



## Message from the Head

### “Pupil Voice and Community involvement”

The first term of the new academic year is at an end and one of its memorable features has been the number of pupils who have involved themselves in Community activities. Sincere congratulations to all of these pupils who have been excellent ambassadors for the school, our local and indeed, European Communities.

Outstanding examples of Community involvement include:

- Our six senior prefects (Beth Opie, Helena Dowell, Charlotte Black, Michael Bryant, James Cullingford, Kieran Chambers) who have done a magnificent job of selecting and deploying prefects from Y11 and Y10 (temporary to cover the mock exam period). They have made a major contribution to the maintenance of good order around the school site and it is a real pleasure to work with them
- Our 'Operation Lifestyle Winners' in Y10 (Ellie Deighton, Rhianna Clare, Charlotte Bray, Katie Barker). These girls are 'model citizens' in every respect
- Our Pupil Council Representatives who have a powerful voice and who this term have dedicated themselves to collecting for the shoe box appeal, raising £1,300 for 'Children in Need' and to forming a school meals "snaggit group" with Scolarest, our Meals provider
- Our Y11 School Prom Committee who have already booked the 2009 Prom (Healing Manor on 2nd July) and who are busy choosing menus, invitations, outfits etc. Their infectious enthusiasm is a joy to behold and I look forward to our on-going meetings
- Our competition and sporting representatives - see articles overleaf re the Engineering Challenge and sports reviews
- Our Performing Arts students who entertained us magnificently with Broadway Dreams on 15, 16 & 17 December
- Our Modern Linguists in Y10 who were superb hosts to our visitors from Königswinter, Germany in October and who make a return visit in March 2009.

At this festive time of year, when we reflect on the importance of family and community values, I am very pleased to report that the 'family ethos' we inculcate at Healing School is very much alive and well. I couldn't be more proud of all of the young people in our care and thank sincerely all our parents and carers for your unstinting support.

Do have an enjoyable Christmas break and be rightly proud of your responsible, kind and generous son or daughter.

Happy New Year

Ann Addison



## News in Brief

### Annual Prize-Giving 27/11/08

Congratulations to a very special year group who achieved record breaking results, the highest in the history of the school. Thank you to all the parents and governors who joined us for in the celebrations in the Town Hall, along with our guest speaker Tim Simmons, Chief Executive of the Ogden Trust, our key Science College sponsor. We wish them all much success in the future.



### Family holidays

Please ensure that these are planned during school closure periods. Attendance regulations only permit authorised holiday absence under certain conditions, and then only up to 10 school days. Ten days absence gives an attendance of 94.7% and research suggests that just 17 days absence in Year 11 equates to a GCSE grade!

### Parent Governor Elections

Mrs Weeden was duly elected and will take up her post in January 2009.

### Science Exam Dates - A reminder

Science GCSE exams for Y10 & Y11 sets 1,2&3 only are on:

January	12th - Biology
	15th - Chemistry
	19th - Physics

Y11 applied Science have their exam on 15/01/09.

All pupils have revision guides & workbooks to assist them

## Forthcoming Events

Monday 5th January - Staff Training Day

Tuesday 6th January - Term 3 begins for pupils

Wednesday 14th January - Bicycle inspection

Wednesday 21st January - Y11 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 11th February - Y9 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 3rd February - Y11 Theatre Workshops

Friday 13th February - End of Term 3

# Sports Review

Year 11 Grimsby & District  
Indoor Netball Champions  
for 3rd Year Running

Year 10 Grimsby & District  
Indoor Netball Champions for  
2nd Year Running

Year 8 Grimsby & District  
Indoor Netball Tournament—  
2nd in Group

Year 7 Girls 5-a-side Indoor  
Football Tournament  
Success

Full reports available on the school website—[www.healingsc.co.uk](http://www.healingsc.co.uk)

## Engineering Challenge Rocket Challenge 2008

A team of six Year 9 students competed against the other secondary schools in N E Lincs in the Engineering Challenge held at Hereford School. **Liam Aisthorpe, Daniel James, Jacob McCann, Bethany Sharpe, Ross Tutty and Ben Webber.**



Liam and Ben worked on the rocket design. Danny and Ross created a 'space patch' to put onto the rocket and also produced the electronics to operate the warning lights and the motor. Beth and Jacob built a launcher vehicle to carry the rocket to its destination. Students worked together in pairs on each of the tasks but also needed to work closely together as a team to ensure that all the parts were compatible. They received advice

from a local engineer - Andy Graham, an ex-Healing student. All teams launched their rockets out of the school hall



and then demonstrated their engineering achievements in front of a full hall. The prize for **'electronics'** – was awarded to Danny and Ross who achieved FULL marks. Liam and Ben won the prize for their **'rocket design'**. Our Healing School Team were awarded trophies for taking **third place** in the competition overall.



All our students were a credit to themselves and the school – well done!

Helen Watcham  
Technology

## GARDENING CLUB

Thanks to the support of families and friends of Healing School, we have collected around 1,700 'Let's Grow' vouchers to buy a range of items to set up our 'Gardening Club'. We

have already been promised a greenhouse which will be the centre of our activities (based in the area outside Learning Support), and are now looking to supplement our resources.



taken to Learning Support, or handed in at reception.

Do you have any surplus gardening equipment – trowels, plant pots, seeds, seed trays etc. that we can use in our greenhouse? If so, we are waiting to hear from you! Any items can be sent in with your child and

The Learning Support Department is also looking for volunteers to help with the Gardening Club. We would welcome any volunteers who can spare about an hour a week during lunchtimes in the Spring term, to come in and work alongside the students. Gardening 'know-how' an advantage but not essential!



Please contact Mrs Baxter at school for further information. CRB check will be arranged through the school.

