

Message from the Head

Welcome to the first 'HOTLINE' of 2008/09

May I start this new academic year by saying a very, very big thank you to all our parents for your magnificent support with the introduction of the blazer, in September. All of our pupils started the new school year correctly attired and we have received lots of favourable comments about how smart our pupils look.

On another positive note, this year got off to a 'flying start' following 2008 record breaking examination results. (5+ A-C = 77% and including English and Maths = 72%). Congratulations to our former students and their parents and teachers who worked hard to achieve this fantastic outcome. I look forward to commemorating this achievement at our annual prizegiving on 27th November 2008.

Rest assured, we will not rest on our laurels and with your continued support, we are determined to make 2009 another record breaking year!

Best wishes
Mrs A Addison

Year 7 comments

To see comments from our Year 7 pupils about their first experiences of Healing School, please go to our website: www.healingssc.co.uk

Meet the Examiner

Pupils from the Year 11 early entry cohort for GCSE English were put through their paces during a visit by Paper One examiner, from Howden School, on the North Bank. The group (sets 3 and 4) were given feedback on a recent mock paper and were able to ask the examiner questions. The training room proved to be an excellent venue for the event. Pupils are now working hard towards the November exam and have the option of attending Saturday Booster sessions. The next session is: - 08/11/08 from 10.00 - 12.30.
Mrs A Smith

News in Brief

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

Liz Croft - Assistant Headteacher: KS3
Mark Knapton - Assistant Headteacher: KS4
Sharon Coates - ICT
Leigh Hirst - English
Doug Lambie - Science
Andrew McCrae - Geography
Chris Still - Geography

Car Users - Important information and an appeal!

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)

1. The main school car park is strictly for staff and buses only and all other use is in breach of our Health & Safety regulations
2. Please be considerate to the residents of Healing who do have to cope with the congestion around the school gates. Our Community Police Officer will be Patrolling outside the school, at peak times.

Cycle Safety

Please note the following:

- Carry out a regular service - every 6 months
- Check and make any necessary adjustments to brakes
- Tyres should be fully pumped up
- Reflectors and a bell must be permanently fixed
- Check the cycle is suitable for your child's age & size.

Forthcoming Events

3rd November 2008 - Term 2 begins

20th November 2008 - Year 10 Science A Exam

24th November 2008 - Year 11 Poetry Live in Hull

27th November 2008 - Prize giving at Grimsby Town Hall

8th December 2008 - Mock exams begin for 2 weeks

9th December 2008 - Choir 'Young Voices' in Sheffield

12th December 2008 - Year 10 Swedish Challenge

15th/16th/17th December 2008 - Christmas Concert

18th December 2008 - Year 7 Parents Evening & CAT Presentation

19th December 2008 - End of Term 2

'Frantic Fragments'

Congratulations to all the pupils involved. Lots of hard work came to fruition on the night and the show featured an electric mix of dance, drama, songs and acts with a real twist.

The show was a sell-out success which received many plaudits from the audience. See our website for more details.
Mr A Hudson

Sports Review

Grimsby &
District Schools
Athletics

Boys & Girls
Tennis
Tournaments

Year 11 Girls
Netball
Tournament

Year 9 Girls
Hockey
Tournament

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

Healing Pupils Spark the Imagination!

Towards the end of the summer term, pupils in years 7 and 8 were given the opportunity to enter a competition called 'Spark the Imagination' organised by Young Writers. Their task was to write a mini saga on a theme of their choice, their main objectives being creativity, originality and - rather demanding - to achieve this within 50 words or less. And so it began..... For the next few weeks pupils drafted, redrafted, sculpted, sliced and slashed the content of their mini sagas to ensure that every one of those 50 precious words counted towards their end product. The outcome? An array of original and fantastically crafted sagas: from an exploration of space and the Wimbledon quarter

final to the devastating and poignant events of 9/11. 115 entries in total! After weeks of waiting, we were informed that 96 of the pupils' entries were to be published in a regional book representing the best of the children's work in the East Midlands region. It is also still to be announced whether our school will be selected as one of the best 3 across the series to receive a cash award of up to £1,000!! Whether we are selected or not, the pupils' efforts and creativity is something to be commended and goes a long way to demonstrate the imagination and excellence we have within our pupils at Healing School!

Miss G Woods

National Poetry Day – 09/10/08

Healing School students celebrated National Poetry Day in style with a visit from prize-winning poet, Clare Pollard.

In the morning, lower school students were treated to an inspiring assembly where the poet outlined this year's theme of work and went on to discuss how she became a poet and what poetry meant to her. Later, a group of students selected from English classes of all abilities undertook a workshop in the library conducted by Clare Pollard, with the emphasis on poetry in the workplace.

Mr Allenby, who co-organised the event, said: "It is an honour to have a writer of Clare Pollard's status visit Healing School. She has recently been named as one of the 'Top Writers Under 30' by The Independent. The students have been awarded a rare opportunity to meet and work with a real poet and they thoroughly enjoyed the experience."

Mr A Allenby



Our new prospectus is now available on the school's website: 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 2008 - July 2009

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

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



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