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HeadLines

It is quite a relief that Ofsted made the call last week and the inevitable happened at last. I seem to have been awaiting an inspection since I was appointed as Headteacher in 2005.

At the time of writing, the inspectors are due to arrive at 7.30 am or so on Wednesday morning and will spend the day visiting assemblies, tutor time, forty or so lessons and conducting numerous meetings after school. On Thursday, they will meet and interview twenty students from different year groups. Judgements made, we will know how we fared by 5 pm.

I have waxed lyrical about the school and its staff and students so often that you can be in no doubt what I think, so let us trust that our excellent performance at Key Stage 4 last year and our continued improvement since the last Ofsted stands us in good stead for an outstanding outcome. As you can imagine, it has been an extremely busy time for my leadership team and all staff since we heard the news about the inspection, especially given the other events such as the 'Into the Sixth' evening which took place this week.

Everyone will deserve their half term break which for the students begins on the 8th and for the staff begins after the INSET day on Friday. I look forward to sharing the results of our Ofsted with you after half term.

Sandra Samwell, Headteacher



Dates for Your Diary

Friday 8th February - INSET Day
(School closed to Students)

Half Term – 11th – 15th February

*****Blue Week*****

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| 18 th – 22 nd | Year 9 Mock SATs |
| 19 th | Sports Tour Information Evening, Sixth Form Study Room 7pm |
| 20 th | Year 10 German Exchange - Parent Information Evening – 7pm Sixth Form Centre |
| 23 rd | Year 13 BTEC Performance of Godspell at Kings Langley Community Centre |
| 24 th | A Level Dance Set Study Day DofE Gold Training Day – Sixth Form Study Area |

*****Gold Week*****

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| 25 th | Year 12 History/Politics Parliament visit |
| 27 th | Year 12 General Studies Day Years 10 and 11 COPE Theatre Trip |
| 28 th | Year 11 Art Trip to Royal Academy / Tate Britain Rock Challenge |
| 29 th | Year 9 Parent Consultation Evening Year 9 English Theatre trip Year 11 BTEC Performance |

PTA News

Summer Fair - Saturday June 14th 2008

Plans are underway for this year's Summer Fair with lots of activities set to take place. If you received any unwanted Christmas gifts we can and will make very good use of them on the tombola stall. Please send or bring them in to Student Services. A big thank you if you have already brought unwanted items in.

If you would like to run a stall at the Fair, please contact the numbers below.

Jumble Sale - Saturday 8th March 2008 10am

After half term we will be taking your jumble from you. Please start clearing out all those unwanted items during half term and we will gladly sell them on. We have storage space at school so please contact me on either number below so we can make arrangements to take jumble from you. Unfortunately we cannot collect.

If you would like to help on the day or to sort after school on the Friday we would very much like to see you.

Next meeting:

Monday 3rd March at 7pm in the library. Please come along, we always need your help and support.

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



Partnership with Mgezwa School South Africa

Our bid for a grant from the British Council to support reciprocal visits by staff from HHS and Mgezwa School was successful. This will help develop and build on the Partnership which was established last year.

Mr Chappelow and Miss Harris will be visiting Mgezwa school at half term to work with Mr Fejeni (Headteacher) and his staff and pupils on Citizenship and Science projects with a global dimension. Students from both schools will then work on these projects and share their results and experiences bringing a truly international dimension to their learning. During this visit further planning will take place for future projects that might be shared.

We have jointly identified Drama and Physical Education as areas where we can work together and learn from each other.

This Partnership is in its infancy but has the potential to grow. Whilst we are regularly seeking funding through grants, we will also be holding fundraising events to support the development of the Partnership.

The second half of the production of the joint CD takes place this Sunday and Mrs Bailey and Mr Dowling will be recording our students' music and singing. It is hoped that one track will feature the singing of both choirs.

The CD will be on sale after half term and the funds will go towards supporting this exciting venture.

Mgezwa School should be receiving the boxes of equipment and books we sent by sea in February and I know they will be appreciated. In October we saw at first hand the joy on the faces of their choir when Mr Fejeni presented them with a pencil each, donated by NatWest Bank. This was only rivalled by their faces when they heard the recording of themselves singing for the very first time.

I would welcome any support or ideas from parents or students for further projects or fund raising/sponsorship opportunities.

Megan Botha

Gold Letters issued recently:

Letter 111 Voluntary Contribution

Letter 112 Rock Challenge

Letter 113 Year 9 – Mock SATS – February 2008

School answerphone for sickness and absence



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

Sport



RESULTS

Football

Year 11 Boys District League v Egerton
Rothsay, won 8-0

Hockey

Year 9 v Tring lost 0-3

FIXTURES

Tuesday 19th February

Final meeting for the Sports Tour, 6.30pm Sixth Form Study Centre

Wednesday 20th February

U13 County League Basketball v St Georges (H)

U16 Boys District Cup Football v Ashlyns (A)

Thursday 21st February

Year 10 Girls Basketball v Longdean (A)

Year 10 Girls Hockey v Tring (A) 4.40pm

At the end of yet another busy but very wet term there have been many successes. Congratulations to the following students on being selected to represent the District at the County Swimming Gala in Stevenage on Friday 22nd February: Louis Mayhew, Lois Moore, Ben McFarlane, Sam Piggott (Reserve).

Congratulations to all our athletes who ran at the County Cross Country Championships at Westminster Lodge on Saturday. Results are as follows:

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| Intermediate Boys: | Sheikh 17 th , Foscoe 21 st |
| Junior Boys: | Taylor 9 th , Eykelbosch 21 st , Izzard 30 th , Schramm 34 th |
| Pre-Junior Boys: | Tinker 16 th , Barnett 49 th , Butler 50 th |
| Junior Girls: | Eykelbosch 16 th , Morris 19 th , Grover 21 st , Kinley 28 th |
| Pre-Junior Girls: | Deacon 51 st |

Congratulations must also go to Charlotte Bartlett, 7A, who has been selected to attend the East of England Hockey Training Camp. Well done everyone!

Miss E Bevan, PE Department

England vs Scotland

Under 18 Centenary Shield Schools International
Football

The school has been given the opportunity to purchase tickets for the forthcoming England vs Scotland Under 18 Centenary Shield Schools International football match. The match is to be played at Wembley Stadium on Saturday 26th April, kicking off at 3 pm. There is a full programme of events starting at 12.30pm, including the Primary National Finals. Tickets are available at the discounted rate of £18.75, 25% off the face value.

Application forms are available from Mr Bryson in the PE Department. Closing date for applications is Monday 18th February.

Mr P Bryson, PE Department

