



NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2010



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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

Consultation Day, February 5th, proved once again to be a real success in engaging tutors, students and their parents/carers in a learning conversation that enabled each young person to set individual targets to promote further progress, whilst strengthening learning already gained. I was most appreciative of the positivism expressed by so many families who felt tutors really knew and cared about their children, whilst my colleagues enjoyed celebrating their tutees' development and encouraging further gains. The day exemplified partnership in practice and I would like to thank parents/carers for making a real effort to attend and for working so constructively with tutors in the very best interests of our children. It was lovely to meet so many of you again and to enjoy the happy and productive atmosphere.

I was recently invited to a Downing Street reception to celebrate our school's recognition as one which has 'In recent years.... improved the most.' Although too busy to attend, such affirmation is acknowledgement of this positive partnership, working together as a strong and confident team, students, parents/carers, teachers and governors. As our young people then progress to Higher Education and/or employment, the good reputation of their school on their CVs can only enhance their life opportunities, so the stronger our partnership, the better the life chances of your sons and daughters.

Students who have seized just some of the enrichment opportunities recently on offer are Charlotte Wynn, Ben Murray, Chris Phillips, Milena Nixon, Jess MacDougall and Alex Hurst, who have used their lunchtimes most effectively to enrich their languages in Latin Club and who have passed their first examination. Well done! Meanwhile, Rose Proudfoot, Andrew Galloway and William Bell proved to be outstanding ambassadors for their school in particular and for young people generally in their participation in the Rotary Youth Speaks competition, whilst the School is also busily supporting Rose in her efforts to be elected to the Youth Parliament. I would like to thank Ms McKay and Miss Pass for leading a prestigious dance workshop at The Lowry Centre for Gifted, Talented and Able students across the year groups and Miss Dunn, Mr Warburton, Miss Pass and Mrs Marklove for organising a successful half-term ski trip to France. Elliot Bowker (Year 8) and Nathan Tippin (Year 9) are to be congratulated upon representing their School and Cheshire in cross-country.

Finally, may I draw your attention once again to the notices displayed on all external doors, reminding visitors, whilst always welcome, to enter the building only via reception. Thank you for your support in assisting us to continue to help our students to feel and to be as safe as we can reasonably take measures to ensure and for working with me in further strengthening our School's reputation, so our children enjoy the very best chances in life we can create for and with them.



GIFTED & TALENTED DANCE WORKSHOP

Gifted and Talented pupils were invited to attend a Dance Workshop at The Lowry Theatre in Manchester. In total 35 pupils from across the year groups took part. The one day project was kindly funded by Manchester Airport with whom the school has strong links.

The workshop itself was led by a Dance professional who specialises in site specific and contemporary Dance. Pupils were asked to observe the architectural structure of the Theatre itself to produce movement material. For most, this way of thinking and performing dance was a totally new experience. Ms McKay would like to use some of the material produced at a later date.



YEAR 10 MOCK INTERVIEWS

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Monday 25 January was the day that Year 10 had to prove if they were worthy of being employed.

As part of our Work-Related-Learning Programme all Year 10 students had been working on how to complete an application form correctly, and it was now time for them to be interviewed!

All students were out of uniform for the day, but had been told to wear whatever they considered to be appropriate dress for an interview. And didn't they rise to the challenge!! All but a few pupils really tried hard and looked very smart (even though I'm not sure how some of the girls managed to walk in those heels).

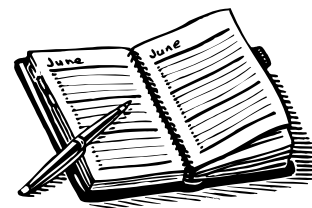
Business representatives from local companies and colleges, like TTE, Bentley Motors and Mid Cheshire College, gave up a day of their time to help out and all spoke very highly of our pupils.

We were really proud of their professionalism and conduct on the day. It now bodes well for their Work Experience which begins on 15 March!!





FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- Monday 15th March** week 1 of Year 10 work experience
- Monday 22nd March** week 2 of Year 10 work experience
- Friday 26th March** last day of school for the Easter Holiday
- Monday 12th April** return to school following the Easter Holiday

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

To further promote the safety and wellbeing of your children, we would like to remind all parents/carers and visitors to the School to please enter via Reception only. All outer doors are time-locked and students have been reminded not to assist adults trying to gain access via any other entrance.

Thank you for your support.



ACTIVE KIDS SPORTS VOUCHERS

17th Feb 8th June



The School will be collecting Sainsbury's Supermarket Active Kids Vouchers for School Sports Equipment. They will be available between 17th February and 8th June 2010. There will be two collection boxes, one in the main office and one in the PE department. All vouchers are gratefully received.

Thank you for your continued support.

SCHOOL UNIFORM & MOBILE PHONE POLICY

The County High School expects high standards in all aspects of its life, including school uniform. We believe uniform helps instil in pupils a sense of pride in their school and that it contributes to the learning culture. Consequently, extreme hairstyles and colours are not allowed. Jewellery is not acceptable in school (except for a watch and, where ears are pierced, one stud in the lower part of each ear.) Extreme hairstyles are unacceptable and this includes colours, coloured streaks in un-natural shades and tramlines. Similarly, we ask that large amounts of money or valuable personal belongings, e.g. iPods, MP3 players, cameras etc. are not brought into school.

The use of personal Mobile phones is not permitted. We recognise that parents wish children to have access to their phones when travelling to and from School, but they must be switched off when on school premises at all times, and must be kept in bags, lockers or pockets. Students using their phone whilst on school premises will have it confiscated and, as a consequence, parents will have to come into school to retrieve it. Students are allowed to use the phone in the Pastoral Office or the Main Office should they need to contact home.



An FA Charter Standard 'Development' Club

Barton Youth FC under 6's coaching is continuing on Sunday mornings 9:00am - 10:00am at Barnton Primary School. The training is open to both boys and girls not already connected to another club and who are over 5 and under 6 as at 31 August 2009. For further information e-mail minnows@hotmail.co.uk or telephone Mike Hinton 07859 912597.



The coaching will concentrate on having fun but at the same time work on basic footballing skills, working with the ball in preparation for the 2010/2011 season at under 7 age group. The under 6's don't play organised matches and are therefore rewarded for effort and success differently. 'Football Patches' are used to not only recognise talent, but to encourage effort, bravery, attendance, good behaviour and winning 'In Team' competitions. (All Barnton YFC Coaches are CRB checked and hold at least an FA Level 1 coaching qualification, along with emergency aid and child best practice training).

CROSS COUNTRY

On a cold frosty Saturday morning in Widnes, The County High School, Leftwich pupils arrived to represent Mid Cheshire at The County Cross Country event. Elliot Bowker came 2nd and Nathan Tipping came 3rd in the Year 8 & 9 Junior event and as a result were selected to run for Cheshire. Well done to all who took part. (for a full list of results please see school website)



YEAR 9 GIRLS BASKETBALL

Year 9 Girls attended the County Basketball Final at Ball Hall Warrington on Tuesday 9th February. The girls had been practising with the boys' team and with Mrs Wynne for the last couple of months in anticipation of the final. They began strongly, just losing out in their first game. After a lot of hard work and perspiration, the team was crowned 4th in Cheshire. Well done to: Annie Hilditch, Fran Jessop, Anna Korta, Beth Foundation, Chloe Hodkinson, Beth Lloyd, Lucy Bliss, Gabby Hoyle, Jade Astbury and Charlotte Smith.

