



FRIDAY REVIEW

Friday 6th March 2009

Healthy Schools

We had a team of assessors in this week to decide if we reach the standards required to be awarded Healthy Schools status. The assessment looks at how we encourage physical activity, healthy eating and look after the well being of the pupils. It also looks to see what kind of voice the pupils have in the school. We are very pleased to say the assessors were absolutely glowing in their feedback particularly noting how polite and mature the pupils were.

Options Evening

Over three hundred parents and pupils attended the options evening on Thursday. This is indicative of the strong commitment that exists on the part of parents to support learning in school. Option forms are due back on Friday 13th March after the Year 9 parents' evening next Thursday. Pupils will then have an interview with a senior member of staff before final choices are made.

Year 9 Parents' Evening

Annual reports for pupils in Year 9 will be issued at the parents' evening next Thursday which takes place between 4 pm and 7 pm. Please make appointments via your child.

GCSE exams

During one of the Science modular exams this week a pupil behaved inappropriately. This could result in that pupil's examinations being cancelled. Please emphasise to your son or daughter how serious it is to be in an examination setting.

Chewing gum

Chewing gum causes many problems in school not least the cost of removing it. Please tell your son or daughter not to bring gum to school.

Red Nose Day

Next Friday is a mufti day and any money raised will be donated to the Red Nose appeal. A number of pupils have asked if they can dye their hair red for the day. The answer is yes, as long as it is not visible on Monday. We normally expect hair to be natural colours.

Day Trip to France

This trip is on 3rd July and there are only ten places left. If your child would like to go on the trip he or she should see Mrs Cusimano for a letter. Those pupils who are already booked to go on the trip should ensure their medical form and the photocopy of their passport are brought back to school as soon as possible.

Saturday School at Eton

Last Saturday a group of Year 9 pupils spent their first morning at school in Eton College. They were invited to come to a series of lessons over four weekends which is intended to help develop the skills which will lead them to become creative and empowered thinkers. It was an experience enjoyed by all in the impressive setting of Eton College.

Vacancy

The Adult Learning Centre are looking for an Arabic language tutor during term time starting in May. The position will require two to four hours per week at £20.19 to £23.54 per hour. Tel 01753 486047 for an application form.

Jaguar Trip

Year 12 Business Studies students went to visit the Jaguar car plant in Birmingham on Wednesday. They saw the production side of car manufacture and were fascinated seeing how a large organisation operates. The feedback from Jaguar was very positive saying the students

were a credit to our school.

Girls' Football

The senior girls played in round 2 of the Slough Partnership Football tournament last night. The A team beat Langley Grammar 1—0 and lost to Burnham Grammar 0—2. The B team lost all 3 of their matches but Dhanak Khan managed to score her first goal of the tournament.

Seasons Restaurant Lunch Card

Please make sure that your child has credit on their lunch card before using it. If they do not have the credit, they will not be able to purchase food.

HE4Me

On Thursday a group of Year 12 students began the process of choosing the right course and university. The students represented the school excellently and gained a great understanding of what is required to succeed at university and how to make the right choices. They will also have a day at Reading University for a University Fair on Tuesday 24th March.

Smart Water Marking

All our IT equipment and other equipment is being marked using Smart Water which cannot be detected by the naked eye. If any items are stolen and are recovered by the police, the Smart Water mark is identified using special equipment and it is traced back to this school.

E-book Authors

On Wednesday seven Year 8 pupils contributed to the production of a chapter in an e-book for Berkshire Education Library Service. Another thirteen Year 8 pupils met author Richard Muchamore when he

gave a talk at Highdown School on Wednesday.

Year 10 Triple Vaccinations

All Year 10 pupils whose parents have consented will be having their vaccinations on Thursday 12th March. Can parents make sure that any consent forms not yet returned are brought into school on Monday.

We would value your comments on any of the items in the Friday Review. Please email to head.pa@slougheton.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

12th March: Yr 10 triple vaccinations

12th March: GCSE Art Exam

12th March: Yr 9 Parents' Evening

13th March: Red Nose Day (Mufti day in school)

23rd March: Year 11 Entrance exams

25th March: Official School Opening

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