

# Healing Hotline



September 2007

## Welcome Back!

May I begin this article in our first newsletter of 2007/08, by extending a very warm welcome to you all, at the start of the new Academic Year. Your support is an integral part of the success of Healing School and very much appreciated.

## Record Breaking Exam Results!

The publication date for the GCSE results was a day of great joy and celebration for our ex students, their parents and teachers.

The mood of the day is captured in the photographs below. The school achieved its best ever results. The Headline figures were 75% A\*-C (5 plus subjects), 66% A\*-C (5 plus subjects including English and Maths) and 38% 3 A\*-A.

We are very proud of this achievement which was the result of much hard work by our pupils, their teachers, and of course, their parents!



## New Staff

We start the new term in September fully staffed and welcome the following new teachers:

Rebecca Iveson - Maths  
Adrian Allenby - English  
Charles Strange - Humanities  
Eleanor Elliott - Modern Languages.

## A Special welcome to our new Year 7 pupils and their parents

One hundred and sixty two new year 7 pupils started here today. These are the fortunate young people who secured a place, as this year group was heavily oversubscribed.

We look forward to helping this cohort settle into a very successful career at our school.

Watch out for the next edition of Hotline when some of our Year 7 pupils will be reflecting on their first half-term here.



## Refurbishment of the School Site

Over the Summer period a huge volume of work was undertaken by the Premises staff, IT & Data Systems staff and the Finance staff. This included:

- Re-decoration of all pupil toilets, drama room, DT3 & DT4 and the staffroom
- Tarmac the Parents' & Visitors' car park
- Renovation of three Humanities classrooms
- Installation of smoke detectors in the three storey block
- Office changes.

I hope you will agree on your next visit to us that the School has never looked better!

## Car Users – Important Information

**All car users collecting or delivering children to and from school should use the designated area at the front of school (the entrance closest to the Healing Village junction).**

It has been noted that a number of car users are using the Main School Car Park behind the tennis courts as a drop off and pickup point for their children at the start and end of the school day.

Please could we remind all car users that this area is strictly for staff and buses only and all other use is in breach of our Health and Safety regulations.

With such a large number of our pupils using bus transport, it is essential for this process to be both efficient and safe. This area must be **out of bounds** to all other traffic.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

## Collaborative working with Matthew Humberstone School

Throughout 2006/2007, we have been working with some of our colleagues at Matthew Humberstone School. This support was mainly in Humanities and was designed to assist Matthew Humberstone to move out of the Ofsted 'Special Measures' category (Matthew Humberstone was placed in this category as a result of an Ofsted Inspection in 2006).

The work of our Humanities and other staff has been highly valued and, as a result of this, the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) in London and the Local Authority have asked us to extend this work.

This proposal has been considered carefully by our Governing Body and the Governors have agreed to extend our working relationship with Matthew Humberstone by entering into a formal partnership (known as a 'Soft Federation').

We look forward to working with our colleagues at Matthew Humberstone throughout this year and we are pleased that our successful track record of partnership working with a number of schools has been recognised.

Of course, whilst we have much to offer in terms of sharing subject and teaching expertise, we also have much to learn. In fact, wherever, we have supported schools in the past, we have found we have gained as much as we have given!

Whilst we are excited about the opportunities that this new partnership offers us, we are certainly not complacent and parents should be reassured that our primary focus remains firmly on raising standards even further at Healing School.

Mrs A Addison - Headteacher.

From 10/09/07, our new prospectus will be available on the school's website: [www.healingssc.co.uk](http://www.healingssc.co.uk) or copies are available from the school office. It is an important document and parents are reminded that the School makes arrangements for Parents to exercise their statutory right to withdraw their children from sex education. Please, complete and return the slip below to the office if you wish to do this.

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Sex Education

I wish to withdraw my child from the Sex Education programme for September 2007—July 2008.

Child's Name ..... Tutor Group .....

Parent's Name ..... Parent's Signature .....