



Message from the Head

May I take this opportunity to wish all our Pupils, Parents/ Carers, Governors and supporters a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I think you will note from this edition of Hotline that much has been achieved this term both in terms of the taught curriculum and extra-curricular opportunities.

Two key dates for January:

- i. Wednesday 6th - Term begins for all pupils
- ii. Thursday 14th January - GCSE results are published for our early entry GCSE pupils!

Looking forward to working with you in 2010.

Mrs A Addison



E-news...

Welcome to a new feature in Hotline, dedicated to keeping the community informed about current and relevant ICT issues at Healing School.

This term, we thought we would bring your attention to the following:...

Buying new hardware (a new PC or laptop) or perhaps you already have a system for your child to use at home?... If so, there are a few tips we would like to offer to help ensure it will be able to support your child in their studies. Firstly, an active (and, ideally) an automatically updating Virus Checker is essential. Also, the school system uses the Microsoft Windows XP Operating System and the Microsoft Office 2003 suite. To avoid difficulties for your child, we would recommend using the same, or a compatible applications suite. There are many companies who will offer competitive 'student deals' on these products.

Memory sticks (USB pen drives) are an excellent means of transferring work between school and home. These should be suitably marked so as to be physically identifiable as a pupil's property. In accordance with the school's Acceptable Use Policy, pupils are not permitted to use these devices to introduce games and music files to the school network. Please remind your child about this.

In the next Hotline edition – Healing School Website news, Virtual Learning and more...

Mr R Biglands

Community News

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Open Evening will now take place on Tuesday 22nd June 2010, as the original date of 23rd June is now scheduled for one of England's 2010, World Cup games!!

Community Police Drop-in Sessions

Dates as follows:

- 13th January
 - 10th February
 - 10th March
 - 21st April
- 12.10–1.10pm in the Training Room

If you have any concerns that you feel the Community Police could advise you about, please feel free to use these drop-in sessions.

Mrs E Croft

School Survey

Thank you very much to all pupils and parents who took the time to fill in our school survey recently.

A random sample of nearly 176 pupils and their parents were asked to complete a questionnaire that follows the questions asked in the Ofsted survey.

We would like to thank the 87 parents who completed and returned their surveys and the results have been analysed.

The views of parents and carers are always appreciated and valued. The views highlight the vast majority of parents, 97% agree that they are happy with their child's experience at school.

The following have been/will be actioned in response to the few parents' comments:

1. Two parents who left contact details on the form have been contacted and met with staff in the school.
2. The concerns re more healthy lunch options will be included in our discussions with contractors for a new meals provider, with effect from April 2010.
3. In the future, we will help parents further support their child's learning by moving to a new 'Virtual Learning Environment'. (Scheduled for September 2010)

Mr M Knapton

New Parent Governor

There was only one nomination for this position and Mrs Gillian Walker was appointed, with effect from January 2010.

Scrooge Theatre Trip – Tuesday 17th November

As well as enjoying a wonderful show, the pupils were highly praised for their exemplary conduct. Two pupils (Abi Heywood and Hollie Bridgewater [Cooper]) also went to the aid of an elderly lady who became ill in the theatre – an outstanding example of young citizenship in action.

Sports Review

Yr10 Grimsby &
District Netball
Champions

Yr8 Grimsby &
District Netball
Champions

Yr7 Grimsby &
District Netball
Champions

Full reports available on the school website—www.healingsc.co.uk

One pupil's achievement

BADMINTON - My 2009-10 season By Jennifer Bates

I took part in a Bonanza tournament at the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham. I was successful in winning the U17 singles and U15 doubles, I also came runner up in the U17 doubles.

At the start of the season I was graded by Badminton as a Grade 3 (Bronze) player with a national U19 ranking of 169.

I won a gold medal in the U15 level doubles bronze tournament in Nottingham. I then won both the singles and doubles events at the local U15 tournament in Grantham. In October I won a silver medal, in the level doubles, at the U15 bronze tournament in Essex and then took part in both the U15 (silver) and (bronze) event in North Shields.

I lost out by 2 points in the silver event but I won the hat trick (singles, doubles and mixed doubles).

As a result of my success Badminton England promoted me from Grade 3 to Grade 2 (Silver) in the U15 age group.

In November I took part in the U15 (silver) in York, U17 (bronze) in Durham and U17 (bronze) in Leigh, where I made it through to the final and won a silver medal.

As well as playing personal tournaments I also train and play for the Lincolnshire U15 and U17 county teams, and have recently been asked to play for the Grimsby Town Badminton Club, who have won the league consecutively for the past 24 years!



Girls into Engineering

Year 8 Girls Engineering & Enterprise Challenge November 2009

A team of eight Year 8 girls competed against the other secondary schools in North East Lincolnshire to defend the title Healing have held for the last two years, as winners of the Engineering event held at the Grimsby Institute. **Molly Brumpton, Megan Hines, Grace McCann, Jessica Mortimer-Brown, Katie Mulligan, Chloe Staples, Amy Tully and Ariana Weeden**

organised themselves into pairs to complete all the tasks they had been set. 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. The team was ably supported by a young engineer from Novartis, whom the girls had to interview during the course of the day, to find out more about his company and career.

All teams launched their rockets out of the hall – ours was extremely successful – travelling over 52m, going further than anyone else's! At the end of the challenge, the whole team had to present their sales pitch to the judging panel, 'Dragons Den' style!

The day allowed students to find out about employment opportunities within the field of engineering, sales and marketing. All our students were a credit to themselves and the school – well done!

Mrs H Watcham - Technology



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Theatre Trips

Many enthusiastic pupils enjoyed and learnt much from two excellent professional theatre productions recently. The first was the West End smash 'Scrooge' starring the legendary Tommy Steele at the Hull New Theatre. The second was the atmospheric 'Macbeth' at the new Hull Truck Theatre. Pupil behaviour proved to be again exemplary on both trips. Teaching staff, volunteering their time to make the trips happen, were again approached

by members of the public eager to praise our pupils who were ambassadors for the school on both occasions.

Mr A Hudson



Y11 Media Trip

'Lincoln University Bulletin Day' (organised by Aim-Higher)

Wednesday, 14th October 2009

A group of thirty Y11 pupils, accompanied by Mrs. Smith and Mr. Allenby, were given the opportunity to sample a taste of student life at Lincoln University.

On arrival, the pupils were greeted by a team of student volunteers who led them into a briefing room where they were given their agenda for the day. From here, they were divided into groups and taken on an irreverent and informative tour of the University campus.

Upon returning to the main building, the groups set about their key challenge. It seemed there had been rumours circulating Lincoln University that Harry Potter had been spotted on the campus; this, inevitably, led to much speculation as to why he should be in the area. The Y11s were given the task of investigating the sighting in order to produce a news bulletin which would be shown to members of the other groups. This prompted much organising into various roles, parading about in a collection of dresses and wigs and rehearsing of news-reader voices. Interviews with people purporting to be friends of Harry Potter were carried out, outside broadcasts were made and everything was relayed back to the anchorman and woman in the studio whose job it was to make sense of this most intriguing 'story.'

After the bulletins had all been put together, the Y11 pupils were brought to a lecture theatre where these fine examples of investigative journalism were exhibited. There followed a slideshow about all aspects of student life and a question and answer session delivered by one of the student volunteers.

The Y11s were very appreciative of the efforts the University had made to make them feel welcome and provide them with a fun and informative experience. Moira Headridge, who organised the event as part of an Aim-Higher initiative to introduce school pupils to higher education, praised the behaviour, work ethic and enthusiasm of the Healing pupils and concluded it was a pleasure to be a part of this day with them.

Mr A Allenby

Poetry Live Trip

On 3rd December 2009, ninety-four of Healing's Year 11 pupils joined young people from other parts of our region to listen to some of today's most celebrated poets. Hull City Hall hosted the event which we have now attended for the past nine years: and it didn't disappoint! PoetryLive gives young people the opportunity to rid themselves of the 'I don't like poetry' stigma that is so common in this day and age. Instead, pupils left the venue at 3pm feeling motivated, uplifted and thoroughly entertained by the likes of Simon Armitage, John Agard, Gillian Clarke and Carol Ann Duffy (the current Poet Laureate). Pupils were given the opportunity to hear the poets reflect on significant events, rites of passage, culture, identity, relationships and we were even treated to some alternative nursery rhymes through the wonderful rhythms and energy of John Agard. During the day pupils were allowed to ask questions about the poetry, adding to their finer understanding of the messages, themes and ideas being presented. The day really did promote the notion of poetry being read out loud and listened to by our pupils, lifting the words from the pages of the poetry anthologies the pupils are now so familiar with in a classroom context. Overall, it inspired our pupils to do what we encourage day in and day out: to respond and think independently and to have confidence in their own interpretations. The day not only provided an alternative learning environment for our pupils, but is just one more building block on our way to ensuring our continued success in English at GCSE.

Miss G Woods

Swedish Lincs Challenge

Four Y10 pupils represented the school at the Swedish Lincs challenge on Tuesday 1st December competing against other schools in the area.

The Challenge is to put together a presentation encouraging Swedish companies to set up in the area. The pupils then present to representatives from Swedish companies already in the area and other business.

Our team of Jack Ayes, Gemma Wesley, Ashleigh Parker and Victoria Parry came 2nd, winning £100 for the school and £15 each.

This was an excellent achievement especially as the pupils did all their own research and produced an excellent power point presentation. They were a credit to the school and a pleasure to take on the trip.

Mr J Norman

Forthcoming Events

Wednesday 6th January - Term 3 begins

Wednesday 6th January - Inter schools quiz

Tuesday 2nd February - Yr11 Theatre Workshops

Wednesday 10th February - Yr9 Parents' Evening

Friday 12th February - Term 3 ends