



HeadLines

Despite the temporary demise of our IT network this week, the newsletter must go on. Rather like The Windmill Theatre during World War 2, we never close!

This week sees the Open Evening for our school. Displays, courtesy of the exemplary Jane Gilden, adorn the walls and as we walk around the school prior to the evening we can reflect with pride on what makes our school great.

What does any newcomer see when visiting our school for the first time? Over the past few weeks in assemblies, Mr Jordan and Mr Stuart, new to our Leadership Team and new to the school have reflected alongside new Assistant Headteacher, Mr Mullings, on what makes this school special and unique. They have noted the respectful attitudes of students to each other and to staff. They have been impressed by standards of behaviour and quality of teaching. Like me, they see this school of ours as an outstanding school of great merit; one with which we are proud to be associated. At the Open Evening, many families will decide that this is the school they will choose for their children. We will understand the joy of those who gain places and the disappointment of those who do not. We will value yet again our association with this school.

Sandra Samwell, Headteacher



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Gold Week

Mon 8th—Fri 12th Oct	Black History Week
Mon 8th	Years 10/11 Parents Information and Coursework Evening
Weds 10th	Open Morning for Year 6 Parents Years 10/11 Dance Trip Multicultural Evening, School Hall, 6.15-9.30pm
Thurs 11th	Year 7 Parents Cheese and Wine Evening
Fri 12th	Opening Morning for Year 6 Parents
Blue Week	
Fri 12th -Fri 19th	Year 7 CAT Tests
Thurs 18th	Year 13 Parents Consultation Evening
Thurs 18th—Tues 23rd	D of E Silver Practice

Parent Governor Election

Today parents/guardians will receive voting instruction letters and ballot papers for the election of parent governors. Additional copies of this letter and the ballot paper are available from Student Services for anyone eligible to vote who has not received them.

SCHOOL ASSOCIATION NEWS

Dates for your diary:

Quiz Night: Saturday 3rd November, 7 pm in the School Hall hosted by Mr Chappelow. Tickets will cost £5 and this includes pizza and salad. Teams may be up to eight people and entry forms will be available soon.

Jumble Sale: Saturday 17th November at 10 am. Please contact Mrs Stallworthy on the number below if you need any jumble collected. We would also appreciate any help either on Friday 16th after school or selling on the day.

Date of next meeting: Monday 12th November at 7 pm in the Library, all welcome.

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

Year 7 Science

Over the next few weeks the Year 7 classes will be covering the biological aspects of sexual reproduction in their science lessons. I realise this is a sensitive topic and if you have any worries or concerns about this please contact me at School.

Ms J Gilmore, Science Department

God and The Tsunami

There will be a debate between Buddhists, Christians, Muslims and Humanists at The Hemel Hempstead School on Tuesday 16th October at 7.30pm. This is being sponsored by The Chiltern Humanists and Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead. All are welcome.

Mr K Norwood

Black History Week—8th-12th October

During next week there will be lunchtime activities for Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 — Chinese Calligraphy, Chinese Language/Games and Rangoli. Other year groups will have the opportunity to go to video clubs, have a henna tattoo (**parental permission only**) and will take part in drama workshops and discussions in lessons throughout the week.

Multicultural Evening

On Wednesday 10th October the school will hold a Multicultural Evening in the hall from 6.15-9.30pm. Steel pans will open the evening and the timetable for the rest of the evening is as follows:

6.30	African Dance and Drumming
6.35	Welcome by Headteacher
6.40	Soca Dance
6.55	Soca Presentation
7.05	Mayor's Speech
7.10	Workshops and food displays
8.30	Eid Story—Samina and Fatima
8.50	Guest Speaker
9.15	Grand Finale: Indian Stick Dance

Mrs J Ramnarine

Sainsbury's Active Kids 07

We have had a delivery from the Sainsbury's Active Kids voucher scheme and we were all truly amazed at the amount of items we managed to acquire. For the first time since the scheme has been running we have been able to give equipment to Food Technology and Duke of Edinburgh along with the PE Department. Some examples of items received are two Russell Hobbs blenders, two Daewoo microwaves, two George Foreman grills, four woks, kitchen stand with two side tables, four weather proof camping lanterns, two complete basketball kits, footballs and netballs, PE first aid kit, cricket helmet and much more. These voucher schemes are excellent at providing the school with much needed equipment, which is greatly appreciated by the School and our thanks go to parents, family and friends. Therefore, please can we ask you to continue collecting vouchers for the school as every voucher helps!

Modern Languages Magazines

Students in Years 8-11 should have received letters about French/German magazine subscriptions. These are very good value at £10 for six issues. Please return slips and payments to Student Services. If you need a letter please see Mrs Lutz.

French and German Exchanges

Once again, Year 10 students have the amazing opportunity to participate in the French or German Exchange. These are hugely beneficial trips but are very popular so interested students should speak to Mrs Eder (French) or Ms Cunnie (German) as places are limited! Details of the German Exchange will be distributed to students next week.

Mrs S Lutz, Modern Foreign Languages Department

French Exchange 2008

Join JFK and other local schools on the Exchange to Beaune in Burgundy. This is a great chance to make friends and see France. Experience shows that ten days in a foreign country is worth one hundred and twenty hours of language teaching. English students will visit Beaune from 3rd April – 11th April 2008 and the French students will have a return visit from 8th July – 16th July 2008. For more information and to sign up now go to: http://www.jfk.herts.sch.uk/extra_curric/French_exchange/beaune/index.html. Final deadline for applications is Thursday 17th October.

Mrs L Eder, Modern Foreign Languages Department

Sport

FIXTURES

Saturday 6th October

Years 7 and 8 Football v Bridgewater (H) 9.30—11.30 am
Years 9 and 10 v Ashlyns (A) 9.30 – 11.30 am
Year 11 v Ashlyns (H) 9 – 11.30 am

Wednesday 10th October

Year 11/ Senior Netball @ Berkhamsted 3.30 – 5.30 pm
U15 Football v Cavendish (A) 3.30 – 5.30 pm
U18 ESFA v Twyford School (A) 3.30 – 5.30 pm

Thursday 11th October

Year 9 Netball @ Astley Cooper 3.30 – 5.30 pm
Year 10 Netball @ Adeyfield 3.30 – 5.30 pm
U16 County Cup Football v JFK (H) 3.30 – 5.30 pm

Saturday 13th October

Years 7-10 Football @ St Clement Danes 9.30 – 11.30 am
U14 County Netball Tournament @ Parmiters 8.30 am – 3.30 pm

RESULTS

Netball :

Year 8 v Adeyfield won 8-0, v Cavendish won 9-4, v Kings Langley won 7-1, v Longdean drew 1-1
Year 9 v Cavendish lost 20-10
Year 10 v Adeyfield won 7-0, v Kings Langley won 7-2, v Astley Cooper won 5-1

Senior netball results: v JFK lost 3-7, v Tring lost 3-4, v Longdean lost 2-9, v Berkhamsted lost 4-9.

Football:

Year 9 District Cup v Kings Langley 3-3, lost on penalties
Year 10 v Verulum lost 6-1
1st XI Soccer County Cup v Onslow won – walk over

SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to all those students who have had a very successful start to this year's extra-curricular programme. Keep up the excellent work!

Miss E Bevan, Head of PE

SIXTH FORM REMINDERS

I would just like to remind students and parents of some Sixth Form issues to ensure that the School's high expectations are being met.

Dress Code: We have a clear dress code policy that reflects the high standards of the school. All students are required to be dressed smartly throughout the school day, as they arrive and leave and as they walk around the school. Students not adhering to the dress code policy will be sent home.

Punctuality: Sixth Formers are required to be at school by 8:30am every morning unless they are being educated at a partnership school first thing in the morning.

Study Leave: There is NO study leave for any Sixth Formers. All students are required to be at school from 8:30am till 3:30pm. They should not be leaving the school site without permission during lesson times and study periods should be spent at school. The Sixth Form study room and Library are usually available after school for students who wish to study in a quiet atmosphere.

If the students sort out these small issues it will enable them to focus on the bigger issues such as the best grades possible. Thank you for your co-operation in these matters.

Miss F Dayton, Student Achievement Leader Sixth Form.

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 answerphone on **01442 390103 by 9am if possible**