



CHRISTMAS



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THE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL LEFTWICH A MEDIA ARTS COLLEGE-PROMOTES AND RECOGNISES **CHOICE**

- Care, courtesy and consideration
- High standards
- Only behave towards others as we wish others to behave towards us
- Increased punctuality and attendance
- Can-do attitude
- Excellent examination results/employability

When we make the right **CHOICE**, we enjoy learning and achieve success!



A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

As the festive season approaches, it is lovely to reflect on the strengthening progress and development of this continually improving school. Open Evening was our busiest to date which, I am sure, is building on our growing reputation for academic excellence as well as very high standards of pastoral care. My students do indeed 'enjoy and achieve', turning the theory of the Government's 'Every Child Matters' agenda into practical reality. Therefore, I should be unsurprised by the number of visitors I have welcomed this term, who all seem to comment on the calm but vibrant learning environment and I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting so many parents/carers at our increasingly popular 'Information Evenings'. Your views are really important to me and I thank you for all your support of my very hard-working colleagues. I thus end the year delighted in the knowledge that 187 families have expressed 'first preference' for The County High School, Leftwich for September 2010 entry, a further and significant increase on last year and real endorsement of the journey upon which, together, we have embarked.

I am also immensely proud of the achievement of Andrew Galloway, Rose Proudfoot and William Bell who, coached by Mr Warburton and Mrs Josephs, won the Northwich Heat of the Rotary Youth Speaks 2010 Intermediate Competition, having written their own, impressive speech: I'm a teenager, get me out of here! They will now progress to the District Competition in the New Year. I also thank Aimee McKenzie, Year 9, for designing our official Christmas Card (see overleaf) and Mr Cloake for the increasing popularity of chess. The School has recently received a Certificate of Excellence (Gold Level) for supporting the British Land UK Chess Challenge, the world's largest chess event, I am told!

I look forward to meeting many of you at our traditional Carol Service, December 7th and our ever popular Christmas Concert, December 11th. Many grandparents will be warmly welcomed to our Senior Citizens' Party, December 14th and participants are already rehearsing tirelessly for an end-of-term competition: Leftwich has got talent. I am sure you will agree it certainly has!

May I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Season's Greetings



from The
COUNTY
HIGH SCHOOL
Leftwich

IMPORTANT NOTICES

HOLIDAYS, 2010 – 2011

As part of the Northwich Education Improvement Partnership, Secondary School Headteachers discussed the proposed term dates suggested by the Local Authority for the academic year 2010-11 and each Headteacher took the discussion to their partner Primary School Headteachers. The main concern was the timing of the Easter holidays in relation to student preparation for both GCSEs and Key Stage 2 SATs. In effect, students would return to school for the Summer Term and enter straight into important public examinations.

Accordingly, it was decided to amend the schedule as we published in our November Newsletter and on our website. School will close for the Good Friday and Easter Monday Bank Holidays with the traditional two weeks being taken earlier in the Spring Term. This will have the added benefit of more evenly balanced term times, the number of weeks students study each term, thus better managing their learning.

SAFEGUARDING & MEDICATION

Parents/carers tend to be aware that if they wish School to hold any prescribed medication for their child, they need to provide a letter with clear instructions **and** a doctor's note. Please note that this process (a letter and a doctor's note) also applies to the holding of **non-prescribed medication**





Carol Service at Davenham Church



Monday 7th December at Davenham Parish Church, The County High School, Leftwich held its Annual Carol Service. The evening saw participation from students and staff who eloquently told the Christmas story with readings from the Bible. Parents, Guests, Governors, Students and Staff were in full voice and followed each reading with a Christmas Carol. The band was conducted with skill and confidence by Miss Clarke. Tea, coffee and mince pies were served following the service and enjoyed by all. Thank you to all who supported the evening and to those who took part by taking responsibility for various tasks; your help was very much appreciated.



GIFTED, TALENTED AND ABLE (GTA)

On Wednesday 18th November, 3 members of Year 9 took part in the Northwich heat of the 'Rotary Youth Speaks 2010' Competition at Mid Cheshire College. Rose Proudfoot gave the main speech on the subject, 'I'm a teenager get me out of here!', after an introduction from Andy Galloway. Will Bell then proposed the vote of thanks.

The speech had to be given according to strict timings, in front of an audience of Rotary Club members and parents, with on-the-spot questions which Rose answered expertly.

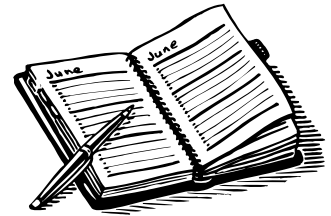
The County High School team saw off stiff competition from 4 other teams, to secure a place in the second round, along with The Grange School, who took 2nd place. In addition to their winners' shields and certificates, Rose, Will and Andy will have lunch as guests of the Rotary Club in January - a just reward!

Thank you to Mr Warburton and Mrs Josephs for their enthusiasm and expert advice!





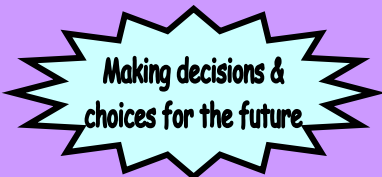
FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



ELECTIVES

**Thursday 21 January 2010
at 7:00**

This is an opportunity for parents of Year 9 students to find out about the courses available to study in Years 10 & 11. It will be an opportunity to consider the pathways on offer, meet specialist staff to gain an insight into subjects offered and also have any questions answered regarding our Key Stage 4 Curriculum.



CONSULTATION DAY

Friday 5 February 2010

Pupils are to attend appointments with parents in full school uniform. Please bring your child's progress report and draft targets. Please arrive five minutes before your appointment and come to the entrance by the Hall from where you will be guided to your child's tutor. Remember on this day your child need only attend for the appointment unless he/she is being kind enough to act as a prefect and guide.

**FEBRUARY
2010**



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



The Learning Support Team at The County High School, Leftwich would like to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to all staff, students and parents who were involved in this year's Operation Christmas Child project. Over 60 boxes were collected and will now be distributed to areas in Eastern Europe, Africa and Asia, where disadvantaged children may not receive any Christmas gifts. The photograph shows enthusiastic students with a display of the fantastic end result.



'Booked Up'



Following the success of last year's scheme, the school has 'booked up' again this year, recognising reading for pleasure as an important life skill, underpinning literacy targets.

'Booktrust' is once again providing every child in year 7 with a free book by Christmas 2009, designed to encourage reading for pleasure and to maintain the development of reading levels between years 6 and 7 as children make the transition from primary to secondary education. Supported by the Department for Children, Schools and Families, Booktrust makes the programme free for all participating schools and allows each child to make his or her own choice of book from a selection of 12 titles. The choice of books is selected by the Booktrust panel, which includes children's book expert professionals from the library sector, booksellers, teachers, journalists, and children's book reviewers, and are not only ideal for reading for pleasure, but also represent a suitable degree of diversity, use language well and reflect various styles.

ADULT EDUCATION COURSES

These courses are held at The County High School, Leftwich. To enrol on a course or for more information call The Community Education Team on: 01606 74444 or visit www.midchesh.ac.uk

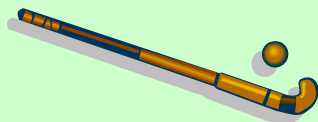
COURSE	START DATE	END DATE	DAY	TIME	FEE
Computing for Improvers	26/01/2010	02/03/2010	Tues	7pm - 9pm	FREE
Creative Writing for Beginners	26/01/2010	02/03/2010	Tues	7pm - 9pm	£10
Jewellery Making	26/01/2010	02/03/2010	Tues	7pm - 9pm	£10
Tai Chi Taster	26/01/2010	02/03/2010	Tues	7pm - 8:30pm	£10

MID CHESHIRE MINI HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Well done to Gemma England (Capt), Peachy Dunne, Catherine Duncalf, Georgia Halvorsen, Millie Wright, Megan Norrey, Chloe Gee & Catherine Talbot who won the Mid Cheshire Hockey Tournament. There were goals from Catherine Talbot & Millie Wright and some strong performances in the games especially from centre back Gemma England who helped clear any danger and only allowed one goal to be scored.

The tournament was held at Woodford Lodge and the scores in favour of The County High School, Leftwich were as follows:-

won 3 - 0 v Hartford
won 1 - 0 v Weaverham
won 1 - 0 v Bridgewater
lost 1 - 0 v Cransley



YOUNG SPORTS AMBASSADORS 2009

Josh Crofts & Tori Scott are this year's 'Young Sports Ambassadors' for The County High School, Leftwich. They attend meetings organised by The Vale Royal School Sports Partnership to help engage pupils aged 5 - 16 in the 5 hour offer of sport per week. They are looking at ways to engage all pupils in activities they would enjoy taking part in, and spreading the Olympic message.

For more information on the Vale Royal School Sports Partnership log on to www.valeroyalsport.org



