



Public Speaking Competition

Year 12 and several members of staff enjoyed a closely-fought Public Speaking Competition on Monday 13th June. Contestants had already won the initial Form heats and were going on to represent their Form-mates in front of the whole year group. All the entries were engaging and confidently delivered, covering a wide range of interesting and ambitious topics - judges Mr Griffin, Ms Stoddard and Mr Welsh deliberated long and hard to pick a winner.

Congratulations go to the 3rd and 2nd place finalists: Tanyel Kazim and Katharine Horsburgh - and the winner: Joe Thompson - Oubari. Thank you to Ms Golding for organising the event and to Mr Baker for compering it so well.

Mr Griffin

University of East Anglia

'A walk through time' taster session

On Thursday 2nd June the University of East Anglia held an environmental studies day course. The day started with a quick talk about the university and course, introduction to the professors leading the day and a chance for everyone involved to get to know each other. We then learnt of what activities the day would involve and then made our way out to the woodland and learnt how to use our GPS. Once in the wood we split into groups and completed 3 activities; looking at the local geology, vegetation and invertebrates, throughout the activities we kept a track of our location on the GPS. After a lunch at the campus restaurant we uploaded the data from our GPS on to Google Earth where we tracked our route and worked out land heights. The day was very enjoyable where we learnt

Forthcoming Events

Saturday 18th June ~ Sports Day and Summer Fayre

Monday 20th June ~ Day off in lieu of Sports Day

Monday 20th June ~ GCE and GCSE exams will be taking place as per students' timetables (students should arrive 20 minutes before the published time)

Tuesday 5th July-Friday 8th July ~ 'Singing in the Rain'

Thursday 14th July ~ Speech Day

Friday 15th July ~ Year 7 Diploma Celebration & BBQ

Wednesday 20th July ~ Last Day of Term

more about geography and environmental science degrees, developed new skills and made new friends.

Katherine Miller, Year 12

Year 7 Cricket Report

Last Thursday saw the Year 7 cricket team play their third match of the season, having won two out of two previous matches. This time we were playing Leigh Technology College at home. BGS won the toss and Captain Alfie Wheeler decided to put the opposition in first. Despite a very good knock by their Captain, who retired on an excellent 52, Leigh were not able to build on this, and only managed to score 100 in their twenty overs.

BGS started with opening pair Alfie Wheeler and Chris Atkinson who made the Leigh bowlers look very ordinary. Some excellent shots from both players saw BGS knock off the runs without losing any wickets to win by a huge 10 wickets with overs to spare.

Bring on the next match.

Alex Robertson, 7CMS

Music Tour to Paris:

20th -24th July 2011

There will be a meeting for all students going on the music tour and their parents, on Wednesday 29th June at 6pm in the 6th Form Centre. You will receive an itinerary, more details about our concerts and have a chance to ask any questions.

Miss Swadkin



June 2011

New Sixth Form Centre Update

Dear Parents

I am delighted to be able to tell you that the foundations for our new Sixth Form Extension have been laid. The builders started work at half term and already piles have been driven and concrete poured into large trenches. So, it won't be long until we start seeing the building actually start to rise out of the Le Feuvre playground. This building will be entirely funded by the school and your very generous donations and I am proud that we have managed to do this at a time of tight economic constraints.

The Buy a Brick campaign is doing very well and currently the fund has received donations of £4782.50 including gift aid and this will go a long way towards providing the furnishings and equipment in the building. The extension will house a large study area on the ground floor, approximately as big as our current main SFC room, which will have a wireless internet capability strong enough to allow a large number of students to work there using their own devices. They will have access to our school intranet and therefore their saved work and school resources. On the first floor will be a more traditional IT room, with equipment for approximately 40 students.

It is not too late to donate and attached to this message is a picture of the wall you have built so far which is on display in the canteen and a new flyer encouraging you to donate will be sent via ParentMail. When the building is finished and I have stopped haranguing you for money all the names of people who have donated will be put on a plaque in the new building for posterity. Please also note that at the Summer Fayre on Saturday (please pray for sunshine!) the PA will have a stall where you can buy bricks to raise a little more cash for this project. The more you give, the better the specification of equipment we can buy.

Thank you very much for your continued support. Please brave the weather and come to the Fayre; I look forward to seeing you there.

Best wishes and thank you.

Mr Welsh

