



Year 7 News

Earlier last week our school's Year 7 and Year 8 played a netball match against Trinity school, well done to them for doing their best in that match!

We are looking forward to House events coming up such as the Easter poster competition, which will be displayed in the Hall soon, and House dance - I'm sure all of the houses are working extremely hard on the choreography in the rehearsals.

Saffron Heurman-Williamson 7LRB

Please can I congratulate Amy Dykes for reaching an impressive 157 merits since September with Emily Birch following closely behind with 102 merits. Well done girls and keep up the excellent work. Also congratulations to Alex Bronsdon (7HLE) for successfully reaching 100 merits and achieving a distinction for this element of the diploma.

Well done to Lucy Dunk for reaching 100 merits this term and Victoria Chivers for achieving 50 merits, Jake Try (7LKS) and Chris Goring (7APB) for reaching 50 merits.

Keep up the good work!

Mrs Kemp

Jennifer Milliams in 7APB was part of the first ever Bexley's girls' cricket team to qualify for the finals of the Balfour Beatty London Youth Games which were held at Lord's Cricket Ground on Saturday 6th March and they won beating teams from all across London (see photo below).

This is an excellent achievement. Well done Jennifer.

Miss Lynch



Going on World Challenge this summer?

Not started your fitness regime yet?

Join the 'Get Fit Fast' club!

Place: Danson Park 3.45pm - 4.30pm every Thursday (weather permitting).

Meet at the bottom gates at 3.40pm in sports kit and trainers

Come and join Miss Fairbairn in Danson Park to begin some gentle exercise and learn ways to build up your fitness in time for the expedition.

Forthcoming Events

Monday 29th March ~ Year 7 Reports Issued

Tuesday 30th March ~ Year 7 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 31st March ~ Spring Concert

Thursday 1st April ~ Year 8 and Year 12 Reports Issued

Thursday 1st April ~ Last day of Term

Monday 19th April ~ First day of Summer Term

Work Experience

It has been encouraging to receive a steady stream of 'own find' forms from Year 10 students, confirming their work experience placements for next October - please can all students who have their placements arranged make sure they give the details in to Mrs Longman as soon as possible. Students who have not yet found placements are encouraged to follow up requests they have made to employers, and contact further employers if they need to. Mrs Longman is in school every day except Wednesdays, and students who have not yet managed to find a placement should see her as soon as possible to talk through ideas and possible contacts.

Exciting opportunity for Year 8 and 9 students

This week the Year 8 and 9 students have been introduced to the exciting opportunity of going on a ten-day trip to Jordan over February half-term 2011. The trip will incorporate a 5 day trek to the sacred valley of Petra, a 2-day project working with the indigenous peoples and the chance to immerse themselves in a culture vastly different from their own.

The trip will cost approximately £1295 which is a total cost, including all activities, food, accommodation and flights. The trip will be organised by the company Outlook Expeditions and led by Miss Fairbairn in school.

There will be a launch meeting for all parents and students interested on Wednesday 21st April at 6.30 pm in SFC1.

Students who expressed an interest after the assembly have been provided with letters.

If you would like further information please contact Miss Fairbairn at school.

GCSE Spanish Revision Classes

The last session will be held on **Wednesday 31st March** in L3 from **3.15-4.15**.

The topic is **coursework**

Psychology Report

It seems that, after a quiet year so far, Psychology is in its busiest period ever. Last week Year 10 psychologists conducted some research looking at teachers and how they sleep. Their analysis showed that working appears to interrupt teachers' sleep..! There was a correlation between those who continue working after school and having a poor quality of sleep, and also a suggestion that engaging in sporting activities in the evening could be a way of getting over that problem. It also looked as if spending your time in one building is bad for your sleep, as those members of staff who spend time in a variety of buildings reported sleeping better than their stationary colleagues. The research continues...

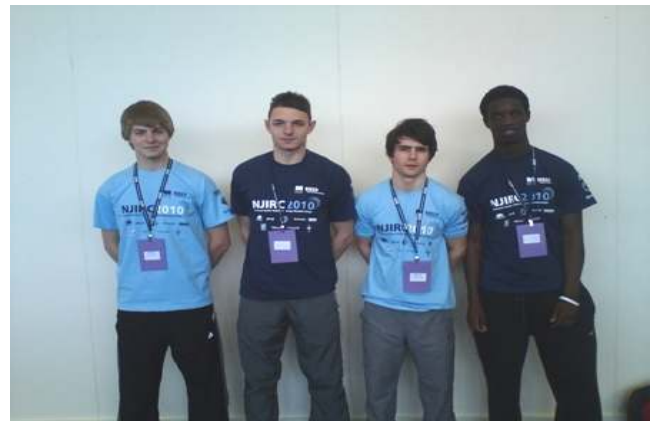
This Wednesday, GCSE psychologists are looking forward to the visit of a psychoanalyst, who will talk to us about Freud's theory and his interpretation of dreams. I'm hoping that the night before the talk students will eat lots of cheese before going to bed so that they can have weird and wonderful dreams for them to analyse in the morning. This talk supports work being done in class and which students will be examined on in just a few weeks' time.

On Thursday Y13 psychology students will be going to the zoo. Curriculum links might seem tenuous for such a trip, but it's the only way students get to conduct ethical observations on social animals. They will spend up to an hour observing and recording the activities of meerkats or lemurs, practising skills we've talked about but not been able to try out. This trip is also a good opportunity to look at the range of behaviours exhibited by animals and to consider how, in evolutionary terms, those behaviours relate to humans. A trip to the reptile house will lead to an encounter with snakes and we'll be attending a session where we get to meet the spiders. This will give us a chance to reconsider the aetiology of phobias. It seems that fear of snakes and spiders might just have an evolutionary basis, and we'll use the trip to reflect on this in the presence of the source of fear for so many. At the end of the day, if they've all done their work, the students will also have the opportunity to watch the penguins being fed, and I'll wonder once more at the child-like enthusiasm shown by these young adults as they watch, enthralled, as the birds fight over bits of fish!

A busy time, but one full of exciting opportunities that the students should gain a lot from. Mr Asker

National Junior Indoor Rowing Competition

On Thursday 18th March, Daniel Putnam, Taylor Mott, Timi Odofin, David Humber (all Year 13) and Jamie Grain (Year 8) attended the National Junior Indoor Rowing Competition in Battersea. All boys competed well, achieving excellent positions in their respective events. Most notable was Daniel Putnam finishing 3rd in the 2000m sprint, a fantastic achievement. Congratulations to all pupils involved. Mr Rosenthal



Notices

Parents' Association ~ Anyone for badminton?!

We are holding a family event, 7pm on Friday April 23rd in the School Gym. The price is £5 per doubles team (one adult, one student combination).

Watch out for a ParentMail message with more details. Enquiries to angiecole@btinternet.com

Attendance Office ~ We would like to remind all parents to contact the school on the first day of absence either by telephone or emailing me.

Also all students must provide a note of explanation when arriving late to school due to a doctor's or dentist's appointment in order for it to be authorised. Mrs Jeffery

This is the last Newsletter this term. Look out for the School's Easter magazine which will be issued next week.