



Sixth Form News

Information for Parents and Students, December 2009

Awards Evening

It was a pleasure to celebrate the successes of so many of our students with their teachers and parents at the recent Awards Evening. We have had a very busy term in school; in Sixth Form, our Year 12s have adapted to the demands of studying at a higher level and are preparing for their first modular exams in January. Additionally, our Year 13s have been preparing for the next stage in their lives with most applying for their university places. I'm sure that you will be interested to read some of the things which our Sixth Formers have done this term.

Citizenship Day 24th November

We had another varied and enjoyable day, the theme being 'looking after yourself'.

Year 12s were given a talk from the police on driving and were provided with information on learning to drive and the consequences of dangerous driving. Year 13s were also given hard hitting information on dangerous driving; a very powerful and useful session with the aim of ensuring that our students stay safe both as drivers and passengers. Year 12s were also given information on alcohol and the impact of this on their lives. They also had the opportunity to opt into yoga sessions, learning techniques of stretching and relaxation.

Many of our year 13s will be leaving home and going to university next year – a huge challenge both academically and socially. In order to help them with this, we ran sessions on how to shop on a budget and Mrs Polley showed students how to cook quick and healthy food for themselves – some needed this more than others – one student not knowing how to switch

the cooker on and some not knowing when pasta was cooked!



Jacob McClellan couldn't wait to eat his two bowls of spaghetti!

The day culminated in an inter-tutor group tournament of Ultimate Frisbee – something which was suggested by the Sixth Form Council in order for year 12s and 13s to work together. This sounds a gentle game but our students were as competitive as ever, culminating in a tense final between JG and BC with BC gaining the trophy. Mrs Grimshaw being far more disappointed than her tutor group at their defeat.

We had a fantastic day and I was once again impressed with the positive attitude of our students and hopefully they will have all gained something from the day; this is due to the efforts of the Sixth Form tutors and Mrs Bryan who put a great deal of effort into ensuring the students had an enjoyable and rewarding day.

Christmas Market

The Sixth Formers put in a good show at this year's Christmas market. The Sixth Form Council organised and planned two fund raising ideas – a 'hook a duck' stall and Santa's Grotto. Each tutor group contributed presents and

prizes and particular thanks go to Stuart Smith and Poppy Thomas who helped to organise our events and the students who ran the Santa's Grotto: Ryan Allen (Santa), Rose Everton and Sophie Lamb (Santa's helpers), James Withe (Santa's elf) and Sean Record (a Christmas pudding!).



Goodbye

We are saying goodbye to a number of our team soon. Mrs Polley will leave at Christmas for her maternity leave and plans to return at the end of the summer term. Mrs Bryan is also on maternity leave from 8th January and also plans to return at the end of the summer term. We wish them well and look forward to hearing the good news in the New Year.

Mrs Mallinson is also leaving Tarporley at the end of term; she has been a tremendous asset to the Sixth Form team and we will miss her dedication to our students. We wish her every success for her future.

Hello

Mrs Everton, who already works at the school, will be taking over Mrs Bryan's role as Pastoral Manager after Christmas. Mrs Everton has already started working with us and has worked very closely with our students in the past. We are looking forward to her being a part of our team.

UCAS

Our Year 13 students have worked very hard this term on completing their UCAS applications – a daunting process but I am pleased to say that their forms were of a very high standard and many were completed very early (the deadline is 15th January). Many students had received offers from early November. This is a testament to their dedication and to the hard work of their

tutors and Mrs Bryan who have put in a great deal of time and effort into helping them with their applications. I will be writing to year 12 parents later in the academic year to explain the UCAS process.

Sports Leaders

Many of our students are currently working on their Sports Leaders certificates. Congratulations to Anna Sarstedt and Adam Humberstone who recently returned from a two week trip to Valencia. They were selected to help coach students there and also had to do this in Spanish!

Community Contribution Awards

Congratulations to Alex Boulton, Scott Dearlsey, Rosie Jeeves, Lorna Douthwaite, Naomi Kelly, Hayley Rogers and Anna Sarstedt who have all received their Bronze Community Contribution Award after successfully completing 5 hours of community work either in school or at a club outside of school

Questionnaire

We have already made some changes to some of the things we do in the Sixth Form. In order for us to do even better, I would appreciate it if you would complete the attached questionnaire – this will help us to see what you, the parents, think about what we do and areas that you think we could improve.

January 2011

Term starts on Monday 4th January with AS and A2 exam modules beginning on the 11th January. We wish our students the best of luck for these important exams.

Although we don't have study leave for these modules, students are not expected to attend lessons in the morning if they have an afternoon exam. However, if the exam is in the morning they are expected to be in afternoon exams as all lessons will be continuing as usual.

I wish you all a very happy Christmas.

Mr Lowe
Director of Sixth Form

