



# FRIDAY REVIEW

Friday 6th February 2009

## Extreme Weather

On Monday we stayed open when other secondary schools in Slough closed. We were very pleased with the attitudes of the pupils and they had a memorable day in school. On Tuesday we had to close because the ice presented a danger to pupils and to staff. Since Tuesday we have remained open.

If we do need to close the school at any point it is because we are concerned about the health and safety of pupils and staff. Inclement weather continues into next week but we will keep you informed via the school website.

It is really very important that during extreme weather conditions such as the snow we have had this week, parents and pupils check the school website [www.slougheton.com](http://www.slougheton.com) before you come to school. The website front page will contain details of whether the school is open or not. If there is no internet access at home your son/daughter could phone a friend with access to find out what is happening. Parents' support in ensuring their child attends school is vital and forms part of Slough and Eton's home school agreement.

## Year 10 Exams

Apart from Tuesday Year 10 exams have gone ahead as normal this week. Well done to all of those pupils that struggled in to take

their exams. Any exams missed on Tuesday will be completed on Monday.

## Contact with Parents

Please ensure that we have up to date contact details and this can include mobile telephone numbers and email addresses.

## Bullybeat Workshop

On Friday 13th February 30 pupils from Years 7, 8 and 9 will be taking part in an anti-bullying workshop. The outcome of this will be a Slough and Eton song supporting anti-bullying.

## Visit by MP

On Friday 30th January Fiona Mactaggart, MP for Slough, visited the school to talk to a group of BTEC National Year 13 students about the work of Parliament in creating laws. The students were given an outline of the stages necessary to pass an Act of Parliament and were able to create their own Private Members Bill that suggested changes to the driving test. The Act achieved a majority in a vote amongst the group! Mrs McTaggart was given a tour of the new sixth form suite and was impressed with the facilities available to our students.

## The Dragon's Den Experience

On Thursday 29th January, form 7E worked hard in their Personal Development Course lesson creating schemes to clean up rivers of litter. They had to make a prototype of the new equipment they designed to do

this. In the afternoon they presented to the 'Dragon's Den' consisting of the Head Girl and senior prefects. They all did exceptionally well but the winning group consisted of Omar Fazeli, Abdirisaq Essa, Clinton Talbert, Samuel Kankuni and Elijah Morrison who managed to get the 'Dragons' to invest £50,000 in their idea and only gave away 20% of their 'Recycling Giants' business! Well done to all of 7E.

## Heathrow Apprenticeship Fair

On Thursday morning a group of 10 Year 11 and 12 students visited Heathrow Academy at Heathrow Airport for the annual Apprenticeship Fair. There were an excellent range of employers from retail, construction, engineering and motor maintenance companies such as Balfour Beatty and Laing O'Rourke. It was a good chance for students to meet BAA's major suppliers who offer structured training and employment programmes.

## Young Enterprise

The Young Enterprise students' Trade Fair is being held this Saturday in the Queensmere Centre, Slough from 9 am to 5 pm. If anyone would like to go along and buy some products from them it would be greatly appreciated.

## Red Nose Day

The School Council have requested that we have a mufti day to raise money for charity. On Monday 13th March pupils will be allowed to come in to school in non-

uniform and there will be a theme of red in keeping with the Red Nose appeal.

## Uniform

During the poor weather we have been lenient towards pupils wearing trainers to school. Please ensure that appropriate uniform is worn when the snow clears.

## Adult Learning Centre

If you have 3 hours to spare to learn a new skill on Saturday 7th February we have spaces on the Digital Photography Workshop, bring your camera along and on Saturday 14th February learn to create your own presentations with Microsoft Powerpoint. Both workshops run from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. If you are interested please call us on 01753 486047.

We would value your comments on any of the items in the Friday Review. Please email to [head.pa@slougheton.com](mailto:head.pa@slougheton.com)

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

13th February: Yr 11 Sixth Form option choices deadline

24th February : Sixth Form Parents' Evening

5th March: Yr 9 Options Information Evening

12th March: Yr 9 Parents' Evening

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