



UPDATE



Issue 2



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DIARY UPDATE

- Tuesday 29th September : **OPEN EVENING (College closed for normal lessons)**
Study Support Day for some of Year 11.
- Thursday 1st October : Y8 Twilight Activities.
- Friday 2nd October : Open Morning for Y6 Parents.
- Monday 5th October : Open Morning for Y6 Parents.
- Tuesday 6th October : Open Morning for Y6 Parents.
- Wednesday 7th October : Y7 Learn2gether (Maths) 6 p.m.
- Thursday 8th October : Y7 Twilight Activities.

Dear Parents and Carers,

An Important Visit! Friday 25th September and Monday 28th September

We have been told a few days ago that we shall be having a two day visit from an HMI Ofsted Inspector. Anne Wellham will be coming in on Friday of this week and Monday of next to look at the work we do with our students to help them make good progress. Our school has been recommended as an example of high quality so it is quite a compliment that we have been chosen.

Yasmin Maskatiya

OPEN EVENING AND OPEN MORNING (Tuesday 29TH September 6.00 p.m. and Thursday 1st October 9.15 a.m., Friday 2nd October 9.15 a.m., Monday 5th October 9.15 a.m. and Tuesday 6th October 9.15 a.m.

These events are very important occasions in the college calendar. A great deal of preparation is required and students, teachers, parents and governors are involved.

College will therefore be closed to students on Tuesday 29th September.

College will remain open throughout the day on the Open Mornings. We will however receive many visitors during the morning sessions who will visit lessons and talk with staff and students.

ATTENTION YEAR 11 PARENTS

Following the successful 'Introduction to Y11' Parents Evening earlier this month, we would like to remind parents that the key presentations are now accessible on our website. We are currently collecting updated predicted grades from Year 11 staff, following which we will be meeting each of the 'Boost' student individually to discuss progress.

All Year 11 parents are warmly invited to our parents evening with subject teachers on Thursday 15th October from 3.30 p.m. You will receive an appointment letter about this next week. On this occasion all parents will have the opportunity to discuss their son/daughter's progress and his/her latest predicted grades. We are obviously hoping for a full turnout at this very important evening.

Thank you.
Mr Grant and Mrs Beeney.

FUNDRAISING NEWS

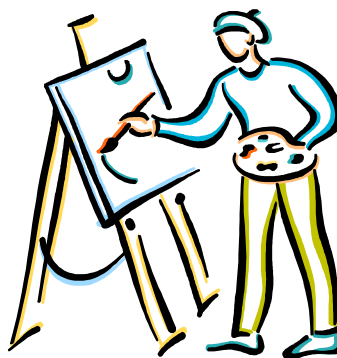
JEANS FOR GENES

Friday 9th October is national Jeans for Genes day and as a college we will be fundraising for this very worthy and crucial medical charity.

Students will on this day be allowed to wear their Jeans and trainers to school as long as they are wearing the correct college uniform top. They can pay 50p in advance of the day to their tutor or a £1 on the day to be able to wear their jeans and trainers. We are looking forward to a big turn out for this good cause and we will report in the next issue of Update how much we raise. This we hope will be a great start to another excellent year of fundraising.

The Sixth Form will also be taking part in a 'Pink' day to kick off Breast Cancer Awareness month and to raise money for one of their favourite charities - staff are getting the sunglasses ready now to prepare for our brightly coloured Y12s and 13s.
Carole Lawless
PSD Subject Leader

ART NEWS



The Big Draw Crawley 2009
Friday 16th October, 3.30 to 5.00 p.m.
Drawing is a valuable life skill. It helps us think, invent and communicate- regardless of our age or ability. We are delighted to be using Thomas Bennett to host this national campaign. Come along any time between 3.30 and 5pm to the Hall and join in the fun. When the day is over we will have a fantastic piece of work that will have been produced by our students and our community.
Ms Bell, Art Department.



The Art Department have a shortage of 35mm film cameras for the AS/A2 Photography course. If you have an old compact camera which uses film or an old 35mm SLR camera which you no

longer use, and are willing to donate the camera to the department we would be most grateful.

Thank you.

Mrs Borgia

WORKING TOGETHER TO HELP CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

An innovative new database designed to help professionals support children is being launched in West Sussex.

ContactPoint will hold the basic details of all children and young people in England under the age of 18, as well as contact details for their parents/carers and anyone else who might be working to support that child.

The system will be used by professionals who work with children. It will enable them to quickly find out whether other services are involved in the care of a child, ensuring they get the support they need.

A DVD has been made about ContactPoint which will be sent to every school in West Sussex to show to pupils, so they will know about the new database. ContactPoint is part of a Government programme called Every Child Matters and will be up and running in West Sussex during 2010.

For more information visit the West Sussex County Council website www.westsussex.gov.uk/contactpoint.

FREE 2 DANCE

On Wednesday 16th September the Dance Department held auditions for this year's 'Free 2 Dance' students. Free 2 Dance is the Elite Dance Company held within school. There were many students within the college who auditioned and everyone performed to their maximum. Mr Hawes and

Mrs Wilson were so proud of the enthusiasm and flare all the students showed.

Congratulations to all the following who make up this year's company.

Paige Allen, Rebecca Arthur, Leah Bell, Shannon Boud, Jo Chick, Lauren Clark, Charlotte Cooper, Katie Cornell, Amy Davis-Dwan, Jess Delmaine, Bethan Evans, Abbie Frake, Amy Gardiner, Leah Gardiner, Megan Gazzard, Rhianna Grey, Sarah Hand, Kirsten Holcombe, Katie Hull, Bethany Leadley, Ruth Leppard, Emily Mahoney, Sophie Maiden, Ashley Miller, Demi Mensah, Chloe Nicholls, Bethany Parker, Ellis Payne, Rebecca Potterton, Kelsie Raine, Chantelle Read, Alex Robinson, Charlotte Routley, Tessa Stokes, Callum Thompson, Courtney Thompson, Kiera Toland, Danielle Tulip, Alex Vennell, Poppy Weeks and Kayleigh Wilson-Peckham.

Date for your Diary

Dynamic Infusion – this years Dance Show at the Hawth Theatre will be on Wednesday 24th March.

PAMASS NDOW NJIE

I recently had the experience of a life time!
Laura Moffatt asked Thomas Bennett



Community College, my school, if a student would like to accompany her on a tour of the new 2012 Olympic Site and then on a trip to No.10 Downing Street to meet The Prime Minister and I was selected!

The day was absolutely phenomenal! At the Olympic Site everywhere you looked there was activity and construction. I was very impressed with the determination and hard work that had been put into the project and felt really inspired.

But my day didn't end there, oh no! The next stop was No.10 Downing Street where I met Gordon Brown, Tessa Jowell and celebrity sport stars, including Boris Becker and Daley

Tompson. I even had a conversation with the Prime Minister, as he greeted me and asked, "Are you interested in any sport?" I told him how much I liked football and we had an enthused discussion about my favourite team Arsenal and Mr Brown said how much he admired Arsene Wenger.

Mr. Brown seemed like a nice guy and I got some great pics! I had the best day and owe Laura Moffatt a big thank you!

VACANCIES

PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT OFFICER (fixed term contract until March 2011 – funding may continue after this). Full-time – 37 hours per week, term-time only (pro-rata), £16,663-£19,427 plus fringe allowance (£535). Scale 5-6.

Please contact Chris Yelling at the college (telephone 01293 526255 ext 2047 or email cyelling@wsgfl.org.uk) for more details.

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCIES

We have vacancies for Parent Governors. If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor at TBCC, please contact Ann Denton for a nomination form.

ATTENDANCE

If you wish to inform us about the absence of a student, please call 01293 866817. This has a twenty four hour answer phone available.

Please also remember to send in a note with your child when they return to the college. The note should cover the total length of absence.

Yours sincerely,



Ms Y S Maskatiya
Headteacher