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A Specialist Mathematics and Computing College

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Dear Parents and Carers,

**SUMMER TERM NEWSLETTER 2010**

As another busy and successful school year draws to a close I am very pleased to send you our end of term newsletter.

**Staffing**

We say farewell and thank you to the following members of staff:

Mr D Salter, who retires after 34 years of service to the school. During this time he has worked as Head of PE and Head of Year, as well as a teacher of Mathematics, for which he will be known by many parents.

Mr Salter will however be returning in the autumn to cover the maternity leave of a member of staff.

Mrs V Timms, who is retiring after 10 years at the school as a Teaching Assistant.

Dr L Bouskill, who is taking up promotion as Head of Health & Social Care at a school in Sheffield.

Mrs R George-Varughese, who is leaving us due to a family move.

Mrs P Kyriacou, who is taking up a post at Kingsmead School in Derby.

I am very grateful for the commitment and hard work of these staff on behalf of the students at our school and wish them well for the future.

We welcome the following staff who will take up post with us in September:

Mr I McArthur, currently Assistant Headteacher at Paget High School, will become Deputy Head with us, following Mrs Rees' appointment as Headteacher.

Miss A Bullen returns to the school to teach English. She currently teaches at the John Taylor High School.

Ms L Sharrod will teach Science.

Mr S Peach will teach ICT.

Miss R Hawkins will teach Maths part-time.

**Access to School by Visitors**

In order to improve further the safety of our students at school all visitors will now be asked for their name and the reason for their visit before the door is unlocked. Please use the intercom near the front door to speak to the duty receptionist. During school hours the front door can only be unlocked from the inside by the receptionist, so please indicate to the front office that you are leaving the building.

**A Big Thank You**

Many thanks to all the parents who have sent in school supermarket vouchers. We are busy processing these so that we can order the items for our students.

**Year 11 Prom**

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July saw an Oscar winning affair as Year 11 celebrated the end of their five years at Paulet High School with their Prom. A fantastic evening was held at Burton Albion Football Club. Year 11 were dressed to impress with boys suited and booted and the girls styled for the red carpet. Year 11 arrived in style with a stream of stretched limos, prestige cars, an ensemble of Harley Davidsons and even a vintage charabanc. The year group collected awards ranging from who would make their first million to who would be a future Prime Minister. Lee Roberts and Alice Hallam were voted Prom King and Queen. Their attitude and behaviour was impeccable and reflected the maturity the students in Year 11 had shown to their work and school life. Everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable and memorable evening!

### **Student(s) Photographs**

We often have the chance to have photographs of our pupils in the local newspapers. Occasionally we put photos on our website, though the pupils are never identified by name. It is our usual practice, wherever possible, to obtain the permission of parents for these to be published. In order to streamline the process, I am asking parents and carers to let the school office know if you do NOT wish any photographs of your child to be published. If we do not hear from you, we shall presume that you are happy for this to happen. We shall of course always try to let you know, via your son or daughter, if we have had any photographs taken.

### **Family Contact Numbers**

Sometimes when we need to ring home for a pupil we have problems contacting parents as telephone numbers have been changed.

**Changes can be updated either by ringing the school office or completing the attached slip at the bottom of this newsletter.** Slips should then be sent back to the school office for updating.

### **Uniform in Years 7 to 11**

The Governors approved an updated version of our uniform at their meeting last month. Details are shown below.

| <b>Boys</b>   | <b>Girls</b>  |
|---|---|
| White polo t-shirt with or without the school logo            | White polo t-shirt with or without the school logo            |
| Maroon round necked, long sleeved sweatshirt with school logo | Maroon round necked, long sleeved sweatshirt with school logo |
| Plain black trousers (correctly worn)                         | Plain black skirt or trousers (correctly worn)                |
| Black school shoes or black canvas pumps                      | Black school shoes or black canvas pumps                      |

#### P.E. Kit

| <b>Boys</b>  | <b>Girls</b>   |
|--|--|
| Plain navy blue polo shirt                                 | Plain sky blue polo shirt                                  |
| Plain navy blue shorts                                     | Plain navy blue shorts                                     |
| Plain navy blue sweatshirt                                 | Plain navy blue sweatshirt                                 |
| Plain navy blue football socks                             | Plain navy blue football socks                             |
| Plain navy blue tracksuit bottoms                          | Plain navy blue tracksuit bottoms                          |
| Training shoes, football boots, shin pads and a gum shield | Training shoes, football boots, shin pads and a gum shield |

#### **Important notes:**

- All students are required to carry their equipment and books in a suitable school bag
- No trainers should be worn in school – conventional school shoes only
- No boots should be worn or indeed any shoe with a non-black logo or non-black soles
- No visible t-shirts should be worn under polo t-shirts
- All school uniform and P.E. kits should be named to avoid being lost
- One small stud or small sleeper in each ear, a watch and one ring may be worn (all removed for P.E.)
- Fashion belts must not be worn
- Skirts should be a suitable length for school and be no shorter than just above the knee i.e. 5cm
- Facial or any visible body piercing must not be worn. For example, no lips, eyelids, necks, noses or hands should contain piercings in school.
- Hair styles should be conservative. For example, students are not allowed patterns razored into their hair and are not allowed to have their hair dyed in bright colours.
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#### **If any student is not in correct full school uniform they will either:**

- Be sent home to change if we are able to contact a parent/carers
- Be able to borrow spare school uniform from school
- Be placed in the Inclusion Centre until their uniform is correct

### **Healthy School Activities**

Once again The Junk Food Road Show has taken place for all Year 7 students this term. As a health promoting school we find the road show is an interesting and enjoyable way to reinforce dietary targets and demonstrate ways of making healthy food choices. During the presentation students are invited to assist the chef in preparing a range of healthier pizzas and all students have the opportunity to sample the results when cooked. As always this is a popular addition to the Food Technology programme at the end of the year.



### **Let's Get Cooking**

This year saw the launch of the Let's Get Cooking course which has been directed towards Year Seven and Year Eight students.

So far twenty six students have taken part in making healthy foods and changing everyday dishes to make them interesting and fun.

The course has been a great success and Mrs Rowan, Mrs Coates and Ms Iannucci look forward to welcoming Let's Get Cooking new recruits in September.

### **The Great Staffordshire Picnic**

To celebrate local and sustainable food and promote young people's health and well being the Great Staffordshire Picnic is being held for the first time this year at Shugborough Hall on July 14 and we are one of fourteen schools across the county to attend.

Supported by the Staffordshire Partnership

- To challenge young people's attitudes to healthy eating and lifestyle choices by increasing their knowledge of local food
- To gain an understanding of how food is sourced and an awareness of healthy eating habits
- To give pupils direct experience of product development from "Farm to Fork"

Mrs Cooper accepted the invitation and selected a group of students from Year 9 to take up the challenge. As part of their preparation they enjoyed a very interesting and informative presentation from Paul Hand from Bees and Trees in Ludlow.



The group has worked extremely hard during this half term producing a range of recipes with supporting folder work which also forms part of the Year 9 National STEM Award. The students are hoping the current warm weather will continue for the day of the picnic. They are looking forward to the programme of events on the 14<sup>th</sup> where they will be showcasing and celebrating their achievements. Further photographs can be found on the school website.

### **Junior Maths Challenge**

Many Congratulations to all that took part in the UK Maths Challenge in April. Students from Years 7 and 8 were represented. Special mention should go to Evan Pritchard Year 8 who scored a Gold and Best in School. Lawrence Hayward, Year 7 also achieved Gold. Students who achieved a Silver were: Lucy Taylor and Henry Mitchell from Year 8 and Daniel Costello from Year 7. Bronze went to Charlotte Clark, Wesley Smith, Luke Holford, Chelsie Cooper, Georgia Grief, Caitlin Prestidge,

Joseph Winfield and Lewis Hill from Year 8 and Oliver Last and Natalie Malin from Year 7. Evan has done so well that he was invited to participate in the European Kangaroo Maths Challenge on 15<sup>th</sup> June. This places Evan in the top 1% in the country! This is the first time we have had anybody invited to the Junior Kangaroo and he's only the second student in the school to participate in the European Challenge at any level!

### **Enrolment at the Post-16 Centre**

Most potential Sixth Formers in Year 11 have already attended a preliminary interview with a member of the School's Leadership Team to discuss aspirations, entry requirements and possible subject choices. The vast majority of these students have also attended the first Induction Day for preparing to study at the Stapenhill Post 16 Centre.

All students who have been provisionally offered a place at the Post-16 Centre for September must attend a final interview on the morning of the GCSE results, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August. This interview will be to confirm subject choices and to ensure that students have met the entrance requirements to study their chosen pathway. **GCSE results will be available to all students from 10.00 a.m. onwards.** Any student who is unable to attend the interview on the 24<sup>th</sup> should attend an interview at 2.p.m. in the Post 16 Centre on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

Any student who wants to seek advice or apply to the Sixth Form if they have not already done so is welcome to contact the Centre to arrange an appointment with Mrs Deer. Enrolment to the Post 16 Centre is on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September; students should attend the Centre as advised on the induction day and bring with them a completed enrolment form and the other enrolment requirements.

### **Facilities**

Summer plans include, refurbishment and refitting of the Food Technology practical classroom. The room is to be completely refurbished and new cookers installed which will give us 8 practical stations and a teacher demonstration unit. This will all be completed for September.

We have a major upgrade of the classroom computer system with new software being installed throughout the school and a replacement of the oldest main server.

We have for a number of years struggled to manage the temperature in some of our south facing classrooms when the British summer makes its brief appearance. When the weather is hot we have to work hard to limit the impact on teaching and learning. We are therefore proceeding to review design of these classrooms to try to minimize the problem. To date we are trialing reflective film and a system of ventilation that helps to cool the air in these rooms overnight. The results so far are encouraging but temperature continues to be closely monitored.

The school minibus lease expired after 8 years. The replacement has been ordered and we are expecting it to arrive early in the Autumn term.

Other classroom improvements include audio visual system upgrades in 5 classrooms and installation of gas taps in our one remaining science lab that does not currently have this facility.

### **Investor in People**

After a rigorous two day assessment in school we have once again been recognized as an Investor in People. This award is given to organizations who can prove that they are forward thinking, focused on improvement and have the staffing resources and skills to be effective

### **Governors**

I would like to thank Mrs C Hopkins for her many years of service as a Local Authority Governor. Her period of office ends on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010. She will be succeeded by Mr B Peters.

I am pleased to report that the recent vacancy for a Parent Governor has been filled by Mr M Gater.

### **Finally**

We shall follow our usual procedure in that school will close at 1.05pm on Friday 23rd July so that a staff meeting and presentations can take place in the afternoon.

**Students who normally have a school lunch will still be able to do so, but should let the Lunchtime Cashier know on the previous Friday so that arrangements can be made.** If any parent would like their child to be supervised until the normal time of 2.50pm, they are asked to let me know by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2010.

School will reopen at 8.30am on Tuesday 7th September for the new Year 7, and at 9.45am for all other students. Students in Y8-11 next year must not arrive at school until 9.30am.

As this is my final newsletter after 30 years at the school, I would like to wish everyone in the community, especially students past and present, every success and happiness for the future. It has been a privilege to work at this school and be part of its growth and improvement over the years.

Yours sincerely,

Alexander Timms  
Headteacher

**Dates for Autumn Term:**

|                        |                |                |  |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|--|
| Thursday               | 19             | August         | 'A' Level Results Day at Post 16 Centre<br>Y13 Results: 10.00 am Y12 Results: 11.00 am |
| Tuesday                | 24             | August         | GCSE Results Day at Paulet High School: 10.00am – 12 noon                              |
| Monday                 | 6              | September      | Staff Preparation Day  |
| Tuesday                | 7              | September      | School re-opens for students - Autumn Term begins                                      |
| Tuesday                | 7              | September      | Post 16: Year 12 Registration: from 8.30 am  |
| Wednesday              | 8              | September      | Post 16: Year 13 Registration: from 8.30 am  |
| Wednesday              | 8              | September      | Post 16: Year 12 Induction: 8.30 am – 3.00 pm  |
| Thursday               | 9              | September      | Post 16: 8.30 am – 9.45 am P1 form period Year 12/13<br>P2 Lessons begin               |
| Monday                 | 14             | September      | School Photographer in school  |
| Monday                 | 20             | September      | 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Parents' Information Evening – 4.00 pm                            |
| Tuesday                | 21             | September      | PTFA AGM – 6.00 pm – Learning Resource Centre  |
| Friday                 | 1              | October        | Post 16 Centre: Student deadline for course changes                                    |
| Friday                 | 1              | October        | Y12/Y13 Team Building - pm   |
| Tuesday                | 5              | October        | School Open Evening – 6.00 pm  |
| <b>Monday – Friday</b> | <b>25 – 29</b> | <b>October</b> | <b>Half – Term Holiday</b>   |
| Monday                 | 1              | November       | School re-opens  |
| Wednesday              | 3              | November       | Full Governors' Meeting – 6.00 pm  |
| W/C                    | 8              | November       | Y11 Geography Field Trip this week   |
| Tuesday                | 16             | November       | Post 16: Open Evening – 7.00 pm  |
| Monday                 | 15 - 19        | November       | Global Entrepreneurship Week   |
| Tuesday                | 30             | November       | Y7 Parents' Evening – 4.00 pm – 6.30 pm  |
| Monday                 | 29             | November       | Year 11 Mock Examinations begin  |
| Tuesday                | 7              | December       | Awards Evening – 7.00 pm   |
| Friday                 | 11             | December       | Lower School Carol Service   |
| Friday                 | 17             | December       | End of term – School closes for Christmas Holiday                                      |



**UPDATED TELEPHONE NUMBERS:**

Date: .....

Pupil's Name: .....

Form: .....

Contact Name: .....

Old Telephone No. to be removed: .....

New Telephone No: .....

Parent's signature: ..... Print Name: .....