

Busy Times

We have reached that stage of the school year where there is a lot happening. This week Year 10 have been out on Work Experience and will continue next week: I hope that they are enjoying the experience and finding out how different the working day is to the school day – many find it very tiring in comparison.

Year 11 are focussing on the forthcoming exams which are only about six school weeks away. Last Wednesday they had a day in school on revision, as outlined in last week's newsletter, and this coming Thursday they will spend the day at Orton Hall focussing on English work. Year 9 have just made their Option choices for Key Stage 4 and these are being processed at the moment. They have a parents evening this coming Tuesday when progress and expectations can be discussed with teachers. Tuesday is also parents' evening for Years 12 and 13. At the same time our Lent fundraising is continuing with a wide range of activities taking place with much enthusiasm; I do hope that the total raised reflects the effort that has been put in to these events.

This coming Tuesday we have our Spring Music Concert at 7.30pm. This will be held in the new Atrium which is a lovely venue for something like this, as we found out last week with the official opening of the school when the choir sang. Please do support this event as the students and staff have worked hard for this. It would also be an opportunity for those of you who have not yet visited the new school to do so.

As part of an on-going process to market the school we will be having photographs taken this coming Thursday for display around the school and on our website. I asked a few weeks ago for parents to let me know if they did not want their child photographed and I repeat that now as it is important that you say so ahead of the day. The same company will return to school on Friday to take leavers photos of Year 11: this is a new initiative that many of the students were keen on as they are each able to buy a class photo of themselves and all of their friends in a very contemporary style.

Comic Relief

Class Act raised **£58.97** through busking for Comic Relief on Friday 13th March. Well done to those who played and sang all lunchtime, and to everyone who donated money to keep us going!

Sixth Form Leadership

We have appointed Emma Weston as Head of Sixth Form and she will take up her post when she joins the school in June. Emma is a past student of St John Fisher. Until then Scott Dewdney will be Acting Head of Sixth Form and he will work with Emma when she arrives next term. I am very grateful to Su Burdett for her sterling work as Head of Sixth Form since September following Marian Carter's retirement and for the way she has overseen this part of the school until a permanent appointment could be made.

Spring Concert

All invited to our Spring Concert on
Weds 25th March
in the Atrium
at **7.30pm.**

SIMS Data Checking

We have been installing a management system in school called SIMS, part of which is the main student database. Over the next few weeks we will be sending sheets home for checking to ensure that we still have correct information on students. Will parents please check these carefully, sign them and return to school. It is important for us to do this every year so that we both have the correct contacts details for parents in an emergency and a signature to say that parents are aware of the information that we have on the school system. We will be doing this with one year group at a time so please just respond as and when your child's sheet arrives.

End of Term

This term ends on Friday 3rd April. That day will comprise normal lessons in the morning and then an Easter Liturgy and tutor period in the afternoon. School will end at the usual time of 3.30pm. The Summer Term begins on Monday 20th April and this is a normal day for students beginning at 8.55 as usual, timetable Week 1.

Sean Hayes

Year 11 Prom

This year the Year 11 Prom will be held on Friday 8th May 2009 from 7.30 to 11.00 in the School Hall. Tickets cost £16 and are available from Students Services.

Dance Show: Thursday 5th March

On Thursday 5th March, 13 members of Dance had the chance to participate in a dance show held at the Cresset Theatre, Bretton. The theme was the 'Wild Wild West'. After weeks of rehearsals, the day finally arrived. As we sat and watched the technical rehearsals of the other schools, nerves took over. However, as soon as it was our turn to rehearse on the stage, and the first few beats of Hillbilly Rock, Hillbilly Roll burst out of the speakers, we all felt at ease as the excitement took over.

Finally at about 7.30pm, it was our turn to perform in front of a packed audience. The performance was great! Everyone in the audience burst into cheers when Michael Jackson's: Thriller suddenly played. The cheers went even louder as our own mini Michael Jackson aka Giovane Azevedo took to the stage.

Well done to all who took part: Alisun Pearlson, Sandra Widomska, Maria Miranda, Erin McClean, Natalie Smith, Sophie Smith, Giovane Azevedo, Shannon Cunningham, Karen Jones, Talent Nkobi, Tadala Chiutsi, Abigail Sibanda and Rhianna Chalmers. On behalf of these, I would like to say a big thank you to Miss Lambert for choreographing our dance, and giving us the support when we needed it.

Erin McClean

Free Swimming for Under 16s

From 1st April 2009 children and young people in Peterborough aged 16 and under will be able to swim free at Jack Hunt Swimming Pool, Regional Fitness and Swimming Centre, Lido, Stanground College Pool and Arthur Mellows Village College Pool.

In order to take part in the scheme your students will need to apply for a 'free swimming card'. The application forms will be available at Jack Hunt Swimming Pool and Regional swimming and Fitness Centre from 16th March 2009.



Bishop Michael at the recent opening of the new school buildings

EducAid

On Wednesday Miriam Mason came into school to talk to Years 7, 8 and 9 about her schools she has set up in Sierra Leone. Miriam continues to be an inspiration to our students and staff and is looking forward to developing further links with our school in the future. She has asked me specifically to thank our staff but especially our students for making her feel so welcome and for getting involved in fundraising for her charity EducAid. £120 provides one child with a year's education in Sierra Leone.

Web: www.educaid.org.uk

Fairtrade

Thank you to our sixth form students who have given up their time to organise and sell fair trade products in school every Tuesday and Thursday lunchtime at the back of the hall. We are hoping to extend our Fairtrade activities in the near future.

Spiritual life

This week our assemblies have been focusing on personal responsibility and looking after our school environment. As a result of this, Year 7 students have been involved in a poster campaign aimed at keeping our school litter free. Many of these posters have been displayed around the school this week. Our theme next week is 'Life out of Death.'

Parent Champion

In his role as Parent Champion, Father David will be available to see parents on Tuesday 31st 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