

CHD/EC

3 March 2010

Dear Parents

March Newsletter

This is the shortest half-term of the year and as a consequence it is often our busiest. Certainly it got off at a cracking pace last week with staff travelling all over the country to visit other schools. The Senior Leadership Team spent the day visiting two schools in Birmingham, very different from our own, but with excellent approaches to multi-culturalism. We got on so well that 4 teachers from one of the schools made a return visit to us this week to look at our Enterprise specialism and BTEC courses that they are keen to adopt.

Building work

The physical environment of the College changes on an almost daily basis at the moment. The science mobiles have been moved and are now being refurbished to house Learning Support and a temporary staff room. The Library will also move into a mobile shortly and then during the Easter holidays, hoardings go up around the Vic Hallam building and demolition commences. During this period we will once more have heavy vehicle movement on the site before and after school hours. We have planned the 'noisiest' work so that it is completed before GCSE examinations begin. Exams this summer will coincide with the archaeological digs, which apart from the odd 'eureka' moment, should be fairly quiet.

10/10 Agreement

The school has signed up to the 10/10 Agreement which commits us to reducing our carbon emissions by 10% in 2010.

The School Council has been looking at ways in which we can achieve this. I will let you know what they decide.

Uniform

We have been carrying out uniform checks this week and you will be receiving a letter home if your child is not dressed according to our code. Please support your child by putting these inconsistencies right. The vast majority of children do look very smart, but some of our Year 9 and 10 girls have been asking their parents for 'nail art' as birthday presents. Our 'no make-up' policy does include nail varnish, so please support us by not agreeing to nail art presents during term time. The 24th July is a very good day to get nail art done because it then can be enjoyed for a full 6 weeks before it is washed off.

Telephoning the College

If our Receptionist is on another call, at busy times calls may go through to our answerphone. Please do leave a message and she will get back to you within a few minutes.

Personal property

A letter from Cambridgeshire Police is attached to this one. Some children have been bringing expensive personal items into school with them and leaving them unattended. Sadly, we have experienced thefts from the Sports Centre. We cannot take responsibility for the security of expensive personal items in an open Village College such as ours.

Events in March 2010

- 5 Year 10 report goes home
- 5/6 Duke of Edinburgh weekend
- 9 PSHE day for all year groups
- 17 7 – 8 pm Year 6 parents' evening
- 18 Year 10 Tate Modern trip
- 23 Opera trip
- 24 7 pm finals of Young Musician of the Year
- 25 6 – 7 pm Parents' Forum on on-line reporting
- 26 Year 7 report goes home

I look forward to meeting you at some of these events.

Yours sincerely

Caroline Derbyshire
Principal



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Dear Parents,

In recent weeks mobile phones and other electronic equipment have been stolen from the changing rooms within the school sports centre. The thefts have occurred during school hours and items have been taken from coats and bags within the changing rooms. Staff have observed that many students are bringing un-necessarily expensive items with them to school.

Please can we urge all parents to encourage their children not to bring in their valuable, precious items to school unless absolutely necessary. The school and local police would like to avoid students becoming future victims of crime.

If valuables are brought into school, then please secure them in lockers, rather than leaving them un-attended.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

PC Rebecca Parkin
Linton Neighbourhood Policing Team