

A New Headteacher

On behalf of the IEB, I am very pleased to inform you that the school's Executive Head, Sean Hayes, has been appointed to the permanent position of Headteacher at the school.

The position had been advertised in the national press some weeks ago. Short-listed candidates were interviewed at the school on the 4th and 5th March. Following this, it was the unanimous decision of the IEB to offer the position to Sean.

I would like to thank you, the students and the staff for the support you and they have given Sean since he joined the school. The IEB is very much looking forward to working with him to continue the School's progress.

Ashok Khosla

Chair, Interim Executive Board

Parent Champion

In his role as Parent Champion, Father David will be available to see parents on **Wednesday 11th March at 3.30pm.**

Father David may be contacted by phoning him direct on 01733-562528 ext 5, or you may email him at frdavidallsouls@hotmail.com

Congratulations

Congratulations to Shannon Bird and Latisha Hepburn who both passed their Hair and Beauty examination with Distinction. Well Done.

We are delighted to announce that Zain Awan of 10GR has been elected to the Peterborough Youth Parliament as Deputy Peterborough Youth MP. This is a tremendous achievement and we congratulate Zain and wish him every success in his new role.

Youth Parliament News

It was a great pleasure and honour for me to be chosen as a candidate to represent our school in the process to find the next Youth MP for Peterborough. It was the first time that a student from our school was chosen to be a candidate.

During Half term I attended the YMP training day and on 24th February, the election night was held. The evening was hosted by Andy Burrows, whose jokes and impressions of local councillors kept the event light hearted. Entertainment was provided by an Accapella group Rappers.

In my speech I tackled issues of the stereotype of an MP and that we needed someone who has witnessed and experienced the key issues that youths face such as gang culture. My main initiative was integration - getting different youth groups mixing with each other.

I have been offered many positions including: sitting on the Peterborough Youth Bank, The International Youth for Action Committee and to visit the Council office with Gillian Beasley. My duties include sitting on the Youth Council and going to Youth Parliament meetings.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Headboy Joseph Hostead for giving me the opportunity to apply, Miss Wilson for managing my campaign, Miss Rahemtulla, head of the promotional video and all the people who took part in that and are too many to name, Judd Delgado and Yaseen Malak, head of my student supporters and to all those who voted for me and supported me in any shape or form.

If you have any ideas to make Peterborough flourish or want to talk about issues concerning you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Zain Awan

OPEN DAY

Saturday 7th March – 12.00 to 4.00

An opportunity for Parents
to visit the new school
Please park considerately

Year 9 Options Evening

Tuesday 10th March – 7pm
Students and parents are invited to find
out more about the courses available in
Key Stage 4 from September

Lent 2009

Last week we marked the start of Lent with the distribution of Ashes on Ash Wednesday. For the remainder of this term we will be reflecting this period in the Church's year in various ways and inviting students to participate in prayer, fund raising, reconciliation, and self sacrifice.

Our theme for Lent this year is 'Walk With Me'. We remember that we are called to journey with God even though it may be hard at times. During Lent we have a special prayer to say and all staff and students have received this prayer on a special card.

In addition to our theme for Lent, we have a weekly theme every week in school. Our theme for next week is 'Sacrifice. Our assemblies next week will focus on how people give up their time for other people especially those who care for a sick relative and in particular our 'young carers.' Our new practice of playing music as students enter and leave the hall for assembly has created a calm and more meaningful start and finish to our assemblies and services. It is hoped that this will develop further to include a wider variety of music especially from different cultures.

On Tuesday we had Reconciliation in school. This consisted of two short services which was followed by the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation or to talk with a priest in the hall with six of our deanery priests. We are very grateful to our deanery priests for coming into school for this and to our students for conducting themselves in a mature and respectful way. Our Liturgy is inclusive and students of all faiths and none are always welcome and do take an active part.

Voluntary Mass continues to be celebrated in school every Friday in the Chapel at 8.55. Any student or member of staff is welcome to attend. Our deanery priests come in to celebrate Mass on a rota basis. Today Father Joseph Gnanam from St Peter and All Souls parish celebrated Mass with us.

Fundraising

Part of our Lenten observation is Almsgiving: giving money to charity. Giving up something we enjoy for Lent can be hard but rewarding – especially if the money is given to a worthy cause. We believe it is our duty and responsibility to help those in need. During Lent we are supporting the charity EducAid set up by Miriam Mason who will be coming into school on 18 March to talk with our students about her work in Sierra Leone. EducAid provides the opportunity for children to go to school.

Part of our funds raised will also go to 'Childhealth Advocacy International', which improves maternal and child healthcare in countries where there is extreme poverty and conflict.

Throughout Lent, students and staff will be planning and participating in a fundraising activity of their choice. The activity can take place any time over the next 4 weeks including red nose day, when students are invited to wear something red **WITH** their school uniform. It is not a non-uniform day. There will be a bucket collection on this day too. The activity will be planned and organised in form time and form reps will be leading their form groups under the guidance of their form tutor. The challenge for each form group will be to make as much money as possible out of £5.00 through their activity. This will be an opportunity for our students to develop their enterprise skills as well as their Active Citizenship skills. At the end of their activity all students will analyse and evaluate their participation in the event. There will be a prize for the form group that raises the most money and reward given to the 'house' that raises the most money. This is an opportunity for students to help to change the lives of children in Sierra Leone and abandoned babies in Uganda.

Revision Roadshow for Year 11

Year 11 students will be taking part in a full day 'Roadshow' to help focus the students on their Personal Learning Styles and how to go about their revision and exams in preparation for the forthcoming year, to be held in the Main Hall on Wednesday 11 March 2009.

Sports News

Key Stage 4 Boys Dodgeball Tournament - The first inter-peterborough schools tournament was held at TDA on Monday 2nd March. The team came 5th overall in the competition but thoroughly enjoyed the experience playing a new, fast and exciting sport!

Year 9 Boys Indoor Cricket: The year 9 boys team travelled to Orton Longueville to play in the latest round of the Peterborough schools indoor league. In a game which they dominated they won by 52 runs! They now play Jack Hunt for a place in the finals.

Jujitsu Classes for Year 7. The PE department is currently offering jujitsu classes to students in Year 7. The classes are led by fully qualified instructors from the King's School of Martial Arts. If there are any Year 7 students who wish to join this club or for further details then please speak to Mr Baron. The club runs every Monday after school 3:45-4:45pm.
