



English & Performing Arts  
Faculty Hotline - Special  
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## Message from the Head

Dear Parent/Guardian/Friend of Healing School

I hope you enjoy reading this 'English and Performing Arts' Special Hotline Edition. I think you will be amazed at the amount of activity that this Faculty has successfully been involved in. This is due in no small part to the talents of our pupils and the commitment of the staff. I'm sure you will join with me in saying "Congratulations, well done and keep up the excellent work".

Ann Addison

## Message from the Head of Faculty



Welcome to this special edition of "Hotline" by English and Performing Arts – we felt that we had so much to report that we needed our very own bulletin space this time! We hope you enjoy reading about the many creative events and activities that have taken place over the last few months in our thriving Faculty. There's more to come, such as a visit by a published author and a question and answer session with a newspaper reporter. Watch this space...!

Alison Smith



## Events

### Dates For Year 11 English and Drama Revision Sessions 2009

#### Saturday Mornings (10 -12.30 )

- 14<sup>th</sup> March - Drama Only
- 21<sup>st</sup> March - Drama / English/ literature
- 28<sup>th</sup> March - Drama / English / Literature
- EASTER BREAK
- 25<sup>th</sup> April - Drama / English/ Literature
- 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Drama / English / Literature
- 9<sup>th</sup> May – Drama/ English / Literature
- 16<sup>th</sup> May – Drama/ English / Literature

Further details to follow – please see Mrs Smith for any queries.

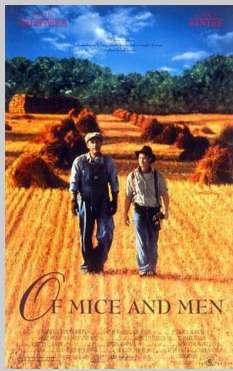
#### Gold Standard Group (English / Maths )

Mondays from 26<sup>th</sup> Jan 3.30- 4.30 (to run for 10 weeks)

#### NB

Additional after school catch up sessions are also offered by individual class teachers on an informal basis.

#### "Of Mice and Men" (3<sup>rd</sup> February)



The "Switched On" theatre company is to present a performance and a series of workshops to the three Year 11 classes who are studying the text for GCSE Literature. This should prove a worthwhile and enjoyable event for all concerned.

#### GCSE Drama Examination

This is taking place on **Wednesday 29th April** in the Drama room. All Yr11 Drama students will be performing on this day, their acting assessed by a visiting examiner from their scripted/devised work in groups. They will need to work hard in their preparations over the coming weeks and be dedicated to their fellow group members to succeed.

We wish them well.

## Broadway Dreams - December 15th/16th/17th 2008

Following on from the success of "West End Show Stoppers" in 2007, the school were enthusiastic to try their hand again with more challenging songs from West End and Broadway shows.

The Autumn term proved to be rather a bad term for illness but the Company soldiered on and the week of the performances arrived.

Performances on all 3 nights were excellent and some new "Stars" were born.

It was the last chance for some of the Yr11 pupils to show off their talents and we are sure they will continue to develop their acting, singing and dance skills wherever they find themselves next year.

However, for those who will still be with us next Christmas there is a Musical to look forward to!

Book your tickets now for December 2009!

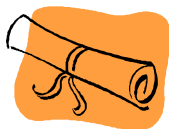


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### News Stories

#### **Congratulations!!**

Well done to the 51 pupils who were successful in their Early Entry GCSE English. A special assembly was held in order to present them with their certificates on 25/02/09.



#### **Drama Club**

Drama club is held in the Drama room every Wednesday during the second half of lunch. It is open to all year 7 and year 8 pupils who have a keen interest in drama, though pupils in year 8 who are considering taking GCSE Drama next year will find the topics covered very useful.

So far we have covered a range of skills such as: vocal work; body language and facial expressions; monologues and much more! The members of Drama club also have the first opportunity to audition for parts in future school productions. So if you're interested in all things 'drama', why don't you come along!

#### **Prize Giving 2008**

On Thursday 27th December 2008, the school held its annual prize giving for last year's Year 11 leavers. As part of the celebrations five members of the cast sang two songs from the school Christmas show "Broadway Dreams". The five singers were Lucy Brighton, Lucy Shreeve, Arron Jones, Beth Opie and Sara Janney. Despite the daunting surroundings, the singers gave an excellent performance and even admitted to enjoying themselves!

#### **Dance & Drama Production in Rehearsal**

A major dance and drama production is now in rehearsal. It is a privilege to be part of the team and pupils must attend the required rehearsals now taking place during lunchtimes and after school. It is very exciting. Look out for dates and ticketing arrangements coming soon. This show will sell out - so don't miss out!

#### **'Teechers' & 'Blood Brothers'**

In the Autumn term, Drama GCSE students from Yr9 to Yr11 went to see two outstanding pieces of theatre.

In October, we enjoyed the last ever production of 'Teechers' at Hull Truck Theatre before it moves to its new home in Hull. Three energetic actors played all parts, displaying their skill in characterisation, rapport and control and versatility of style.

In December, we ventured to York to be spellbound by the amazing 'Blood Brothers' at the Grand Opera House. Yr11 pupils furiously made notes as they watched the performance for their evaluative essay, part of their GCSE coursework.

We must make a big public thanks to the staff who offered their time to support these trips. Our pupils were a credit to the school, displaying maturity and politeness.

#### **Authors' Club**

This is open to all year groups and is held every Friday in EN7 with Mr Allenby & Mrs Smith at 12.40pm.

Writing techniques are explored and interested members can write in peace!

So - if you feel you could be a budding novelist come along and join in. Don't be shy - even JK Rowling had to start somewhere!

Mrs A Smith



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