



Year News

Year 7

The Year 7s ended the 2008 winter term with an excellent assembly, featuring the pupils themselves. After Miss Lawson and 7PKS entertained us with interesting Christmas facts, we were treated to a medley of short productions. 7JR kicked things off with an excellent performance of 'The Jingle Bell Rock' and who can forget 7JMP's grand performance of 'A Christmas Carol'? There was poetry from 7AJS and 7MPL and, despite technical difficulties; we were still able to raise the roof with our rock version of 'The 12 days of Christmas'. Happy New Year to everyone! 7SAS

Congratulations to Natasha Gukhool, Ellie Holmes & Temitope Sijuade (7AJS) who achieved 50 Merits just before Christmas. Keep up the good work. Their names will be entered into the draw for an iPod.

K Brown

Year 9

Well done to Daniel Burke, Sam Shrimpton and Olivia Emslie who have all achieved 50 merits and to Thomas Barrett who has reached 100 merits. Their names will be added into the draw for an iPod. C Morris

Sixth Form

Good luck to all Sixth Form students who are about to sit Modular exams. Mrs Mallin

Notice

The Governors' Briefing to Parents on Thursday 22nd January has been postponed.

Forthcoming Events

Tues 13th January ~ School production of Romeo and Juliet

Wed 14th January ~ School production of Romeo and Juliet

And ...

The Geography department would like to congratulate the successful applicants for the role of Geography Prefect. We would also like to thank all applicants for applying and wish you well in your new role.

On Thursday (15th January) the CU will be looking at Daniel Chapter 6 and the story of Daniel and the Lion as part of this month's bible study. Everyone is more than welcome to attend - 3:15 until 4pm in L4.

M Harris

Important IB dates for English:

Year 13 Oral commentary STANDARD
Mon 2nd Feb

Year 12 Oral presentations Higher + Standard
Fri 6th March

Year 13 Oral commentary HIGHER
Mon 16th March

Examination Information:

Year 10
GCSE Double Science exam Monday 12th January at 8.30 am in the Gym.

Year 11
GCSE Double Science exam Monday 19th January at 8.30am in the Gym

Please arrive in school at least 15 minutes before your exam begins and wait in the Canteen area.

Please remember that from January 2009 if you are taking a GCE or GCSE exam and wish to bring a bottle of water with you all labels on the bottle must be removed.

Words with international roots

Aficionado (noun): An enthusiastic admirer; a fan (Spanish)

Finally:

Dear Parents

**Your suggestions welcome at first 2009 Parents' Association meeting
On Thursday 15 January at 7.30 pm in the Sixth Form Centre**

At our next meeting the Parents' Association will be discussing what events and activities we should be running over the next year or so. Possibilities include barbeques, barn dances, talks, language classes, quiz nights as well as helping at the summer fair and providing refreshments at school parents' evenings and events throughout the year. But we'd love to hear your thoughts - do come along to have your say.

We will also be discussing what projects the Parents' Association could or should raise money for. Obviously suggestions from the school itself play a major part here but parents have the final say.

Finally, I'd like to invite parents of years 7 to 9 children to win some serious points for their child's House at our PA quiz night on Friday 6 March. We're focusing on these year groups this time to give Years 7 to 9 parents the best chance to get to know other parents in their child's age group. Why not ring the parents of your child's friends and make up a Form table to test your wits. We'll send more info shortly.

I'm looking forward to seeing you on 15 January or meeting you at the quiz night.

Best wishes

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Chair, BGS PA