

PARENTS' NEWSLETTER

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FUND RAISING

- 'Hats for Haiti' - Friday 12th February will be a non-uniform day in aid of the Haiti Earthquake appeal
- The November Library Readathon raised £338.98 for Children in Need
- The staff raised £77.75 for the Great Ormond Street Hospital Appeal by not sending each other Christmas cards.

FROM THE HEAD

As we start the Spring Term we may easily be distracted by our own problems caused by the cold weather and the economic climate. However, our thoughts and prayers must go out to the people of Haiti and the devastation caused by the earthquake there. The school is involved in fundraising events such as a 'Hats for Haiti' themed non-school uniform day and special assemblies, all in a bid to raise money. Thank you for encouraging your child to get involved with these events.

Looking back at the end of last term, I would like to say a special thanks to the Drama students involved, and the Drama Department, for all their hard work and effort in producing a spectacular

performance of Romeo & Juliet. We all look forward to seeing the next production.

Well done to those students who sat their GCSE English exam in November; 25% of our Year 11's have already achieved their English GCSE grade A*-C. In Mathematics 60% of our Year 10 & 11 students have gained an A*-C in their module 1 exam, with 24 Year 10 students achieving A*.

We also have some exciting trips planned this term including visits to Snozone @Milton Keynes, Tate Modern, Victoria & Albert Museum, Midsummer Night's Dream with Dame Judi Dench and the London Wasps Rugby Club. This term is shaping up to be yet another busy one!

For further information on the school please don't forget to visit our school website at

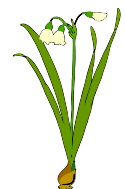
www.bbhs.org.uk.

Hope you enjoy your half term break.

Best wishes

Trevor Osborne

Headteacher



NEW YEAR 11 COMMON ROOM

Complete with sofas, bean bags and tables and chairs, the new Common Room and adjacent Careers Centre were unveiled on 5th January and pupils made themselves at home in this newly refurbished addition to the school.

The idea of a Year 11 Common Room was first conceived a year ago through the close link

between the Student Union and teaching staff.

Pupils wanted an area to relax during break and lunchtimes and a committee of twenty five students was formed to help drive the project. Together, they have helped to create the room, set the rules and establish a cleaning rota!

The enthusiastic committee



was guided by Neil Ketteringham and Glynis Sinclair as they created the room they wanted.

TRIPS AND EDUCATIONAL VISITS

The following trips have taken place:

18th Jan—Pilot Drilling Control Ltd—Maths in Action Engineering project—Yrs 12 & 13 (Mr C Brooks)

2nd Feb—Enviro Tank at Lowestoft College (Part of Young Apprenticeship) (Mr N Day)

4th Feb—Snozone at Milton Keynes—Year 11 (Mr A Vaughan-Evans)

The following are

forthcoming trips. If your child is interested please contact the school.

21st Feb—Lesson from Auschwitz Project. All years (Mr N Leech)

24th Feb—Tate Modern (Ms M Holland)

25th Feb—Les Miserables—All years (provisional at the moment) (Ms S Pullman)

2nd March—Lesson from Auschwitz Project. All years. (Mr N Leech)

3rd March—Science Festival—Cambridge University (Mr N Wade)

4th March—Victoria & Albert Museum (Ms M Holland)

5th March—Study Plus visit to the National Space Museum (Mrs C Moore)

7th March—London Wasps Rugby Club—Year 10 (Mr N Day)

9th March—French Conference at Cambridge Yrs 10 & 11 (Mrs H Fisher)

10th March—Lesson from Auschwitz Project—all years (Mr N Leech)

11th March—Midsummer Night's Dream with Dame Judi Dench at Kingston on Thames, Rose Theatre—all years (Mrs D Ames)

17th March—Natural History Museum—Yr 9 (Mr P Kinnard)

31st March & 1st April—French Residential (Miss H Fisher)

CALAIS SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

The Modern Foreign Languages Department has recently set up a partnership with two schools in Calais – the Collège Jean Macé and the Lycée Leonardo da Vinci.

Already many of our Yr 9 and 10 pupils have been busy writing some letters in French, which we are sending across to France and pupils in the French schools are doing the

same. Within the next few weeks we are going to be offering pupils the opportunity to have a penfriend in one of the partner schools, which will be arranged through the school.

We are also organising two trips to France. The first one is open to year 9 pupils and will be a 2 day visit to the Calais area on the 31st March and the 1st April. As

part of this we are hoping to be able to pay a visit to our partner school as well as other visits. A letter with details about this trip is available now from Miss Fisher or Mrs Baxter.



“More trips to France to be announced later in the year, including a visit to the beautiful Lille Christmas Market”

LIBRARY NEWS

Library Events:

Book Mastermind heats have taken place. The final will take place on March 29th at Stratford St Andrew.

Battle of the Books 2010—we are currently recruiting the BBHS team. This is the Book Award chosen by students and voted for by students. Anyone interested

in taking part should contact Mrs Ames in the Library.

World Book Day

This year World Book Day falls on 4th March. £1 tokens will be available in the Library all day and can be exchanged for special edition £1 books at local book stores.

Midsummer Night's Dream

We still have places left for this fantastic trip on 11th March to the Rose Theatre in Kingston on Thames to see Dame Judi Dench in one of Shakespeare's most popular plays. Also appearing in this play is a former pupil of the school—Reece Ritchie. If you are interested please see Mrs Ames in the Library.



Dame Judi Dench

SPORTS SUCCESSES

Four Year 9 girls recently represented the North Suffolk area in the Badminton County Finals. The girls played against five other schools who had won their area competitions. The Tournament was held on Tuesday 26th January at Holywells High School.

The girls played well throughout the competition and were rarely troubled in the early matches. At the end of initial series of

games the BBHS girls were top of their league and due to play the final against Copleston High School.

Copleston were strong opponents, with two of their team playing in the County squad. After a series of tight matches, BBHS won the final, four games to one, and were crowned County Champions. The girls will now go on to represent Suffolk in the Eastern Region competition held in

Cambridge in March. Congratulations on your success on good luck in the next round.



Left to right: Marcie Prettyman, Lucy Brabben, Chloe Thacker and Chloe Hoffman

Sports News in Brief

Tamsin Desborough and Jake License qualified to the final round of the County Cross Country Tournament. Yr 9 & 10 Netball Teams won their recent matches against Sir John Leman High School

NOTES FROM THE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

This term the Science Department has held a master class for a group of 30 students to help them prepare for their forthcoming exams. The morning resulted in the students learning techniques to help them remember key information. Mrs Sinclair helped organise the day.

Forthcoming events:

On Tuesday 23rd February

and Thursday 25th February 2010 the RAF will be in school working with Yr 10 students on a Science challenge. There will also be opportunities to discuss how Science can be used in the RAF and questions relating to the whole experience of being in the RAF. This has been organised with the help of Mrs Sinclair.

Dr Wright and Mr Timberlake are still in the

preparation stages of recruiting their Science Demonstration Team. The Team normally meets every Tuesday evening to rehearse in preparation for April, when we will hopefully be inviting middle schools to come and watch our Team in action. The demonstrations will consist of those experiments not attempted in class, so this is one not to miss.

Dr Wright needs a team of Year 9 students for this year's Science Olympiad. You must be willing to stay after school and take part in online competitions against other schools. Benjamin Britten HS has made it to the final for the past two years.

CREDITS

Credit winners for this half term are as follows:

Year 9

Lucy Brabben, Ania Holland

Year 10

Daniel Jillings, James Cossey

Year 11

Elliot Archer, Cameron Lambert

STUDENT OFFICE

We would like to remind students to bring a water bottle into school, as the Student Office will only provide water to be taken with medication.

Lost Property

Would parents please note that any unclaimed items of lost property will be disposed of on Friday 26th

February. Items will be sent to local Charity shops unless claimed prior to this date.

STUDENT UNION NEWS

Our Student Union is one of the major ways that student voice is heard within BBHS. Our students have recently participated in several events at the Town hall, including 'Youth Takeover Day' in which students learned more about the role of Waveney District Council staff, and a session in which they found out how the council's budget was spent. Students enjoyed the events, and feedback from the organisers said that they were a credit to our school.

As a result of this, Stuart Halsey (Community Development Officer, Waveney District Council) contacted all high schools in the area, and a Waveney Youth Council group has been formed. The aim of this group is to merge all of the separate school councils, in order to give students a stronger voice in the community. The first meeting of this group was hosted by BBHS on 2nd February. Five representatives attended from BBHS, and several students also attended from each of the following

schools: Denes, Kirkley, Sir John Leman, Bungay, Ashley, Warren. The focus of this meeting was to agree a constitution and a process for electing members and allocating roles. Discussions will now focus on development projects to benefit all young people in the local area. The group aims to meet at least once per half term. The next meeting will be hosted by Bungay High School.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2010

4 January	PD Day
15-19 February	Half Term
22 February	PD Day
1 April	PD Day
2-16 April	Easter Holiday
19 April	PD Day
31 May–4 June	Half Term
22 July	Last day of Term (Thursday)

STOP PRESS

A trip is being arranged to Alton Towers on Saturday 7th July. This will cost £35 and is open to Years 9–11.

For letters please see Mrs Wright.

Look out for a trip to New York in October 2010. Details to follow. If you are interested, please speak to Miss Weston or Mrs Wright for details.



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