



Message from the Head

'Gute Reise' - Wednesday 13th February 2008

These were the words with which we marked the departure of 14 Year 10 pupils, to Königswinter, in Germany. These pupils and their two teachers (Miss O'Hare and Mrs Taylor) will be our roving ambassadors in Europe for a week.

They will stay with the German pupils and their teachers who made the initial visit to Healing School, last October.

This visit comes at the end of another busy and successful half-term—it is proof that Healing School promotes foreign languages and offers its pupils a rich cultural experience, outside as well as inside the classroom. As you can read further on—in May 38 students will have the opportunity to visit France. Finally, I wish all of our pupils and their families a happy and relaxing half-term.



Parents go back into the classroom

Following last year's successful pilot, parents of Year 11 pupils were again invited to a workshop "How to help your child revise". Feedback from parents included:

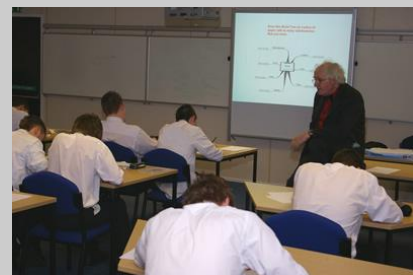
- Certainly motivates you to help your child
- All excellent – very motivational
- Totally engaging
- Tips and ideas for helping with revision really helpful
- Most helpful - understanding ways that children (the brain) thinks, the simplicity of the presentation and the focus on success.

Learn to Learn: Dr. Paget workshops

Pupils have completed two intensive revision sessions with Dr. Paget. They are one of a range of programmes for KS4 pupils which have been planned to support them to achieve their personal best in their forthcoming examinations.

Dr. Paget is a neuro-psychologist and leading authority on brain based learning and emotional intelligence. The pupils were very positive about the impact of the workshops. Their comments included:

- I am now less stressed about exams, I am much more confident
- The most important thing is having a different outlook on life, exams and learning
- I am more motivated
- I have learnt how to remember information
- The most important skill I have learnt is speed reading
- I can now revise more effectively. It is important to revise every day for short lengths of time and I have already started revising
- I understand how to learn
- It is important never to give up
- No suggestions for improvement-thought it was fantastic
- One of the most worthwhile things I have done at school. Thank you.



Forthcoming Events

Monday 25th February—Term 4 begins

Tuesday 11th March—Year 7 Parents' Evening

Friday 21st March—School Closed

Monday 24th March—School Closed

Monday 31st March—Year 8 Parents' & Learning Pathways Evening

Friday 4th April—Term 4 ends

Sports Review

Healing Hockey
Teams are Tops

Year 7 Girls
Indoor Netball
Champions

U12 Girls
Football 5-a-side
cup

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Swedish Lincs Challenge:
Success for Healing pupils

Pupils from local secondary schools recently learnt more about North East Lincolnshire's local economy when they took part in the Swedish Challenge. Each school planned and delivered a "Dragon's Den" style presentation to a panel of judges. The presentation was aimed at a fictional Swedish company who wish to import a timber product into the UK. The pupils had to convince the company to use Immingham Dock, and set up the finishing and distribution facility in N. E. Lincolnshire. Healing School was voted the winner due to the high quality presentation and thorough preparation shown with the team members. Well done to :

Jay Norris, Kerenny Wiseman, Faye Burden, Becky Mai and Lucy Chi.



Secondary Singing Festival

Scott Stroman is the Head of Jazz at the Guildhall School of Music. He comes once a year to do a festival with the choirs from local schools. It is held at the Central Hall and lasts for two days.

This year, the theme was rhythms from around the world. We sang songs from a variety of countries and in many different languages such as: French, English, Swahili, Portuguese, Spanish and Macedonian. It was an amazing experience once again. I can't wait for next year's festival. It really was a terrific two days.

By Beth Edlington Yr9

Year 10 French Trip

In May 2008 a group of Year 10 students will be travelling to France with Mrs Danielewski and other staff members to experience some French culture and to enable the pupils studying French to have lots of opportunities to put their French to good use. Watch this space for an update after our visit to let you know how it went. This is something we are looking to be able to offer to our students at KS4 who study languages in the future.

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