



# NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2009



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

- C**are, courtesy and consideration
- H**igh standards
- O**nly behave towards others as we wish others to behave towards us
- I**ncreased punctuality and attendance
- C**an-do attitude
- E**xcellent examination results/employability

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

## A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

The start of this academic year has been one of the smoothest and happiest I can recall for many years. The excitement, joy, relief and even delighted surprise of County High School students receiving their excellent GCSE results in August was captured in many photographs, some of which are displayed in school and others on our website. It is immensely satisfying when I meet former students and they tell me how happy they are pursuing college and university courses or employment-based training. Trying to create the conditions which enable young people to maximise their potential is one of the privileges of headship and one I value most highly.

In turning back my attention to current Leftwich students, I note with real pride how well they have begun their learning journey, how smartly, both in their uniform and their attitude. Along with members of my Senior Leadership Team, I have observed really focused, positive behaviour in lessons, engaged learning and increasingly confident readiness on the part of many students to take more responsibility for their own progress. I have also been contacted to compliment young people on their behaviour on the way home - my students, your children.

It is my belief that this academic year has begun so effectively, smartly and happily because we are working in real partnership in the best interests of all our children and the results are self evident. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible this year and **thank you** with absolute sincerity for continuing to support me in encouraging your children to be the best they deserve to be.

Thank you!



## ALL WEATHER PITCH MUGA

The MUGA is available to hire for a selection of sports activities for £37.00 per hour.

Further enquires please contact Mrs Goulbourne tel: **01606 333314**



## HELPING TO SAVE OUR PLANET

If you do have internet access and would like to help save the planet by receiving this newsletter electronically in future, please send an e-mail to: [signup@leftwichhigh.com](mailto:signup@leftwichhigh.com) if you have not already done so.



## STUDENT PRINTING

Students now have access to a new, sophisticated colour printer/copier in the library. This will enable them to produce high-quality output for their learning across all lessons, not just IT. Students will have an initial budget, funded by the school, which is equivalent to 32 colour pages or 320 black and white. We expect students to use this for their submission of final coursework or self-study pieces as directed by their teachers. We understand that students may wish to print other materials that are not course-related and are therefore making available the facility to 'top-up' this budget via the payments office in school.

## SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

The County High School, Leftwich is holding its annual 'Open Evening' on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009. The Headteacher, Miss Brandreth, will give two talks in the Main Hall, the first starting at 6:30pm and the second at 7:30pm. Parents/Carers are then free to look around the various faculties within the school. Please ensure you collect the school's prospectus before you leave, which will give you all the information regarding the process for your child's admission.



## SCHOOL CANTEEN

The school canteen offers a wide selection of tasty meals and snacks, all at very reasonable prices.

Fresh Pasta, Paninis, Jacket Potatoes, Sandwiches, Wraps, Hot Meals, Vegetarian Meals can be purchased every single day and with free vegetables and salad.

'Meal Deals' are excellent value for money at just £2.15 which includes Hot Meal of the day, with a choice of cake and a cuplet drink!

## DO YOU HAVE INTERNET ACCESS AT HOME?

Following students feedback to the ICT development group we have introduced a 'PC Pass'. This is intended for students who do not have PC/internet access at home and gives them priority access to computer resources at lunch and after school. If you would like your child to be issued with a pass please confirm this with a note to Mr. Welch and one will be issued.



## LEFTWICH CHILDREN'S CENTRE

The above centre is based on the Leftwich Community Primary school site on Old Hall Road. The centre is open to all families with children aged between 0 - 5 and runs sessions for families including messy play, Jo Jingles, baby massage and baby yoga amongst many others. They also offer health services including baby weighing, weaning groups and midwife led antenatal and home birth appointments. They have Job Centre Plus at the centre once a week for lone parent interviews and offer family learning opportunities which so far have included card making, family first aid, digital arts and confidence course. Registration and sessions are free. Tel: 01606 271711

## LEARNING JOURNALS

At the County High School, Leftwich we are always striving to find ways to help your child to progress and achieve. With this in mind, we are running a new initiative which is being introduced across the school.



We are introducing a traffic light system whereby students will be graded on their progress and efforts, their behaviour in lessons and around the school and their attendance. At intervals throughout the academic year, the students, in discussion with their learning mentors, will have the opportunity, guided by their Learning Journals, to assess their progress, and behaviour and attendance, in order to place themselves upon the appropriate coloured list for their tutor group and year group. A letter fully explaining the system will be sent home in the near future.

## SPORTS

### YEAR 9 & 10 SPORTS DAY

At the 3<sup>rd</sup> time of trying (English SUMMER weather!) the Year 9 & 10 sports day took place in the last week of term.

The Track events took place in the morning with the field events taking place once it had dried up a bit. For the results please log onto the school website at [www.leftwichhigh.com](http://www.leftwichhigh.com)



This year National Sports Week was held from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. The school was running a competition within the Vale Royal School Sports' Partnership for all STUDENTS who took part in 5 or more hours PE in the week. There were prizes to win for those who hit the 5 hour a week target. STUDENTS from The County High School, Leftwich won the following prizes:

- Matthew Tainsh - Warrington Wolves Tickets
- Emily Plumb - England Football signed by Lindsay Johnson

A new activity was offered for National Sports Week, ROWING CLUB. The Concept 2 Rowers were used in lessons with GCSE Year 10 pupils and in a Breakfast Club.

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| • Fastest 1600m (1 mile) | - | Bob Abell 11W    | 6.01 |
| • Fastest 1000m          | - | Chloe Weston 11C | 4.08 |
| • Fastest Year 7 500m    | - | Peachy Dunne 8W  | 1.57 |
| • Fastest Overall 500m   | - | Bob Abell 11W    | 1.43 |

## YEAR 2 MULTISKILLS FESTIVAL

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June, over 40 Year 8 & 9 pupils acted as great ambassadors and role models by becoming sports leaders to lead a Year 2 Multiskills Festival. The day was sunny and warm; the sports leaders worked very hard encouraging and helping out with each of the activities; their enthusiasm was brilliant as it was a new experience for all taking part.

Primary Schools from Antrobus, Comberbach, Davenham, Great Budworth, Kingsmead, Leftwich & Moulton took part in the event. Overall 200 pupils attended throughout the day.

A big thank you goes to Mr T, and the Year 8 & 9 Leaders and the photography students



**SPORTS**



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