roundhill College on a visit to Nottingham University. Students had a short talk on life at University, had a tour of the campus and had an opportunity to

talk to undergraduates first hand. At the end of the day the students completed a poster to consolidate the day. All the year 7 students enjoyed the day.

Year 11 – Visit to Birmingham Conservatoire.

What is a conservatoire? The Birmingham Conservatoire is one of only nine in the UK and is part of the City of Birmingham University. It offers talented musicians an alternative route to a degree. The programme focuses on musical performance and over a four year course provides the training and performance opportunities for students to become professional musicians. On 17th January Wreake Valley College took fifteen year 11 musicians to their open day. Students experienced masterclasses, recitals and jazz demonstrations as well as picking up information about the nature of Conservatoire life. This is part of our continuing drive to ensure students can achieve in all walks of life.

Business Masterclass 'Don't Rock the Boat'

On the 5th December 2007, 12 students participated in a Business Masterclass held at Loughborough University, organised by Mrs Nuttall. During this learning experience, students were given the opportunity to explore the premises and engage in a lecture held by Dr Amel El-Sawad.

They learnt about challenging the traditional concept of the cliché and competing in group activities. It also encouraged positivity within the work place and student confidence. Overall it was an educational and interesting event that enhanced student knowledge of university life. Students involved were: -Deborah Merry, Esther Nwanuforo, Angelique Dwyer, Bijal Patel, Saagar Dattani, Harrison Middleton, Eddie Lakin, Dhriti Unadkot, Kamelia Campbell-Jones, Liam Webb, David Checklin, Ranvir Bains

Visit to Games Workshop

13 students visited Games Workshop on 23rd January to support their work in Design Technology. Mr Reid used the occasion to stimulate interest in use of CAD/CAM in set builds. The students, already ardent "Gamers" thoroughly enjoyed the visit which has kickstarted the Gaming Club in College. If parents would like their children to join ask them to contact Mr Reid.

Year 13 Open University Awards

We are delighted to announce that five Year 13 students successfully passed their Open University Science short courses. These courses not only deepen their knowledge of science but provide valuable independent study skills. The students have to manage their workload and complete the assignments without any direct input from teachers at College. Each course took 5 months to complete and required up to 8 hours study each week. The students were: Melissa McHugh, Kristie Merry, Pooja Popat, Bhavika Khera and Daniel Johnson. Congratulations to them all.

The opportunities for our current Year 12 to enrol will be presented to them on 20th February.

Year 10 - Engineering Summer School



We are delighted that through the Specialist Science Programme the Sutton Trust has agreed to sponsor two Year 10 students through Engineering Summer Schools this year. Each Summer School

lasts 4 days. Honor Evans will be studying Marine Technology at the University of Strathclyde and Suraj Shah will be studying Engineering Materials at the University of Manchester. Honor and Suraj are the first students in Leicestershire to be sponsored on this programme and we congratulate them on their achievement. There are still opportunities for other Year 10 students and parents should contact Mr Kerr if they wish to find out more or go to www.suttontrust.com

College Production-Les Miserables

Work continues on our production of Les Miserables, (school edition), for March. Students, from years 8-13, are working consistently hard as the whole production pulls together; rising to the challenge of having to act, and sing throughout the entire show.



Rehearsals are becoming intense, and exciting, as costumes, set, and pit music-performed by students-are gradually introduced.

The commitment of the students has been exemplary, and will no doubt reflect in the

performances of 'Les Mis', which will run from Tuesday 11th, until Saturday 15th March. The cast have been asked to perform part of the work to Primary Schools on 4th March to give them an example of how we work, and hopefully to inspire them.

Tickets will be £4:50, (full), and £3:50, (concessions), and will be on sale from 25th February.

We look forward to seeing you at the performances.

Year 10 Applied Art and Design

Year 10 Applied Art students are currently working towards entries for a competition set by The Shires in Leicester to paint a picture entitled 'Tomorrows Leicester'. The entries will be judged by the Leicester Mercury, The Shires and a local artist. The winning entries will be displayed on hoardings in the new Shires building, with great prizes for students whose work is selected.

This is a very exciting opportunity for our students and will enable them to work to an external 'live' brief.

To begin the project, we took the group to the Space Centre and Leicester City Council to take photographs and get inspiration. It was a great day (despite the rain!) and the students collected a lot of research.

Students will be working on the project until the end of February when the entries will be sent off. Good luck to all Applied Art students!

Hannah Sherratt



Student Achievements

Congratulations to the following students who have recently been awarded certificates:-

Bronze

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| Matthew Antliff | Reena Bharadwa |
| Amber Dewick | Alexandros Gaitanos |
| Ben Caunt | Keshi Chouhan |
| Matthew Deacon | Laura Meachem |
| Preeya Patel | Sophie Platt |
| Liam Hillis | Lewis Turner |
| Lauren Carter | Lacey Matthews |
| Ellen McNeelance | Sarita Modhvadia |
| Chanelle Payne | Mark Sheppard |
| Bethany Ward | Bronwyn Anderson |
| Christian Attewell | Jack Baines |
| Thomas Bentley | Paige Gunn |
| Asma Aliya Elias | Megan Irving |
| Ashley Mcweeney | Sophie Pickering |
| Thomas Reeve | Epiphany Roberts |
| Jamie Roberts | Veer Sanghani |
| Megan Stretton | Rushina Pancholi |
| Gemma Shore | Fern Brown |
| Dhriti Unadkat | Joanne Frost |
| Deep Shah | Eleanor Wingett |
| Daniel Allsop | Joseph Coleman |
| Ross Cox | Damon Scotting |
| Brontie Friend | Aimee Garner |
| April Goode | Robson King |
| Corey Lawrence | James Plumb |
| Paige Delrosso | Rosie Kind |
| Lottie Rogers | Melody Papadopoulos |
| Lauren Sharpe | |

Silver

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| Rahul Bhatt | Jennifer Mitton |
| Phillipa Ward | Benjamin Tattersall |
| Matthew Antliff | Alexandros Gaitanos |
| Ravi Fulbaria | |

Student Attendance

Congratulations to the following students whose attendance was 100% during the Autumn Term

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| Niamh Beange | Paige Beeson-Markley |
| Lauren Carter | Paige Delrosso |
| Benjamin Doe | Charles Gulley |
| Paige Gunn | Sukhveer Kaur Bahlay |
| James Howlett | Rosie Kind |
| William Kirwan | Emma Lacey |
| Heather Lawson | Guy Lock |



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| Lacey Matthews | Ellen McNeelance |
| Samuel Muggleton | Vishal Patel |
| Bailey Raffell | Epiphany Roberts |
| Jamie Roberts | Maisie Ross |
| Lauren Shaw | Cameron Smart |
| Joseph Steele | Megan Stretton |
| Lewis Turner | Katie Aldridge |
| Jake Baker | Michael Bishop |
| Myles Brown | Joanne Bullough |
| Jonathan Hall | Claire James |
| Benjamin Meachem | Samuel Payne |
| James Plumb | Alice Roizer |
| Elliot Rymer | Charlotte Sirrell |
| Callum Smith | Ryan Stevens |
| Hannah Townsend | Harry Bishop |
| Daniel Burton | Amy Curnock |
| Joshua Day | Else Lidgett |
| Georgia Mills | Samantha Edmands |
| Andrew Norton | Jay Pancholi |
| James Payne | Max Starbuck |
| Hannah Toon | Emily-Jane Reynolds |
| Alex Tyrell | Luke Allen |
| Michael Allsop | Radhika Anand |
| Thomas Atkins | Marcus Bent |
| John Bullough | Gary Chaullifour |
| Rebekah Clarke | Leanne Clarridge |
| Abigail Cooper | Thomas Corbett |
| Reece Dewick | Megan Farmer |
| James Forkin | Jack Friend |
| Joanne Frost | Reece Gerrard |
| Chloe Gunn | Ashleigh Houston |
| Cory Hubbard | Aamir Hussain |
| Jordan Jaiyeola | Jaskiran Khera |
| Joshua King | Edward Lakin |
| Rachel Lewis | Scott Lillyman |
| James McCormack | Deborah Merry |
| Vikesh Mistry | Esther Nwanuforo |
| Deepa Patel | Shivangi Patel |
| Rosie Payne | Maisy Pollard |
| Roshni Shah | Timothy Sharman |
| Jasmine Smith | Thomas Smith |
| Harwinder Sodhi | Kiran Solanki |
| Adam Startin | Simone Stevenson |
| Aidan Straw | Megan Tebbatt |
| Rebecca Westell | Sarah Wood |
| Arushan Mahendrakumar | |