



HeadLines

I always try to catch up with my reading in the Summer holidays and apart from enjoying Sebastian Faulks' new novel 'Engleby' very much, by far my favourite read was a book about the dance partnership between Fred Astaire and Ginger Rodgers in the 1930s. It is a fascinating insight into the development of dance and film technique in the 20th century. I was particularly taken by the story of the cinema audiences who saw them dance together for the first time, rose to their feet and applauded something wonderful that had never been seen before on the silver screen.

The excitement and wonder of looking out onto something new, described so brilliantly in Keats 'On first looking into Chapman's Homer' has been observed in classroom after classroom during our first week of the academic year. It is particularly obvious in Year 7 classes but permeates all that is vital and significant in our school. In choosing the photos for our new school prospectus, I see image after image of students who are enthused and happy in their learning. Our brilliant results about which I waxed lyrical last week tell one side of the story but the other side is one of superb teaching and learning which happens at every moment of every day in our school. Long may it continue!

Sandra Samwell, Headteacher



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Blue Week

Mon 17th-Fri 21st	Sept	Year 11 Work Experience
Mon 17th and Tues 18th		Year 13 Biology Field Trips
Tues 18th	Sept	Years 12 and 13 Art and Design Trip
Weds 19th and Thurs 20th		Year 8 Trips to Hampton Court

Gold Week

Weds 26th	Sept	Year 8 International Languages Day
Thurs 27th	Sept	Year 10 Art Trip

Message from the exams office:

Please be aware of the deadlines for the following services:

September 20th - Deadline for enquiries about results & decline of grades for Summer 07 exams.
 September 28th - Deadline for Exams Office to receive requests and payment for English and Maths GCSE resits in November.
 October 4th - Deadline for requesting original scripts/ Exams Office to receive payment and forms requesting AS resits in January 08.

Please come to the Exams Office if you want further information on any of the above. We have all the relevant forms and fee information available and are happy to provide advice.

Mrs M McCausland, Exams Officer

Year 8 Hampton Court Trip

Any student who wishes to participate in this trip but has not yet paid should pay the £11 remittance as soon as possible. Forms 8A, 8C and 8F are going on Wednesday 19th September and forms 8L, 8N and 8P are going on Thursday 20th September.

Mr J Mitchell

Parent Governor Vacancies

Today you should receive a letter and nomination form for Parent Governor vacancies. Further copies are available from the School office.

SCHOOL ASSOCIATION NEWS

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Monday and the following officers were duly elected:

Judith Stallworthy	Chair
Alison Beer	Secretary
Stewart Stallworthy	Treasurer
Sandra Samwell	President
Sue Prowse	Vice Chair

HHSA would like to thank Glenda Milligan for all her hard work over the last seven years as Treasurer and wish her and her family well for the future.

Recent purchases:

20 personal CD players and a CD dual recorder for Languages Dept.

Dates for your Diary:

Jumble Sale Saturday 17th November at 10am.

Date of next meeting:

Monday 12th November at 7pm in the Library in the main school, all welcome.

Judith Stallworthy, Chair HHSA(01442 393266 or mobile 07749 727350), Email: s.stallworthy@sky.com

Science Competition

Hertfordshire County Council are running a competition for European Health and Safety Week. Students have to match the name of an injury to the joint it affects. The competition is displayed on the Science Notice Board and entry forms are available from the Science Office. First prize is a mobile phone and second prize is an ergonomic backpack. The closing date is 17th November.

Miss J Harris

Library Notices

If you have any unwanted games, particularly Scrabble, Backgammon, Perudo and Ludo, we can give them a good home in the Library.

The Library is open from 8am until 5pm every day.

Mrs E Krajewski

Fridge required urgently

We urgently need a small fridge with freezer compartment. If anyone is able to help please contact the school office.

Extra-curricular kicks off

The extra-curricular GCSEs that are on offer after hours are more popular than ever! For two and a half hours after school on Wednesdays, members of staff, students from other schools (including primary schools) and even a senior citizen join nearly one hundred of our own students in GCSE classes in Art, Dance, Music and Drama.

To be fair, numbers do shrink as the impact of an extra half-day of lessons at the end of school is felt but the majority continue to the end and thoroughly enjoy the course as well as achieving excellent results. We wish all the new students on performing arts courses this year all the best.

Ms N Darby, Head of Performing Arts

Year 11 Geography Trip to Shrewsbury

On 4th—7th September, a group of Year 11 Geography students travelled to Shrewsbury and stayed at the Preston Montford Field Centre. We studied a river called Ashes Hollow, a tributary of the River Severn and also the urban area of Shrewsbury in order to collect data for our Geography coursework. It was a very enjoyable experience. We all had fun parading around in our wellies and we are glad we went because it helped us a lot with our coursework. Thank you to Mrs Collingwood for organising the trip and all the other teachers who went with us. Also thanks to the field studies centre for letting us stay there.

Charlie Cameron-Wilton 11A and Adam Bolton 11C

School Grants

The Hertfordshire Educational Foundation has various grants available for school visits in the UK and abroad for either young people in need or with disabilities. There are also grants available for young people with disabilities to purchase special items of equipment. These are for young people aged between 16 and 21. Travel scholarships are also available for young people aged between 17 and 21 who will be undertaking an educational trip for at least a month. Please contact the school office if you require additional information.

Headteacher's Commendations:

For excellent work in Literacy: Roshana Ramsay 9P.

For excellent work in Geography: Olivia Bauldrey 8N, Louise Donovan 8N.

For excellent work in Drama: Taylor Jones 10C, Chloe Simpkins 10A, Alex Rutherford 10A, Helena Mansbridge 10C, Jake Brown 10L, Craig Woodland 10P.

For excellent work in Art: Sarah Kinley 9P, Priya Odedra 9F.

School answerphone for sickness or absence

Please will all parents contact us **daily** if your child is sick, going to be in late due to a medical appointment, or is absent for any other reason. Please call our school answer phone on **01442 390103 by 9am if possible.**

Sport

FIXTURES

Monday 17th September

District Football Trials - All age groups Longdean 4.30pm
Under 18 Basketball Rally Longdean 2.45pm

Tuesday 18th September

Under 14 County Football Trials Queens 4pm
Year 7 Netball @ Astley Cooper 4 - 6pm
Year 8 Netball @ Adeyfield 4 - 6pm
Year 9 Netball vs Cavendish (A) 3.30 - 5pm

Wednesday 19th September

Year 11 and Senior Netball Berkhamsted Collegiate 4 - 6pm
Under 15 County Football Trials Kings Langley 4pm

Thursday 20th September

Year 9 Netball Astley Cooper 4 - 6pm
Year 10 Netball Adeyfield 4 - 6pm

Friday 21st September

Under 18 County Football Trials Queens 4pm

Saturday 22nd September

Football—Years 7, 8, 9, 10 A&B @ Queens 8.45 - 11.30am

SPORTS NEWS

All PE lunchtime practices have now started in earnest. The extra-curricular timetable has been circulated to all forms and is clearly displayed in the PE department. All students are welcome to join in.

This season's FANTASY FOOTBALL LEAGUE is now up and running. Enter a team for only £5! Please go to Student Services for further information. All entries must be handed in by Friday September 21st.

Sports Tour News:

Fund raising is still on going of course!! If anyone has any Smartie tubes still outstanding they should hand them in to Miss Bevan in the PE department.

The next major event will be a Quiz Night and Promise Auction to be held in the school hall on 9th November. Everyone is welcome and more details will follow.

Miss E Bevan, Head of PE

Netball News

Great news! The Shelley Netball Club was given a large grant towards the development of youth in netball and the training of umpires and coaches to service the youth teams. This will all happen at the Dacorum Coaching Centre, run by Shelley. Training starts again on Wednesday 19th September. Come along and experience the new training equipment, play netball and meet new friends, as well as getting fit. We meet at Longdean School Sports Hall. Years 7, 8 and 9 meet from 7pm—8pm, Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 meet from 8pm—10pm and the cost is £3 per session payable on the night.

Teams for Years 7 and 8 will be coached to play in the St Albans Youth League and a Development and a Youth team will be entered into the Sunday Watford League.

Mrs K Worrell, M.B.E.

Gold Letters issued recently

Letter No. 1 Year 11 GCSE Geography fieldwork investigation

Letter No. 6 Year 7 UK Resilience Programme and Academic Tutoring

Letter No. 7 Whole school—providing effective education—disability equality

Letter No. 8 Year 8 Hampton Court arrangements

Letter No. 9 Years 8 and 9 Design and Technology contributions

Letter No.11 Year 12 set text for AS English Literature

Letter No.12 Year 10 GCSE Art Visit to Royal Academy

